Chipola students recognized for Academic Excellence

Chipola officials recognized the accomplishments of two students—Donovan Ebersole and Olivia Saunders—at a press conference at the college Tuesday.

Donovan Ebersole of Blountstown recently was named a Coca-Cola Academic Team Gold Scholar. He also is a member of the All-Florida Academic First Team. A portrait of Ebersole will hang on Chipola’s Academic Wall of Honor.

Ebersole coordinated the first annual Science Day at Chipola for area high school students. In partnership with the Science Club and Honors Club, local high students were invited to learn fun aspects of science while exploring careers in science. As co-coordinator of the event, Ebersole raised money, arranged for speakers, and directed the day’s events for 75 area students.

Ebersole is majoring in Mathematics at Chipola. He plans to continue his education in Mathematics or Physics at an area college or university. He is considering FSU, UWF, or possibly a math education major at Chipola. Ebersole is the son of Sarai and Kevin Ebersole of Blountstown.

Olivia Saunders is a member of the All-Florida Academic Second Team. Saunders will graduate from Chipola in May and plans to attend Auburn University to pursue a degree in Biomedical Sciences with the hopes of becoming a Physical Therapist.

Saunders is a 2014 Honor graduate of Chipley High. At Chipola, she is a member of the Honors program and serves as a tutor in the ACE Lab. She is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa leadership team, Mu Alpha Theta, Science Club, Chipola Pre-Med Society. She also was elected the 2016 Chipola Homecoming Queen.

Both students are active in the college chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the largest honor society in American higher education with 1,275 chapters on two-year and community college campuses in all 50 states and around the world. Dr. Pam Rentz, Dean of the Chipola School of Education, is the faculty adviser to PTK.
Science Day at Chipola

Chipola College recently hosted a Science Day for 70 area high school students. Chipola student coordinators at left Madelyn Lytle and Donovan Ebersole organized the event which featured five stations. A demonstration station included Making Elephant Toothpaste. Another station featured professionals from medicine, pharmacy and engineering discussing career opportunities. Advisers from Chipola were on hand to discuss educational programs. Students enjoyed games with liquid nitrogen, virtual welding, chain gun, rocket fuel, virtual reality and a robot that could solve a Rubik’s Cube.

Indians headed to State Tournament

For the second straight year, the Indians are the Champions of the Panhandle Baseball Conference.

The Indians finished out the conference with 14-0 win over Pensacola on April 23. Landon Faulkner (5-1) got the win for Chipola. Reynaldo Rivera and Wood Myers were both 2 for 4. Tyler Osik, Rivera and Michael Hickman each had hom run s in the game.

The Indians will 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 a matchup between 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 Conference standings as of April 28, are: Chipola (16-4), Gulf Coast (13-7), Northwest (8-12), Tallahassee (8-12), and Pensacola (5-15). Chipola is ranked second in the FCSAA State Baseball Poll, behind top-ranked Santa Fe. Gulf Coast is fourth.

The Indians won the title with a 9-0 blanking of Tallahassee on April 17. Brady Acker (4-0) was the winning pitcher. Tekwaan White was 2 for 4 with a hom run. Michael Hickman was 2 for 4. Reese Cooley also had a hom run.

Chipola split their last two games with Northwest, including an 8-7 loss on April 16, and a 6-5 win on April 15. Ryan Shauger (3-0) got the win on the mound in the April 15 game. Jose Caballero was 3 for 5. Reynaldo Rivera was 3 for 4.

Winestock Foundation and NAACP Scholarships at Chipola

The Chipola 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.
Chipola Softball plays April 29 in State Tourney

The defending National Champion Chipola Lady Indians (10-6) play Miami Dade in the first round of the FCSAA State Tournament, Friday, April 29, at 10 a.m. (CST) in Vero Beach. Win or lose, Chipola will play again at 4 p.m. that same day. The championship game is set for Sunday, May 1.

The Lady Indians enter the tournament with eight players from the All-Conference team. Ilona Andringa was Conference Pitcher of the Year. She has a 21-3 record with a 1.12 ERA. Pitcher/DP Madison Ragan has .394 average with 13 homeruns and 46 RBI. As a pitcher, Ragan has a 6-5 record with one save and a 2.18 ERA.

Centerfielder Dana Edmundson is hitting .463 with 28 RBI, 48 runs and 27 stolen bases. Right-fielder Gabriela Santos has a .424 average with 45 RBI, 46 runs and 32 stolen bases. Second baseman Nalleli Lopez has a .397 average with 39 RBI, 49 runs and 38 stolen bases. First baseman Brianna Surrento has a .381 average with 5 homeruns, 39 RBI, and 16 stolen bases. Shortstop Courtney Davis has a .314 average with 33 RBI, 31 runs and 17 stolen bases. Third baseman Ashley Morris has a .364 average with 30 RBI and 24 stolen bases. Chipola (10-6) finished second in the league behind conference champion Northwest (14-2). Other league records are: Gulf Coast (7-9), Pensacola (4-12) and Tallahassee (5-11).

The Lady Indians are fifth in the FCSAA State Poll. Northwest is second. Chipola finished the 2015 season at 49-10 with a Conference Championship, FCSAA State Title and NJCAA Division I National Championship.

Superhero?? Is May 12

The Chipola Children's Theatre production of Superhero?? is Thursday, May 12, at 7 p.m., in the Center for the Arts. You've heard of Spider-Man, Batman, and Superman? Get ready for the newest superhero, Joe! The only problem is that he doesn't have any superpowers. Join his wacky group of superhero friends as they discover what it means to be a true hero. The cast will sing, dance, and fight their way to help Joe discover that there may be a little superhero in all of us. The show is directed by Charles Sirmon with original script by Chris Manasco. Tickets are available on-line at www.chipola.edu, or at the Center for the Arts Box Office. Join Chipola Theatre on Facebook or visit www.chipola.edu

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.

ANDERSON TALKS BOTANY AT CHIPOLA—

Dr. Loran Anderson recently presented a lecture on Forensic Biology to members of the Chipola College Science Club. Pictured from left are: Chris Johnson, Colby Wiggins, Blake Anderson, Loran Anderson (guest speaker) Hayden Hurst, Daniel Lane and Isaac Guettler.
Commencement May 5 in Dothan

The Chipola 2016 Commencement Ceremony is set for Thursday, May 5, at 7 p.m., at the Dothan Civic Center. The address is 126 St. Andrews Street, Dothan, AL, 36303.

Counted as members of the class are all who will complete degrees or certificates from December of 2015 to May of 2016 or during the Summer 2016 terms.

Diplomas will be awarded for Bachelor of Science, Associate in Science, Associate in Arts and Workforce Development Certificates.

Graduates may invite an unlimited number of family members and guests to the event. The ceremony will be broadcast live via internet on YouTube at this link: www.youtube.com/user/ChipolaCollege

Leonard Hamilton, head basketball coach at Florida State University, will deliver the commencement address. He is a former head coach at Oklahoma State University, the University of Miami, and the NBA’s Washington Wizards. In 23 years as a collegiate head coach, his teams have qualified for seven NCAA tournaments and eight NITs, highlighted by appearances in the NCAA Tournament’s Sweet Sixteen in 2000 with Miami and 2011 with Florida State.

For information, contact the Admissions and Records Office at 718-2311.