Chipola Homecoming Jan. 26-31

The Homecoming games between Chipola and Northwest Florida are set for Saturday, Jan. 31. The women’s game tips off at 5:30 p.m. Chipola president Dr. Jason Hurst and his wife, Alisa, will host an Alumni Reception in the Hospitality Room beginning at 6 p.m. All alumni, college retirees and friends of the college are invited.

Special guests for Homecoming are former Chipola presidents: Dr. Gene Prough, Dr. Dale O’Daniel, Dr. Jerry Kandzer, Dr. Robert Richburg, and their Executive Assistant, Joyce Traynom.

The homecoming court will be presented during halftime of the men’s game which begins at 7:30 p.m.

SGA will sponsor a Building Decoration Contest among campus organizations to be judged at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 27. Buildings must be decorated on Monday, Jan. 26. Dress up days for the week include: Monday, Jan. 26, Pajama Day; Tuesday, Jan. 27, Sports Day; Wednesday, Jan. 28, Blue and Gold Day; Thursday, Jan. 29, Decade Day; and Friday, Jan. 30, Favorite Teacher Day.

The homecoming court will be presented during halftime. Pictured from left, are: (front) freshman Shelbie Johnson of Marianna, freshman Aaliyah Raines of Sneads, sophomore Samona Chavers of Marianna, sophomore Sara Kaye Compton of Chipley, sophomore Shawna Donofro of Marianna (back) freshman Demontray Edwards of Greenwood, freshman Andrew Shouse of Marianna, sophomore Will Glover of Greenwood, sophomore Madison Harrell of Marianna and sophomore Trey White of Marianna. The Homecoming Queen and Mr. Chipola will be selected from the sophomore candidates.

26 MONDAY
- Last Day for Vertical Transfer for Spring Term B
- Campus Blood Drive
- SGA Meeting, Bldg. Z rm. 116; 1:30 p.m.

26 TUESDAY
- Student Ambassadors, Bldg. Z rm. 201; 1:30 p.m.
- Community Chorus, CFA Experimental Chorus at 6 p.m.

29 THURSDAY
- FCA Meeting, Staff Dining Room; 7 p.m.

31 SATURDAY
- HOMECOMING:
  Basketball vs. Northwest Florida, Women 5:30/ Men 7:30 p.m.
  Alumni Reception at 6:00 p.m.
  Presentation of Homecoming Court at Halftime

Break the tie for the Homecoming Court!
In order to break the tie, voting for the candidates will take place on Jan. 27th from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and will continue on Jan. 28th from 8:00 a.m. until noon in the Student Activities Office in the Cafeteria (K-105). Students must be currently enrolled to vote.
Chipola Baseball Alumni Weekend set for Feb. 6-7

Major league baseball players and dozens of other former Chipola College baseball players are expected to return to their alma mater for the annual Chipola Baseball Alumni Weekend Feb. 6-7.

The weekend will include live college baseball action, a Homerun Derby, great food and the chance to rub elbows with the pros, including two-time MLB Homerun champ Jose Bautista and his newest Toronto Blue Jays teammate, All-Star catcher Russell Martin.

The Indians will play Walters State in two games: the first on Friday, Feb. 6, at 10 a.m., and again, Saturday, Feb. 7, at 11 a.m.

Chipola’s MLB stars Bautista and Martin will lead their fellow alumni in a Homerun Derby beginning at noon Saturday, Feb. 7. Honorary Chipola Alumnus Jeff Mathis will also compete.

The college will officially retire MLB All-Star Patrick Corbins’s Chipola jersey before the Homerun Derby. Corbin played at Chipola in 2009 before being drafted by Anaheim in the second round. Corbin debuted with the Arizona Diamondbacks in 2012, and in 2013 earned a spot on the National League All-Star Roster after posting a 14-8 regular season record.

An MLB Autograph session will follow the Homerun Derby. There is a $10 admission charge to the autograph session. Fans are also invited to purchase fresh Grouper Lunch plates for $10 in advance or at the event.

