Hinson wins Chipola’s Kirkland Award

Richard Hinson, Assistant Professor of English at Chipola College, has been nominated by his colleagues for the Kirkland Award for Excellence in Teaching. The Kirkland Award was established by brothers, J.R. Kirkland and David Kirkland, in honor of their parents, Carolyn and the late Willis Kirkland of Marianna. The award provides $1,000 to the annual recipient.

Hinson has worked at the college since 1999 teaching various English composition courses in the Literature and Language Division. He serves as a judge and provides writing topics for the Literature/Language Festival Writing Contest. He also helps direct the writing competition for the Freshmen Honors Award in English.

The faculty member who nominated him, said, “Richard Hinson is an outstanding English instructor. He is a leader in the department, as well as a mentor to faculty. He is always available to confer with students about their research papers and essays. He tutors in the Chipola ACE lab and is readily available as a volunteer for special projects.”

Hinson served on the Chipola Governance Council, and is an active member of both the Council of Chipola Educators and the Association of Florida Colleges. He also has served on the following college committees: Curriculum, Accountability & Planning, Theater, Homecoming and Residence Hall.

Hinson is a well-known musician who regularly plays and sings with many local bands. He plays often at college events, and has played guitar in the orchestra for seven Chipola theatre productions including The Sound of Music in March.

Hinson and his wife Mary have two grown children, Melissa and Michael, and two grandsons ages one and four. The family is active in the First Methodist Church of Marianna where Hinson is praise band director.

Previous winners of the Kirkland Award include: current faculty Joy Ree (Georgia) Ashmore, Vikki Milton, Dr. Gina McAllister, Robert Ivey, JoAnn Everett, Dr. Lou Cleveland, Dr. Rose Cavin, Dr. David Hilton, John Gardner, Stan Young; faculty emeriti Nancy Burns, Geraldine DeFelix, Mary McClendon, Dr. Stephen Shimmel, Lee Shook, Kathryn Roberts, Brenda Alford, Paul Huang, Peggy Register, Charlene Lord, Lonnie Keene, the late Donald Holley, the late Dr. Bill Brievogel, the late Don Adams, Nancy Burns, Geraldine DeFelix, Mary McClendon, Dr. Stephen Shimmel, Lee Shook, Kathryn Roberts, Brenda Alford, Paul Huang, Peggy Register, Charlene Lord, Lonnie Keene, the late Donald Holley, the late Dr. Bill Brievogel, the late Don Adams, and former faculty Dr. Cherry Ward, Jean Taylor and Dr. Robert Dunkle.

Chipola to screen Florida Wildlife Corridor Expedition film

Chipola will host a screening of the Elam Stolzfus documentary film, “The Florida Wildlife Corridor Expedition: Everglades to Okefenokee,” Thursday, June 12, at 6 p.m., in the Center for the Arts. The Emmy award-winning film has been shown nationwide on public television. Chipola graduate and 30-year veteran filmmaker Elam Stolzfus will be on hand to discuss the film. A reception will follow the screening.

The 2012 film documents the journey of four explorers who traveled 1,000 miles in 100 days, from the Everglades to Okefenokee Swamp in Southern Georgia. Their goal: to raise awareness of the real possibility to protect and restore connected landscapes throughout the Florida peninsula and create a viable corridor through Florida. For information about the event, phone 850-718-2277.

Chipola wins International Business Simulation Game

Chipola College business majors in a Strategic Management class recently held the top position for four weeks in an international Business Simulation Game.

The Chipola team of Mark Shuler, Justin Terry and Kaitlyn Pope were required to take over a shoe manufacturing corporation during its eleventh year, and manage it through its twentieth year. Each week in the contest represented one year of decisions within the corporation. Teams are scored on the quality and results of their decisions.

The Chipola teams in instructor Dorothy Day’s Strategic Management class competed against 5,000 teams from 500 universities and colleges. Three of Chipola’s four teams were ranked in the top 100 for at least one week during the competition. All four teams Chipola received some form of ranking or recognition. Team B—Erica Palmer and Ashley Whitfield—placed 13th in the world in Return on Equity. Team D—Jeremy Barber and Tabatha Melzer—were 51st place in Earnings Per Share, 33rd place in Return on Equity and 83rd in stock price.

For more on the BSG visit www.bsg-online.com
Miller signs to run at Montevallo

Chipola cross country runner Natalya Miller of Wewahitchka has signed to run for the University of Montevallo in Alabama. Miller will run cross country at Montevallo and also will join the track team to compete in middle and long distance events.

