Florida Lottery sponsors Fall Festival

The Florida Lottery and Chipola College (CC) recently celebrated Bright Futures scholarship recipients at the college’s annual Fall Festival.

Lottery Secretary Cynthia O’Connell and Chipola President Dr. Jason Hurst had the opportunity to interact with students one-on-one to discuss their academic goals and future plans in a laid-back setting with other Chipola faculty and Lottery staff. Students enjoyed music, food and giveaways.

More than $8.7 million of Florida Lottery contributions have directly benefited CC Bright Futures students. “The Lottery is investing in Florida’s future through its funding of education programs such as the Bright Futures Scholarship Program,” said Secretary O’Connell. “Offering the best and brightest students in the state the opportunity to pursue higher education can impact generations to come.”

Recognized as one of the most efficient lotteries in the nation, the Florida Lottery has remained a strong partner in helping generate additional funds for public education for the past 26 years. Lottery contributions have made an impact with more than $1 billion being transferred annually to the EETF for the past 12 consecutive years, resulting in a total contribution of more than $27 billion. Florida Lottery contributions represent approximately six percent of the state’s total education budget.

From left: (front) Randy Fox, Lottery District Manager; Cynthia O’Connell, Lottery Secretary; Shawna Donofro, Chipola SGA President; Dr. Jason Hurst, Chipola President; Rep. Marti Coley; (back) Bright Futures Scholars Maddie Craven of Marianna, Sara Kaye Compson of Chipley, Maggie Bivins of Cottondale, Madison Harrell of Marianna, Will Glover of Bonifay, Olivia Sanders of Chipley and Sam Wells of Bonifay.
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Chipola Artist Series opens Oct. 16 with Center dedication

The Chipola College Artist Series opens Thursday, Oct. 16, with Trio Viseltear at 7:30 p.m. in the Center for the Arts.

Prior to the performance, the college will host a Dedication Ceremony and Reception to celebrate the naming of the Center for the Arts in honor of retired college president Dr. Gene Prough. There is no charge to attend the ceremony and reception which begins at 6 p.m.

The Artist Series performance is a ticketed event with tickets available online at www.chipola.edu/boxoffice or at the Box Office. Tickets also will be available at the Box Office on Oct. 16.

Trio Viseltear 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.

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Manufacturing Academy meets at Chipola

Chipola and Career Source Chipola recently hosted a Rural Sub-Committee meeting of the Northwest Florida Manufacturing Council’s Manufacturing Academy Task Force. The sub-committee is focused on developing a manufacturing academy approach uniquely serving Calhoun, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty and Washington counties.

Career Source Chipola Executive Director Richard Williams set up the meeting to create a dialogue between educators and manufacturers. A panel of representatives from area manufacturers discussed their workforce skill/knowledge needs.

A second part of the meeting focused on education and training solutions including the possible implementation of training sanctioned by The National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) in area high schools and post-secondary institutions. The meeting concluded with a Table Talk with Educators in which each school district and educational institution discussed their educational programs with manufacturers.

Darwin Gilmore, Chipola College Dean of Workforce and Economic Development, says, “It is important to bring education and industry together to be sure that students are learning the skills needed to enter the workforce.”

Pictured from left, are: Darwin Gilmore, Chipola College Dean of Workforce and Economic Development; Terry Ellis, West Point Home and Washington County School Board; Jennifer Grove, Gulf Power; Richard Lamb, Green Circle Bio Energy; Jim Center, Rex Lumber Company; and Richard Williams, Executive Director of Career Source Chipola.

Chipola performs Members of the Chipola College President’s Ensemble performed recently for the Chipley Kiwanis Club’s Dinner Theatre. From left, members of the ensemble are: Deborah Graham, Alex Layton, and Alex Ozbun. They are accompanied by Chipola College staff accompanist Amy Cloud and under the direction of Dale Heidebrecht.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

07 Last Class Day for Fall B
07 Night Student Social, Cafeteria
08 Early Reg. Fall Term C; 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
08 Grades for Fall Term B Due By 8 a.m.
09 Classes Begin - Fall Term C
09 Deadline to Designate Honor
09 CAAP Reg. Deadline for Nov. Test
09 TRIO Talent Search 9th Grade Trip
11 Showchoir Showcase, CFA, 7 p.m.
16 Prough CFA Dedication, 6 p.m.
16 Art Gallery Opening, CFA Art Gallery, 6 p.m.
16 Artist Series Event: Trio Viseltear, CFA Theatre, 7 p.m.

December Graduates need CAAP Test

All students seeking an Associate in Arts Degree are required to take the Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency (CAAP) prior to graduation.

Students planning to graduate in December 2014, must take the CAAP on Nov. 8. Deadline to register is Oct. 9.

This is a Chipola graduation requirement. Students must attain a score of 45 or higher on each of the subtests: Writing Skills, Reading, Mathematics, Critical Thinking, and Science. Students will not receive a degree until they meet minimum scores.

The CAAP is given three times per academic year, fall, spring, and first summer session. Registration forms are available in the Testing Center, or students may print a PDF version and fax it or mail it to the Testing Center. Visit www.chipola.edu/ instructed/testing/caap.htm for a registration form. A Student User Guide with sample questions also is available in the Testing Center. More information on the CAAP is at http://www.act.org/caap/pdf/userguide.pdf.

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