The Bright Futures Scholarship Program, which is funded primarily by the Florida Lottery, was created in 1997 by the Florida Legislature to assist students in pursuing post-secondary educational and career goals. Bright Futures scholarships are awarded to Florida high school graduates based on high academic achievement.

Since the program’s inception, the Florida Lottery has contributed more than $3.9 billion to send more than 600,000 students to college. To date, more than 5,000 Bright Futures scholarships have been awarded to students attending Chipola College, totaling $8,256,622.14.

For more information about Bright Futures Scholarships, visit the Department of Education’s website at www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAD/bf or call the hotline at 888-827-2004.

The Florida Lottery to sponsor Fall Festival Sept. 24

The Florida Lottery will participate, for the third year in a row, in the Chipola College Fall Festival to welcome Bright Futures scholarship recipients and to celebrate the Lottery’s 26-year history of supporting education in Florida.

Chipola students are excused from classes Wednesday, Sept. 24, from 10:30 a.m. until 2:45 p.m. Chipola’s Student Government Association puts on the annual event for the student body. In addition to Outrageous Relay Races, students will enjoy music, free food and giant inflatable games at the Chipola Pool.

The Florida Lottery Bright Futures program will provide free t-shirts and premium door prizes to Chipola students.
Chipola artist series opens Oct. 16 with Trio Viseltear

The Chipola Artist Series opens Oct. 16 with Trio Viseltear, at 7 p.m., in the Center for the Arts. The group features British violinist Peter Povey, Russian cellist Alexei Romanenko, and Canadian pianist Christine Yoshikawa.

The group has delighted audiences around the world with their vibrant musicality and technical brilliance. Presenting an exhilarating program of masterpieces from classics to contemporary, they are advocates of new music.

Chipola music instructor Christine Yoshikawa has established herself as one of Canada’s exciting young pianists of her generation. After making her concerto debut with Beethoven’s First Piano Concerto with the London Westminster Philharmonic at the age of 9, she has since appeared as soloist with major orchestras including the Orchestre Philharmonique d’Avignon (France), Kammerorchester Dusseldorf (Germany), Sydney Chamber Orchestra, Tokyo Youth Symphony, Nagoya Gakuen Philharmonic (Japan), and Nagoya Gakuen Philharmonic (Japan).

The most exciting aspect of the program will be the world premiere of composer Clare Shore’s “Daytripping” for violin, cello and piano - written for and dedicated to Trio Viseltear. Shore, the second woman to earn the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Composition from The Juilliard School.

The Johnson Center is undergoing a $1.6 million renovation which includes a new roof, new floor, new lighting and a new HVAC system which will be connected to the college’s centralized chiller plant. Funds for the renovation came from a Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO) appropriation. The project is expected to be complete in time for Chipola’s first game of the season on Oct. 31.

In other business, approved the college taking ownership of a life-size bronze statue of late Chipola basketball coach Milton H. Johnson. Some $50,000 was raised through private donations to the Chipola Foundation to create the statue which was erected in 2012. The Foundation will transfer ownership in order for the college to take responsibility for insurance and maintenance of the statue.

The statue of Coach Johnson was created by sculptor Bradley Cooley, who also has sculpted images of Bobby Bowden and Ray Charles. The inscription on the Johnson statue reads: “Milton H. Johnson—A loved and respected champion, both on the court and in the game of life. He was a quiet, humble teacher and friend to all, who led by example and positively influenced the lives of thousands of people. His legacy endures...making the world a better place for all.”

During four decades of coaching basketball at Chipola and Campbellton High, Johnson’s teams won over 800 games. Between 1955 and 1961, his Campbellton teams won three state championships and had a 55-game win streak. His Chipola teams won 628 games from 1961 to 1993 and played in seven national tournaments.

Application deadline for Nursing

Application deadline for Chipola College’s Spring 2015 Associate Degree Nursing program is Sept. 30.

All prospective students including LPN’s and Paramedics are encouraged to apply for admission to the Associate Degree in Nursing Program. The new curriculum is now four semesters in length. The Associate Degree Nursing program is nationally-accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

For information, call 850-718-2278 or visit www.chipola.edu