Miller holds the Chipola school record of 19:52 at the 5K distance. She also has a personal best of 19:40 in an open race. She finished second overall in a field of 30 at the Darton College meet in 2012 and finished third in 2013.

Miller finished among the top 10 percent of runners in all meets during her two-year career at Chipola. She led the Chipola team in the school’s first-ever appearance in the NJCAA Division I National Championship in 2012.

Miller said, “I’d like to thank God for giving me the will to run, and my running partner Cedric Gillette for pushing me to get better. I also want to thank Coach Rance Massengill for giving me the opportunity to run at Chipola and all of my teammates for helping me move on to the next level.”

Head coach Rance Massengill said, “Natalya brought passion to the sport at a time when we needed to take the program to the next level. She helped push the other girls, and her performance raises the bar for the type of runner we’re looking to recruit.”

Miller is planning to major in Exercise Science. She is the daughter of Karen and John Curry of Wewahitchka.

Chipola Athletic Director Dr. Steve Givens, said, “We’re very proud of our women’s cross country program. The team has improved each year since its inception in 2007. Cross country offers significant participation opportunities for female athletes in our area.”

Chipola offers tuition scholarships for women who compete in the program. For information, call coach Massengill at 718-2440.

Indians fall in state tournament
By: Dustin Kent - JCFloridan.com

After a terrific season that included 36 wins and a Panhandle Conference championship, the Chipola Indians’ postseason stay was a short one, going 0-2 at the FCSAA State Baseball Tournament.

Chipola came in as the top seed out of the Panhandle but lost its opening game to Central Florida 7-3. That loss came at the expense of the Indians’ No. 1 starter Taylor Lewis, with No. 2 starter Michael Mader taken out of the tourney by a rain delay Saturday night.

The Indians’ second round game against Tallahassee lasted just one inning before weather forced a Sunday restart, with the Eagles taking a 1-0 lead. When the game resumed Sunday morning, Mader was replaced by Tom Watson.

Watson lasted until the fourth when he was relieved by Adonis Hernandez after walking the bases loaded with one out. After Hernandez got a big strikeout of Matt Olive for the second out, Jonathan Burkett delivered with an RBI single through the middle to score DJ McKnight to make it 2-0 Eagles.

Chipola finally got on board in the sixth with Kevin Santa walked and scored on an RBI single by Josh Merrigan that forced TCC to go to the bullpen and bring in Collin Strall.

The Indians had another opportunity to tie or take the lead courtesy of a one-out triple by Kyle Moore in the top of the seventh, but Strall came up with a big strikeout of Jacky Miles, Jr. for the second out, and then got Cody Lanford to ground out to shortstop to end the threat. Hernandez went four scoreless innings for Chipola, giving up four hits and striking out three. Merrigan, Lanford, Santa, Moore, and Miles, Jr. had the only five hits of the game for Chipola.

“It’s disappointing,” Chipola coach Jeff Johnson said of his team’s quick exit from the tournament. “This is a great group of kids. I really like this group. We got kind of banged up a little bit down the stretch, but in a nutshell, you’ve got to play well when you get down here and catch a break or two and we didn’t do either of those things.

“Overall, we had a pretty good year and won a lot of games. But we measure our seasons by the championships we win and we fell short of that this year.”

Chipola to launch evening nursing program

Due to high demand, Chipola College is launching an evening program for the Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN). ADN graduates are eligible to apply for the Registered Nurse National Council Licensing Examination. Chipola’s ADN program has been approved for Candidacy by the Accreditation Commission For Education In Nursing, Inc. (ACEN). Classes begin Fall 2014 and will take four semesters to complete. Application deadline is June 26. All classes will mirror the current day program and will require attendance at the Chipola School of Health Sciences. Once a student enters the evening program, classes will be offered so that the student may complete the entire program at night.

Dr. Vickie Stephens, Dean of Health Sciences, says, “Only 40 nursing students are accepted each Fall of the approximately 120 students who apply. Enrollment numbers for each class are prescribed by the Florida Board of Nursing. The addition of the evening program will allow the college to serve more students while maintaining high quality.”

The admissions process is competitive with several prerequisites. Information about the program is available at www.chipola.edu/instruct/Health-Sciences. Fall Application deadline for the nursing program is June 26.

The nursing program requires a significant investment of time and resources. All students are encouraged to apply for Foundation scholarships by June 5th, and for Federal Financial Aid by July 30. For additional information about the program, call 850-718-2278.