Chipola announces new Engineering Tech programs at meeting

More than 100 area business leaders were on hand for the announcement of two new Engineering Technology programs to be offered at Chipola College.

The announcement came at the annual meeting of the Workforce Development Advisory Council on Oct. 23.

Darwin Gilmore, Dean of Workforce Education and Economic Development, announced that Chipola will offer two engineering tracks beginning in 2015. Both programs will be offered pending approval by the Southern Association of College and Schools (SACS). Gilmore explained Civil Engineering Technology as “a construction track touching all aspects road/bridge/structure type projects.” The program will include: Computer Automated Drafting (CAD), Geomatic Information Systems (GIS), Surveying, Engineering, Contracting and Testing.

Gilmore described the Engineering Technology track as, “an Industrial track focused on plant maintenance and advanced manufacturing to include hydraulics, pneumatics, motors and programmable logic controllers (PLC).”

Caroline McRae Dauzat, president of Rex Lumber Company, announced that her company is partnering with Chipola to offer scholarships for the program. David Melvin of Melvin Engineering also expressed support for the program and pledged to offer scholarships for some of his employees.

Jesse Panuccio, Executive Director of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, was the keynote speaker at the event. He highlighted the need for rural communities to work together to bring business and industry to the area.

More than 100 area professionals and business leaders serve on 12 separate advisory committees for each of the Chipola’s career and technical education programs which include: Automotive, Cosmetology, Culinary Management, Early Childhood Education, Law Enforcement, Corrections, Firefighting, Business and Information Technology, Nursing, EMS, Welding and Engineering Technology.

For information about the Chipola’s Career and Technical programs, visit www.chipola.edu or call 718-2270.

Chipola Basketball Tips Off Oct. 31

Both Chipola basketball teams open the regular season at home Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 in the newly-renovated Johnson Center.

The Lady Indians play Central Georgia Tech, Friday, Oct. 31, at 5:30 p.m., followed by the Indians and Atlanta Metro at 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, Nov. 1, the Lady Indians play Denmark Tech at 4 p.m. The Indians play South Georgia Tech at 6 p.m.

The gym has recently undergone a $1.6 million renovation that includes a new floor, lighting, roof and HVAC system.

For info, visit www.chipola.edu
CRAA donates $6,200 to Chipola arts programs

The Chipola Regional Arts Association is proud to celebrate its 25th Anniversary. Members recently donated $6,200 to Chipola College Fine and Performing Arts programs. The group contributed $5,000 to the Chipola Artist Series. Contributions of $300 each were made to the Show Choir, Community Chorus, Rock and Jazz Ensemble, Theatre and Fine Art programs. CRAA also contributed $400 to The Artists Guild of Northwest Florida for the Sunday Afternoon with the Arts.

CRAA has donated over $130,000 since its inception to support the Chipola Artist Series that features professional touring groups. Over $47,000 in scholarships have been given to deserving Chipola College Fine and Performing Arts students.

The purpose of CRAA is: to develop the appreciation and enjoyment of all the cultural arts; to encourage and support the cultural life at Chipola College and the five county district it serves; to sponsor theatrical productions, musical concerts, exhibits, lectures, scholarships and to promote any programming that may further its mission.

More than 25,000 K-12 school children have seen special performances as a result of CRAA supported art programs in the public schools. Since 2000, CRAA has awarded mini grants totaling $36,000 to deserving K-12 teachers who need supplemental support to their art, music, and theatre programs.

The CRAA Endowment Fund is building a financial resource to help fund vital programs of the Fine and performing Arts Department for the future of Chipola College. To date, over $80,000 has been given toward the $100,000 goal.

Formed in 1989, the CRAA membership consists of those persons who give their time, talents and financial contributions to the arts. All meetings of CRAA are open to the public. Approximately eight meetings are held between September and May.

The Chipola Foundation is the custodian of CRAA funds. Contributions may be mailed to Chipola Regional Arts Association, Chipola College, 3094 Indian Circle, Marianna, FL 32446. For information, call (850) 718-2277, or visit www.chipola.edu

Tickets go on sale Oct. 30 for the Chipola Theatre production of the comedy, “Rumors.”

The show runs Nov. 13–16 with nightly shows at 7:30 p.m., and a Sunday, Nov. 16, matinee at 2 p.m., in the Prough Center for the Arts.

The public also is invited to enjoy an Opening Night Dinner Theatre Thursday, Nov. 13. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are $30 which includes dinner and show ticket. Reservation deadline is Nov. 6. The event is sponsored by the Chipola Chapter of the Association of Florida Colleges (AFC).

