Florida Lottery to sponsor Fall Festival Oct. 1

The Florida Lottery will participate, for the fourth year in a row, in the Chipola Fall Festival, Thursday, Oct. 1, to welcome Bright Futures scholarship recipients and to celebrate the Lottery’s 27-year history of supporting education in Florida.

All Chipola students are excused from classes Thursday, Oct. 1, from 10:30 a.m. until 2:45 p.m. Chipola’s Student Government Association puts on the annual event for the student body. The event will be held at the Chipola Pool or at the gym in the event of rain. In addition to Outrageous Relay Races, students will enjoy music, free food and giant inflatable games at the Chipola Pool. Several universities are expected to send recruiters to meet with potential students.

The Florida Lottery Bright Futures program will provide free t-shirts and offer a drawing premium door prizes to Chipola students. Interim Lottery Secretary, Tom Delacenserie will be in attendance.

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 www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAD/bf. For information about the Fall Festival Event, call 718-2308 or visit the Chipola Student Activities Office, K-105.

PBL TO HOST PIE THE PROFESSOR AT FALL FEST

Chipola Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) will host the Pie the Professor event at Fall Festival on Oct. 1 to raise funds for March of Dimes. Many college employees have agreed to be “pied” in the face for this worthwhile cause.

PBL members will distribute donation cans to classrooms this week. Pie victims will also be auctioned off at the Festival. At the 2014 Auction, Dr. Rachel West brought in the most money, so she is the one to beat this year. During the Festival, PBL will also sponsor the fantastic face painting artistry of Kim Chatwood of VonArt.

Contact advisers Glenda Bethel at bethelg@chipola.edu or Jonathan Chaney at chaneyj@chipola.edu. PBL is on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/ChipolaPBL1

Chipola Nursing Ranked in Top 10% by NurseJournal.org
BSU busy at Chipola

The Chipola Black Student Union is on the move, and invites all students to join their mission to promote unity.

On Saturday, Sept. 26, BSU students will visit FAMU in Tallahassee. Representatives of all FAMU be available to talk to students about their programs. After an Academic Tour, the students will file into an auditorium to gain the FAMU Experience where different school organizations will perform and talk to the students about student life at FAMU. Finally, participants will attend the FAMU vs. Tennessee State University Football game.

BSU invites all Chipola campus organizations to join us for our 1st Annual Social Scavenger Hunt, Tuesday, Sept. 29, from 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Students are invited to meet in the Social and Behavioral Sciences Building “C”- Room 116. Food, drinks, door prizes and loads of fun will be available.

BSU is selling $5 raffle tickets to win two tickets to the UF/FSU rivalry game to be held on Nov. 28 at Ben Hill Stadium in Gainesville. The winner will be announced Oct. 27 at noon in room C-104. All proceeds will be used to fund the Annual FAASA Convention in Daytona Beach on Nov. 5-8.

Steps to Starting a Business Seminar

Chipola will offer a small business Seminar “Steps to Starting a Business in Florida,” Friday, Oct. 16, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., in Room M-108 of the Chipola Business and Technology building (M).

CPA Johnny Branch, Growth Business Specialist, will lead the course which will focus on organizational requirements, location, licensing, financial assessments, insurance, marketing, loans, defining customers and employee requirements.

The seminar is sponsored by the Small Business Development Council (SBDC) at UWF in Panama City. Cost of the seminar is $35 for the public and free for students and employees of Chipola, Gulf Coast State and UWF, who present a name tag or student ID. Pre-registration is strongly recommended. Participants may register online at www.sbdc.uwf.edu by clicking on Training Opportunities (Panama City). Phone 850-818-0570.

At Chipola, contact Katrina Griffin in Building M (108), phone 850-718-2441 or email griffink@chipola.edu.

Firefighting I class scheduled for October

The Firefighting Program at Chipola is entering into a new era of first responder training with the introduction of George Gay, as the new Coordinator of Chipola’s Firefighting programs. George is a seasoned first responder with 20+ years as both a first responder and adjunct instructor. He will be responsible for assuring that the long recognized quality of Firefighters receiving training continues for the local community.

In a pro-active approach, Gay announces that a Firefighter I class will begin in early October, followed by a Firefighter II class. He is available to assist interested in the application process. Additionally, Gay will be able to offer a $200 scholarship to the first 10 individuals registering for the October Class. For information, email gayg@chipola.edu or phone 718-2483 or 573-0188.
Rex Lumber awards engineering tech scholarships at Chipola

Rex Lumber established the Robert and Kathryn McRae scholarship fund to help students planning to pursue an A.S. degree in Engineering Technology at Chipola.

Rex Lumber officials recently visited the college to meet scholarship recipients (pictured left to right, front row)—Kenneth Justin McKinney of Marianna, Dalton Mock of Marianna, Ryan Riley of Marianna, Logan Stone of Marianna, Chase Rentz of Sneads, Anthony Wyrick of Blountstown, Marc Jackson of Westville, Kaitlyn Kosciw of Marianna and Emmanuel Lockhart of Cottondale (not pictured).

Darwin Gilmore, Dean of Workforce Development and Economic Opportunity at Chipola, says, “The McRae family and Rex Lumber are important partners in this new program. They are making a significant investment to help students get enrolled, and they have the capacity to hire skilled workers who successfully complete the course.”

