Enrollment Up at Chipola this Fall

Chipola officials are celebrating a two percent enrollment increase this Fall.

A total of 2,121 students were enrolled through the final day of registration compared to 2,078 students same time last year.

College president Dr. Jason Hurst said, “We are pleased that so many students are taking advantage of the opportunities available at Chipola College. Our goal is to make higher education accessible to all the citizens in our district.”

Enrollment in the college’s Bachelor’s degree programs also is up. With 170 juniors and seniors currently enrolled, compared to 157 last year, students in four-year degree programs account for eight percent of the college’s total enrollment. Chipola offers 10 bachelor’s degree programs including math or science education for middle and high school, English education, elementary education, exceptional student education, nursing and business administration (with concentrations in management or accounting).

Most Chipola students (1,836) are enrolled in the Associate in Arts (AA) program, a two-year degree that guarantees acceptance to Florida’s 12 public universities or a B.S. program at Chipola.

Chipola also offers Associate in Science (AS) degrees and certificates in Workforce Development programs that provide training for various career fields. Two of the college’s long-standing Workforce programs—Cosmetology and Automotive Technology—have maximum enrollment with students on waiting lists for the Spring semester. The college’s two newest Workforce programs—Engineering Technology and Civil Engineering Technology—have a total of 30 students enrolled.

Students planning to enroll in the Spring semester, which begins in January 2016, are encouraged to apply by the Dec. 2 deadline. Nov. 17 is the Financial Aid application deadline for students planning to use financial aid to pay Spring tuition.

College applications are available in the Admissions Office located in the Student Services Bldg. or on-line at www.chipola.edu.
Chipola SSS grant renewed

Chipola successfully competed in a highly competitive national competition for the 2015-2020 Student Support Services (SSS) Program, and was awarded a five-year grant totaling $1.1 million.

This federal funding will help increase student retention and graduation rates and facilitate transfers to four-year colleges for students who wish to continue their education at other institutions.

In addition, funds are used to support Chipola’s award winning Academic Center for Excellence (ACE), where students can receive free tutoring from peers and faculty members.

Funding comes through the Federal TRIO Programs, a set of three initiatives that provide academic support services to economically-dis advantaged individuals, first generation college students, and students with disabilities.

The goal of the TRIO is to help students progress through the academic pipeline from middle school to post-secondary education. Students in the program are introduced to college resources, a team of faculty and administrators, dedicated peer mentors and committed program professionals. Students receive services designed to develop the necessary skills and strategies to succeed in all aspects of college life.

The Project Director is Kristie Mosley. For additional information, contact the TRiO SSS office at (850) 718-2431.

Chipola Theatre Auditions for ‘Cat on a Hot Tin Roof’

Chipola Theatre director Charles Sirmon will hold auditions for “Cat on a Hot Tin Roof,” Sept. 21 and 22, at 6 p.m. in the Center for the Arts. Auditions are for ages 16 and up. The show will run Nov. 5-8.

Set in the Mississippi Delta plantation home of Big Daddy Pollitt, Tennessee Williams’ Cat on a Hot Tin Roof examines the relationships among members of Big Daddy’s family. Brick, an alcoholic ex-football player, drinks his days away and resists the affections of his wife, Maggie “the Cat.” His reunion with his father, Big Daddy, who is dying of cancer, jogs a host of memories and revelations for both father and son. The Pulitzer Prize-winning drama examines social mores, greed, superficiality, deception, decay, desire, repression and death. The production contains mature content and is not recommended for children under 12.


For information about auditions, visit the Chipola Theatre page at www.facebook.com or www.chipola.edu/theatre

Porter awarded Efurd Scholarship at Chipola— Saundra Leigh Porter of Sneads has been awarded the Railey Efurd Memorial Nursing Scholarship to Chipola College. Porter is a first semester nursing student. Here, Marthe Efurd (right), presents the scholarship to Porter.

Elks Club Scholarships presented—The Marianna Elks Lodge recently presented three scholarships to Chipola College students. Pictured from left, are: Betty Johnson, Elks Scholarship Chair; Amy Hand, Shawna Donofro and Scott Harris, Elks Scholarship committee. Scholarship recipient Hanna Donofro is not pictured.