Lady Indians headed to Nationals

The Lady Indians (45-13) will represent FCSAA/Region VIII at the NJCAA National Championship in St. George, Utah, May 18-21, where they look to defend their national title. The Lady Indians will be seeking a third national championship after winning in 2007 and 2015.

Chipola captured a second straight FCSAA State Championship with a 6-2 win over Florida SouthWestern in the title game of the NJCAA District/FCSAA State Softball Tournament on May 1. The Lady Indians were a perfect (5-0) in the double-elimination tournament held in Historic Dodgertown in Vero Beach.

Chipola outfielder Dana Edmundson of Panama City was named state tournament MVP (pictured far right).

Edmundson and right-handed hurler Ilona Andringa (bottom left) were recently named the OC Sports NJCAA Softball Player and Pitcher of the Week for April 25 - May 1. Edmundson and Andringa helped the Indians overcome a pair of ranked opponents en route to claiming the Region 8 crown. Visit http://www.njcaa.org/sports/sball/2015-16/releases/-5-5-16_-_Players_of_the_Week

Lady Indians Coach Belinda Hendrix was named state coach of the year for the fifth time in 10 years at Chipola. Hendrix and her Associate Head Coach and husband Jimmy Hendrix lead the team along with Assistant Coach Kelly Brookins.

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The Indians play in the first round of the FCSAA State Tournament at noon (CST) Monday, May 16, at Henley Field in Lakeland. Chipola will face the winner of an unnamed wild card team and the Suncoast Runner Up. A win would put the Indians in a 3 p.m. (CST) game, Tuesday, May 17. A loss would move the Indians to the noon (CST) game on May 17. The championship game is set for Friday, May 20, at 10 a.m. (CST).

The Indians have made the FCSAA State Tournament 15 straight years with seven appearances in the title game. Chipola has made three trips to the NJCAA National Tournament in the last seven years including a 2007 national title.

The Indians are led by nine players who were named to the Coaches’ All-Panhandle Conference Baseball Team. First-team selections include: infielder Jose Caballero; infielder Jay Estes; designated hitter Michael Hickman; outfielder Reynaldo Rivera; and pitchers Landon Faulkner and Bowden Francis. Second-team picks are: pitcher Brady Acker; infielder Keiner Colmenarez and designated hitter Wood Myers.

Caballero had .343 average with 5 doubles, 2 triples, 9 homeruns, 41 RBI. Estes had 13 doubles, 4 homeruns, 23 RBI with a .335 average. Hickman led the Indians in homeruns with 10, and 15 doubles, 52 RBI with a .342 average. Rivera had 9 doubles, 2 triples, 9 homeruns, 57 RBI with a .396 average. Wood Myers had 13 doubles, 2 triples, 2 homeruns, and 39 RBI with a .349 average. Colmenarez had 7 doubles, 4 homeruns, 29 RBI for a .380 average.

Landon Faulkner pitched in 12 games with a 2.61 ERA. Bowden Francis saw action in 15 games with a 3.32 ERA. Brady Acker pitched in 12 games with a 2.7 ERA.

Coach Jeff Johnson was named Panhandle Coach of the Year. This is Coach Johnson’s third consecutive Panhandle Conference title, and the fifth in six years. Johnson has won 11 conference titles in 19 years at Chipola.
Chipola recognized the outstanding achievements of its students at the recent annual Awards Ceremony. Awards were presented for academics, athletics and extracurricular activities.

The following students received academic awards: Shareem Goodlet of Grand Ridge, National Leadership in Business; Leslie Sims of Marianna, Accounting-BSBA; Joshua Myers of Chipley, General Management-BSBA; Jody Eslinger of Cottonwood, Ala., Accounting-AA/AS; Valerie Shackelford of Cottontdale, Information Technology; Louis Miranda of Grand Ridge, Networking Systems Technology; William Graham of Altha, Global Business Strategy-BSBA; Natasha Smith and Elizabeth Varum of Marianna, Biology for Science Majors; Kimberly Clemens of Altha, Health Sciences; Natasha Smith of Marianna, Freshman Chemistry; Seth Taylor, Sophomore Chemistry; Brandon Jenkins of Caryville and Crete Zorn of Ponce de Leon, Calculus I; Donavan Ebersole of Blountstown, Calculus II; David Horton, II of Cottontdale, Calculus III; Madison Christmas of Bascom, Freshman English; J.P. Leonard of Blountstown and Kate Mayo of Marianna (pictured at left with Dr. Sarah Clemmons), Sophomore English; Madelynn Lytle of Blountstown, Dr. Robert Ringer Award; Angela Jackson of Grand Ridge, Social and Behavioral Science and Madelynn Lytle of Blountstown, Citizen Scholar Award.