Multiple one-year scholarships for up to 30 semester hours of tuition and/or books and supplies will be awarded by the Rex Lumber Graceville plant and the Rex Lumber Bristol plant. Applicants must have a minimum 2.5 high school GPA to apply and must maintain a 2.5 each semester in order to retain the scholarship.

First-year scholarship recipients will be eligible to reapply during the second year of the program. Second year funding is subject to prevailing economic conditions and the student’s performance in the program. Students who excel in the program may be eligible for paid internship positions within Rex Lumber. For information, visit the Chipola Foundation at www.chipola.edu or phone 850-718-2404.

CAAP test required for December AA Graduates

All students seeking an Associate in Arts Degree are required to take the Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency (CAAP) prior to graduation. Students must attain a score of 45 or higher on each of the following subtests of the CAAP: Writing Skills, Reading, Mathematics, Critical Thinking, and Science.

The CAAP is given three times per academic year, once in the fall term, once in the spring term, and once during the first summer session. If you plan to graduate this term, and have not taken the CAAP, the deadline to register is October 9. The test will be given on November 7.

Registration forms for the CAAP are available in the Testing Center in Building A, or you can print a PDF version and fax it or mail it to the Testing Center. To view and print a registration form, click the link on the following page: http://chipola.edu/instruct/testing/caap.htm A Student User Guide which includes sample questions is also available in the Testing Center. Additional information regarding the CAAP is available online http://www.act.org/caap/pdf/userguide.pdf

Again, this is a graduation requirement. You will not receive your degree until you meet the minimum scores set for the CAAP.

Please direct all questions regarding CAAP to Becky Davis at 850-718-2283 or davisr@chipola.edu.

FAMU scholarships awarded

The FAMU recently awarded $119,000 in scholarships to local students thanks to a partnership with the Chipola Black Student Union. Dr. Willie Spires, Dean of Chipola’s Social and Behavioral Sciences Department and BSU sponsor, joined FAMU’s Provost Marcella David, Lawrence Brown and Marianna Mayor Travis Ephraim in presenting the scholarships.

Two-Year Scholarships were awarded to three Chipola College students: Brianna Granberry, Accounting ($10,000); Karrie Shack, Elementary Education ($4,000) and Winter Coldwell, Social Work ($8,000).

Four-year scholarships were awarded to three local high school students: Joyelle Saun, Cottondale High, Mechanical Engineering ($65,000), Brittany Benton, Sneads High, Pharmacy ($16,000) and Daniel Lewis, Cottondale High, Business ($16,000).

Join Us!

Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Chipola Cafe.
Botanist Dr. Loran Anderson lectures at Chipola

Chipola Environmental Science students were audience to Dr. Loran Anderson, Professor Emeritus of Biological Science and former Curator of the Godfrey Herbarium, Florida State University.

Dr. Anderson has been influencing botany and conservation in Florida for four decades as a professor of biology at FSU for 29 years, from 1974-2003, and to the present. He served as a member of the Florida Endangered Plant Advisory Council for over 30 years and remains active in field surveys and herbarium studies, describing several species for the first time, updating and adding species to a list of over 600 at the Florida Caverns State Park.

His presentation included: an introduction to botany (evolution, taxonomy, plant diversity, leaves, flowers, seeds, pollination); a link between his expertise on Cannabis and professional forensic experiences; and third, how the field of botany could impact student future vocations and careers (agriculture, environmental engineering, consulting).

The Chipola Natural Science Department anticipates Dr. Anderson’s next visit, and is grateful to Billy Bailey, Caverns Park Specialist, in referring him to the College.

Law Enforcement classes now forming at Chipola

The Chipola Criminal Justice Training Center will offer an evening Law Enforcement Academy and a Corrections to Law Enforcement Cross-over class beginning Nov. 3. Classes will meet weeknights from 5:30 – 9:30 P.M.

Completion of either of these programs will prepare candidates to take the State Board Examination and become certified by the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission upon becoming employed with a law enforcement agency.

Prior to admission, all candidates must earn a passing score on the Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test (CJBAT) offered at the Public Service Building every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. The cost of the test is $45. The deadline for all applications will be October 23rd. Applicants must have a standard high school diploma or its equivalent and must undergo a medical physical examination, background check and drug screening. Financial assistance is available based upon need and eligibility.

For information regarding the application process, contact Steven Stewart, Law Enforcement Coordinator, at 718-2286.

Three Calhoun County students sign take stock contracts

Three Calhoun County students recently signed contracts with Take Stock in Children. They are: Shayla Harris (Blountstown High Senior), Maria Rebollar (Blountstown High Freshman), and Bethany Redmond (Altha School Freshman).

Students apply for the Take Stock in Children during their eighth grade. If selected, they begin high school with the promise of a two-year scholarship to Chipola College once they graduate.

TSIC participants are also matched with a volunteer mentor who meets with them regularly at school. Students and parents sign a contract agreeing to maintain above a 2.0 GPA, attend school regularly, and remain drug and crime free.

Take Stock is a grass-roots program that depends on volunteers and private donations. The organization is seeking volunteers to mentor a student several times a month or to provide monetary donations.

For more information on how to help provide scholarships, mentors, and hope for deserving students in Jackson County, call 718-2428 or find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/tsicchipola