The story is set in a large, tastefully-appointed townhouse where the Deputy Mayor of New York has just shot himself. Though only a flesh wound, four couples are about to experience a severe attack of Farce. Gathering for their 10th wedding anniversary, the host lies bleeding in the other room and his wife is nowhere in sight. His lawyer and wife must get “the story” straight before the other guests arrive. The play contains some adult humor.

Tickets for all shows may be purchased online at www.chipola.edu, and at the Chipola Center for the Arts Box Office, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to noon on Friday.

For ticket information, call 718-2420.
Shawn Keihn is Chipola College’s Career Employee for October. Keihn serves as a Departmental Staff Assistant in the Education Department and has worked at the college since 2008. Pictured from left, are: Dr. Lou Cleveland, Dean of the School of Education, Shawn Keihn and Chipola president Dr. Jason Hurst.

Appreciation Club Membership Drive

The Chipola Appreciation Club has kicked off its annual membership drive. The first home games of the season are Oct. 31 and Nov. 1.

The Appreciation Club is a tax-deductible organization governed by local supporters. The group helps the college and its students by promoting athletics and underwriting scholarships and functions not supported from public funds.

The standard $250 membership provides access to Chipola Appreciation Club general seating and Hospitality Room for four guests at all Chipola home men’s and women’s basketball games and admission to all Chipola baseball and softball games.

Here, David Johnson, son of the late Milton H. Johnson, presents a membership check to Amie Myers (right), Appreciation Club board member, and daughter of former Chipola player Ronnie Myers. Also pictured are David’s son, Lane Johnson, and girlfriend, Kristie Neal.

For information about the Appreciation Club, call 850-718-2451.

Chipola College officials recently hosted a dedication ceremony to celebrate the naming of the Prough Center for the Arts in honor of retired college president Dr. Gene Prough. The $16 million center was completed in 2012.

Prough Center For The Arts

Chipola PBL is sponsoring two community service activities and a fundraising activity – a food drive, a supply drive and a popcorn fundraiser.

PBL members are collecting food items for the Backpack for Kids Feeding Program of Jackson County, which benefits children who do not have enough food at home. The program is currently in desperate need of non-perishable canned and boxed items - such as chicken, corn, green beans, jelly, peanut butter, ravioli, tuna, beans, crackers, granola bars, grits, mac-n-cheese, and rice. Collection boxes are in the common areas of the campus buildings.

PBL members are also collecting supplies for homeless veterans who are in need of travel-sized items and other supplies. Items needed include: hotel soaps, shampoos, toothbrushes, toilet paper, wet wipes, sewing kits, combs, nail clippers, reading glasses, ziploc and garbage bags, new-in-the-pack underwear and thick socks. To give, contact Glenda Bethel via email or phone.

PBL members are selling gourmet popcorn to raise funds for the state and national leadership conferences.

PBL meets every first Tuesday of the month at 4:30 p.m. in Room 203 of the Business/Technology building. All students are welcome to join PBL.

For information about PBL, or to make a donation, contact Glenda Bethel at bethelg@chipola.edu (x. 3371) or Vikki Milton at miltonv@chipola.edu.
Bob Graham speaks at Chipola—Bob Graham, former Governor of Florida and United States Senator, was the guest speaker for the Chipola College Honors program on Oct. 22. Graham talked to the group about the importance of civic involvement. After retirement from the U.S. Senate, Graham established the Bob Graham Center for Public Service at the University of Florida. The center provides students with opportunities to train for future leadership positions.

Come on out Sunday, November 2 from 1-4 pm for the 10th Annual Your Sunday Afternoon with the Arts! The event will be held in the Chipola Cultural Center- also known as the old field house on College Street.

This year’s event will be a fun, family oriented event featuring visiting artists, hands-on workshops for young and old, an art exhibit featuring the work of local and regional artists and authors; and artists demonstrating their work plus music, refreshments, door prizes and more.

The Chipola Softball team recently put on a clinic for residents of the Sunland Center in Marianna.

The Future Educators Club invites everyone to get a head start on Christmas shopping at their Scholastic Book Fair the week of Nov. 3-7. Book Fair hours are 8:30-4:30 daily in Building O (Teacher Education).

FEC members will be working the Book Fair which will offer titles ranging from Pre-K through 8th grade. Profits from the fair go to Chipola Teacher Education students who will earn credits to buy books for their future classrooms.

For information, call Casey Bush at 718-2449.