The following students received scholarship academic awards: Colby Wiggins of Chipley, Grant Harris of Bonifay and Tristan Hartzog of Chipley, Phi Theta Kappa FSU/PC Scholarship; Jaquainna Hughes of Greenwood and Karrie Tessa Shack of Bascom, NW Florida FAMU Alumni Association TriO Scholarship; Samuel Barnes ($6,000) of Marianna, Cassidy Birge ($6,000) of Malone, Brianna Granberry ($10,000) of Greenwood, Jaquainna Hughes of Greenwood ($6,000), Angelica Livingston ($4,000) of Malone, Brittany Marsceil ($8,000) of Chipley, Ariana Martin ($8,000) of Marianna, Jenna Poole ($8,000) of Sneads, Karrie Shack ($4,000) of Bascom, Samuel Wells ($8,000) of Bonifay, FAMU Transfer Scholarships; Alex Andrea Ozbun of Dothan, Ala., Troy Transfer Scholarship.

Students in the Workforce Development programs received the following awards: John Anderson of Marianna, Automotive Technology; Amber Triolo of Alford, Corrections; Gairing Cooper of Greenwood, Firefighting; Micki Price of Bristol, Cosmetology; Daniel Deason of Bristol, Law Enforcement; Williams Roberts of Greenwood, Applied Welding Technologies (pictured above with instructor Curtis Jenkins); Marcus Jackson of Westville, Engineering Technology and Bryan Buchanan of Marianna, Civil Engineering Technology.

Two students received awards for athletics: Margaret Wiedeman of Crawfordville (pictured here with coach Rance Massengill), Charlton Keen Scholar Athlete Award; Cynthia Petke of Yaounde, Cameroon, Neal Sportsmanship Award.

The following students received awards for extracurricular activities: Shareem Goodlet of Grand Ridge, Bethany Horton and Kathryn Meadows of Marianna, Joshua Myers of Chipley, Bethany Kerr of Graceville, Jenna Hemanes of Bristol, Rayanne Phelps of Marianna, Joseph Young, IV of Bonifay, Hannah Plazarin of Clarksville, Calen Masai and Hayden White of Blountstown, Bradach Carlson of Marianna, Phi Beta Lambda; Elizabeth Jones of Greenwood, Black Student Union; Hayden Hurst of Marianna, Mu Alpha Theta; Hayden Hurst of Marianna, Science Club; Caitlyn Carpenter of Marianna and Madison Christmas of Bascom, Student Government Association; Donavan Ebersole of Blountstown and Olivia Saunders of Dothan, Ala., All-Florida Academic Team.

Three awards were given to non-students. The student body selected English Instructor, Amie Myers for the Distinguished Service Faculty Award; Associate Dean of Math and Natural Sciences, Dr. David Hilton, for the Distinguished Service Administrator Award and Student Advisor, Student Support Services, Brooke Mathis, for the Distinguished Service Professional Award.
TOP CHIPOLA GRADUATES

Seven members of the Chipola Class of 2016 received the President’s Medallion for earning a perfect 4.0 grade point average in all courses attempted at the college. The super seven includes, Brianna Rache Granberry of Marianna, Allen Horton, II of Marianna, Hannah Marie Jackson of Marianna, Madelynn Alayne Lytle of Blountstown, Olivia Susan Saunders of Chipley, Kelsey Rebekah Stewart of Bonifay and Margaret Weideman of Crawfordville. Here, Madelyn Lytle accepts their diploma from Chipola president Dr. Jason Hurst.