Chipola alumnus Tom Kotchman, a member of the MLB Scouting Hall of Fame, is scheduled to speak at Chipola Baseball Alumni Dinner and Auction, set for Saturday, Feb. 7, at 6 p.m., at Citizen’s Lodge. Kotchman played at Chipola in the late 70’s. His son Casey Kotchman had a nine-year career in the big leagues playing beginning with Anaheim and ending in Miami in 2013. His daughter Christal played on the Chipola softball team. Visiting big-leaguers have donated thousands in memorabilia to support the Chipola program. Tickets for the Dinner/Auction are $100.

Coach Johnson, says, “We appreciate all the fans and former players who come out to support our program. These guys are so generous with their time and resources. It means a lot to our program.”

Baseball-Reference.Com has a complete list of all former Chipola players selected in the Major League Draft at www.baseball-reference.com/schools/index.cgi?key_school=2d5e45bb

Other alumni-only activities are scheduled throughout the weekend. For information about alumni happenings, email Nathan Marks at nathan@marksinsurance.com, visit www.chipola.edu or phone Brent Shelton at 850-272-0014.

Chipola to host Gulf Coast in Jan. 24 Conference Matchups

Chipola hosts Gulf Coast in a pair of Panhandle Conference games Saturday, Jan. 24, in the Johnson Center. The women tip off at 5:30 p.m., followed by the men at 7:30 p.m.

The Lady Indians improved to 4-1 in league play with a 71-41 win at Pensacola on Jan. 21. Leading scorer for Chipola was Sueterrica Key with 21 points. Rosemarie Julienne had 17 points. Evelyn Akhator had 14 points and 13 rebounds.

Chipola’s top-ranked women suffered their first misfire of the season with a 67-54 loss at Northwest on Jan. 17. Chipola led 30-25 at the half, but the Lady Raiders outscored Chipola 42-24 in the second half. Evelyn Akhator led Chipola with 15 points and 12 rebounds. Kendra Martin and Auteaonna Gilmore each scored 11 points.

The Indians scored a 64-58 win over Tallahassee on Jan. 13. Gilmore led Chipola with 19 points. Akhator had 17 points and 18 rebounds. Sueterrica Key had 14 points. Chipola scored a 75-67 win at Gulf Coast on Jan. 7.

The Lady Indians scored a 4-1 overall, 4-1 in conference play and number one in the FCSAA State Poll. Northwest (4-1) is second. TCC (3-2) is third. Gulf Coast (1-3) is sixth. Pensacola is 0-5. Chipola moved to third in the NJCAA National Poll after sitting at the top spot for two months. Hutchinson is first. Trinity Valley is second, and Northwest is fourth in the national poll.


In the Panhandle Conference race, Northwest (5-0) leads the league. Pensacola (3-2) is second. Tallahassee (2-3) is third. Gulf Coast is (1-3) and Chipola is (1-4).
Chipola auto instructor launches national tv show

Chipola Automotive instructor John Gardner is now nation-wide as the host of a new television show, “Tech Garage,” presented by Advance Auto Parts and airing Saturday and Sunday mornings on Discovery’s Velocity Channel.

Tech Garage is an automotive how-to show focusing on theory, operation and diagnostics of vehicle systems. The series airs at 8 a.m. (EST) on Saturdays, and replays the same time on Sundays. More than 52 million American households (45% of households with television) receive Velocity. The show is also available online at www.velocity.com.

The lineup of programs includes:

- Jan. 3-4, Keep It Simple: Battery, Alternators and Starters
- Jan. 10-11, Stopping Safe: Brakes and Wheels
- Jan. 24-25, Dreaded Dash Lights: Computer Sensors, Inputs & Outputs/TPMS
- Jan. 31-Feb. 1, Fuel Systems & Exhaust: Turbo and Supercharging
- Feb. 7-8, Highway Nightmares: Cooling/No Start Diagnosis
- Feb. 14-15, Driving Safe: Steering/Lighting/Wipers
- Feb. 21-22, Riding Comfortable: AC/Power Windows and Door Locks
- Feb. 28-March 1, Where’s the Engine: Engines/Emerging Technologies
- March 7-8, Undercarriage: Suspension/Drive Trains
- March 14-15, No Catastrophic Damage: Accessory Belts/Timing Belts/Hoses/Lines
- March 21-22, Stretching Fuel Dollars: Fuel and Emissions

Butch McCall Executive Vice President of Masters Entertainment Group led a crew that filmed the first 13 episodes in Chipola’s Automotive Technology Shop.