CHIPOLA CHRISTMAS IN MAY PROJECT—The Chipola Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and the Honors Program joined together for the Christmas in May project to supply basic care supplies to the residents of Marianna Health and Rehabilitation Center. The purpose was to share the joy of Christmas by providing each resident with a toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, tissues, shampoo and lotion. Pictured from left, are: (front) Lydia Wiedeman, Natasha Smith, (back) Charity Sikora, Donovan Ebersole, Margaret Wiedeman, Jayde Smelcer, Elizabeth Varnum, Chelsea Kuhajda and Madelynn Lytle.

LIONS GOLF TOURNAMENT MAY 20

The Marianna Lions Club will host a golf tournament Friday, May 20, at 8 a.m., at Caverns Golf Course. Entry is $50 per player with 3-man teams. Proceeds from the tournament help fund scholarships to Chipola. The Jesse D. Hoy Memorial Scholarship endowment has awarded more than $21,000 to local Chipola students since 1989. For info, call 482-4257 or 209-4096.

Chipola’s Children Production Superhero??

The Chipola College Children’s Theatre production of Superhero?? was presented to hundreds of elementary school students. Here, cast members perform a scene. Join Chipola Theatre on Facebook or visit www.chipola.edu
Chipola to host Chamber Luncheon

Chipola will host the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Power Lunch, Thursday, May 19, at 11:40 a.m., in the Continuing Education Conference Center. Guest speaker is Rick Byars, Community and Economic Development General Manager for Gulf Power.

For information, contact site host Darwin Gilmore, Chipola College Dean of Workforce and Economic Development, at 718-2270.

Winestock Foundation and NAACP Scholarships

The Chipola College Foundation will offer three new partial tuition and/or books scholarship to a resident of Jackson County who is a graduating senior or current student at Chipola College enrolled in a Workforce Program.

Applicants must be a member of the NAACP and submit proof of membership with the scholarship application. Applicants must have a minimum 2.5 high school GPA and maintain a 2.5 GPA each semester at Chipola, and must follow standard college requirements. Application deadline is June 7.

Submit applications to: Winestock Foundation and NAACP Scholarships, P.O. Box 525, Marianna, FL 32447.

Chipola Workforce Development programs include: Civil Engineering Technology, Engineering Technology, Welding, Cosmetology, Automotive Service Technology, Firefighting, Law Enforcement and Corrections.

Corrections and Law Enforcement Classes

The Chipola Criminal Justice Training Center will offer several academy classes beginning in July.

A Basic Recruit Corrections Academy will begin July 5. Classes will meet Monday through Thursday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

A Basic Recruit Law Enforcement Academy and a Corrections to Law Enforcement Cross-over class begins July 11. Classes meet weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Completion of any these programs will prepare candidates to take the State Board Examination to become certified by the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission, upon becoming employed with a law enforcement agency.

Prior to admission, all candidates must earn a passing score on the Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test (CJBAT) offered at the Public Service Building every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. Cost of the test is $45.

Applicants must have a standard high school diploma or its equivalent and must undergo a medical physical examination, background check and drug screening. Financial assistance is available based upon need and eligibility.

For information regarding the application process contact Steven Stewart, Law Enforcement Coordinator, at 850-718-2286.

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BIRTHDAYS

18 May David Bouvin
21 May Alice Pendergrass

UPCOMING EVENTS

25 Last Day to Vertically Transfer - Summer I
30 Memorial Day- College Closed

June

1 Deadline to Apply for Graduation Summer I - All Degrees
2 College App. Deadline - Summer II
 Deadline to Apply ADN Program - Fall 2016
6 Early Fall Reg. for Current Students with 30+ Hrs. 8 – 5
7 Early Fall Reg. for Current Students 8 – 5
8-22 Early Fall Reg. for Current and New Students 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
*Registration open until 7 p.m. every Tuesday.
9 Last Day to Withdraw Summer
11 ACT Test

SPIKES IS TOP EMPLOYEE

Tracy Spikes is Chipola’s Career Employee for April. Spikes serves as a Maintenance Repairman for the Physical Plant and has worked at the college since 2004. Pictured from left, are: Director of Facilities and Capital Projects, Nolan Baker, Tracy Spikes and Chipola president Dr. Jason Hurst.