Chipola’s Gardner is no stranger to the camera. Since 2013, he and fellow automotive instructor Chase Vlieg, have been the national faces for Advance Auto Parts’ team member video training series used by thousands of employees.

The Chipola Automotive Technology program utilizes an industry-based curriculum in partnership with local shops, and an advisory committee to provide students with the competitive edge in the ever-changing, high-tech training environment. The program has excellent job placement rates and is accredited by The National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) and the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF). For information, visit www.velocity.com.

Chipola science students visit Caverns

Chipola environmental science students recently visited Florida Caverns State Park to observe the karst terrain of limestone ridge and cave with Billy Bailey, Park Specialist.

Elevation differences from swamps to bluffs created winter vista of leafless trees. The students learned to identify trees (Latin and common names), using park elevation and dendrology. A list of trees and vegetation identified, included: American Beach, Witch Hazel, Walnut, Bass or Linden Tree, Mockernut Hickory, Red and White Oaks, Red Mulberry, White Ash, Trillium, American Hophornbeam, Magnolia, Bamboo, Swamp Chestnut, Needle and Dwarf Palms, Spruce Pine, Red Cedar, Sweet Gum.

The history and importance of the trees was explained at intervals along the path. Two keystone species of Beech and Magnolia were recognized in the temperate hardwood forest; and healthy effects of prescribed fires were explained. Students also learned to distinguish among the trees using locations (low and highlands) and furrowing in the barks: diamond furrows of Ashes and Hickories; and linear furrows of Bass or Linden Trees. Other student trips to the Caverns are planned for later this semester.
Chipola will host the 25th Annual Throssell Literature/Language Festival on Friday, Feb. 13, 2015.

Juniors and seniors from high schools in the Chipola District will compete in writing, speech, oral interpretation, humanities, grammar, literature, reading and Spanish competitions. Recognition will be given to first, second, and third places and two honorable mentions in each competition. A monetary award will be given to the first place winner of the President’s Reading contest.

Chipola’s Rumors wins Superior

Chipola Theatre received a superior ranking for their November 2014 production of Neil Simon’s, “Rumors.” Theatre Director Charles Sirmon (center) receives congratulations from Dr. Sarah Clemmons, Senior Vice President (left) and Evelyn Ward, Director of Fine and Performing Arts. In the adjudication, one FCSAA production respondent said, “Director Sirmon’s production, overall form and execution was successful and felt much more professional than other colleges. The actors literally had the audience on the edge of their seats.” The respondent also said, “Chipola Technical Theatre Director Connie Smith’s set design was a true masterpiece in and of itself.” This is Sirmon’s 16th season at Chipola and he is currently in rehearsals for The Wizard of Oz which opens Feb. 25.

Supervisors of Elections Scholarship

The Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections offers three annual scholarships to juniors enrolled in colleges or universities in Florida. Application deadline is March 16. To be considered, students must have a college major in Political Science/Public or Business Administration or Journalism/Mass Communication.

Applicants must have been a Florida resident for two years, and be enrolled or accepted as a full-time student. Students must have completed two years of undergraduate work with at least a “C” average.

Applicants should demonstrate financial need by furnishing a financial statement which shows their contribution to educational expenses. No official documents are required; a simple statement of financial need is sufficient.

Students must be registered to vote and be available for personal interview by the Supervisor of Elections in the county of registration.

Applications must be received by the Supervisor of Elections in the County in which you are registered by March 16, 2015. Letters of recommendation must accompany application.

The application is available at www.myfloridaelections.org

Chipola Talent Search students visit FSU

Chipola Talent Search 11th graders sat spellbound as Mark Meleney, Assistant Director for Visitor Services, gave information about to Florida State University.

He stated that students normally take the ACT or SAT 4 or 5 times during the junior and senior year. He also said that FSU super scores these tests, which is great news for these aspiring students.

When asked about Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment he said FSU views this course work the same. He stressed the importance of keeping the grade point average as high as possible and encouraged being active in schools clubs and organizations as these are looked at strongly by admissions counselors.

Talent Search students toured the FSU campus and learned about the history of the college. Talent Search is a TRIO program funded by the federal government. Students are selected for the program by their teachers and counselors for exhibiting good character and good grades.

For information about Talent Search, visit www.chipola.edu/talent_search