Prepare now for Spring classes at Chipola

New students planning to enroll in Chipola College during the Spring 2014 semester are encouraged to make application before the college closes for the holidays on Dec. 11.

There are several steps to completing the application process: (1) complete the college Admission Application; call 718-2311 for assistance; (2) request a final high school transcript be sent to Chipola Admission and Records Office; and (3) take the College Placement Test; call 718-2284 for assistance.


Chipola offers Bachelor’s Degrees, the Associate in Arts Degree, the Associate in Science Degree and Workforce Development programs.

Bachelor’s Degrees include: Education majors in Middle and High School Math or Science, English Education, Exceptional Student Education and Elementary Education; Business Administration degree with concentrations in Management or Accounting; and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). Additionally, the college offers the Educator Preparation Institute, a Teacher Certification program for those with a B.S. in a non-teaching field.

The Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree is designed for students who plan to complete their first two years of college work and then transfer to a four-year program at Chipola or another college or university. Credits earned are transferable and are applicable toward a bachelor’s degree. Academic advising guides that outline requirements for specific majors are available from Student Affairs and are located on the college website at www.chipola.edu.

Several Associate in Science (AS) and Workforce programs are offered which provide training for high wage jobs. Workforce programs include: Automotive Service Technology, Firefighter, Law Enforcement Officer, Correctional Officer, Cosmetology, Nursing Assistant and Welding.

Associate in Science (AS) programs include: Business Administration, Early Childhood Education, Computer Information Technology, Fire Science Technology, Criminal Justice Technology (Crime Scene Track), Networking Systems Technology, Culinary Management, Nursing and Recreation Technology.

College Credit Certificate programs include: Child Care Center Management, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and Paramedic. Computer Information Technology certificates include: Geographic Information Systems, Help Desk Support Technician and IT Support Specialist. Network Systems Technology Certificates include: Digital Forensics, Network/Cyber Security, Network Support Technician and Server Administration.

The schedule of classes is available online at www.chipola.edu. For information, call 718-2211.
Chipola auto instructor to host National TV Show

Chipola College Automotive instructor John Gardner has signed on as the host of a new television show, “Tech Garage,” presented by Advance Auto Parts and airing on Discovery’s Velocity Channel beginning in January 2015.

Tom Gee Supervising Producer and Butch McCall Executive Vice President of Masters Entertainment Group will film the first 13 episodes in Chipola’s Automotive Technology Shop. Discovery and Advance Auto Parts executives will be on the Chipola campus Tuesday, Nov. 25, for a 10 a.m. Press Conference to announce the series.

Tech Garage is an automotive how-to show focusing on theory, operation and diagnostics of vehicle systems. The series will air beginning in January at 8 a.m. on Saturdays, and replay at 8 a.m. on Sundays.

Chipola’s John Gardner is no stranger to the camera. Since 2013, he and assistant 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).

The Chipola Automotive Program was named Florida’s Best Business and Education Partnership by the Bellwether Awards program, and was nominated for an Exemplary Practice Award by the Association of Florida Colleges. Chipola was a finalist for Tomorrow’s Technician magazine’s School of the Year, and runner-up for a 2012 Bellwether Award in Workforce Development. For information, visit www.velocity.com and www.chipola.edu

Firefighter courses set at Chipola

Chipola College will offer several Firefighting classes in early 2015. Firefighter I and II classes in day and evening formats.

Daytime Firefighter I and II classes will begin in February. Both classes will be offered Monday through Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Firefighter I will run Feb. 16 through March 26. Firefighter II will run March 30 through May 14. Orientation for Day classes is Jan. 13.

Evening classes for Firefighter I and II will meet Monday through Thursday, from 5 to 10 p.m. Firefighter I will run Feb. 16 through May 11. Firefighter II will run May 12 through July 29. Orientation for night classes is Jan. 20.

Cost is $1,800 each for Firefighter I or Firefighter II classes. Firefighter I price includes: 225 hour class, book, Drug and Background Test and (5) T-shirts. Firefighter II price includes: 225 hour class, Forestry S-130/180/L-190, use of SCBA and bunker gear.

Pre-requisite for both courses is First Responder (EMT or higher certification). A daytime First Responder class will meet Jan. 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. An evening First Responder class will meet Feb. 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11 and 12, from 5 to 10 p.m. Cost is $150. Some financial aid is available.

An Online Firefighter I course is set for Feb. 17 through April 28. Orientation will be held Jan. 27, at 5:30 p.m., in the Public Service Building. Cost is $400, which includes: tuition, use of SCBA, hazardous material class, structure burns, car burn, and use of all related equipment. Additional costs may include: tuition for First Responder ($50); Forestry classes S-130, S-190 L-180 ($50), and the book Essentials of Fire Fighting 6th Edition ($100). Students who have previously taken First Responder and Forestry classes will receive credit for these courses.

A Firefighter Skills Refresher class is Feb. 17 through April 28. Orientation will be held Jan. 27, at 5:30 p.m., in the Public Service Building. Cost is $100.

Other classes scheduled for early 2015 are: Firefighting Tactics and Strategy I (FSFC 206/FFP 1810); Building Construction for the Fire Service (FSFC 209/FFP 2740), Company Officer (FSFC 311/FFP 2120) and Forestry (S-130/S-190). For information, contact Martin Fowler at (850) 718-2483, e-mail www.fowlerm@chipola.edu or visit www.chipola.edu.
Chipola basketball teams to host 8 games in December

Chipola basketball fans will have the chance to see eight home games in December. Action begins Friday, Dec. 5, when the Indians host Santa Fe at 7 p.m., and Brunswick, Saturday, Dec. 6, at 3 p.m.

The Lady Indians host Georgia Highlands, Friday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m., and Eastern Florida State, Saturday, Dec. 13, at 4 p.m.

The Indians host Motlow State, Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 5 p.m., followed by the Lady Indians vs. ASA at 7 p.m.

The Lady Indians host East Georgia State, Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m., and South Georgia Tech, Thursday, Dec. 18, at 4 p.m.

The Lady Indians are number one in the FCSAA State Poll and fourth in the NJCAA National Poll.

The (5-0) Lady Indians scored a big 103-43 win over Central Georgia Tech on Oct. 31, and a 93-45 win over Denmark Tech on Nov. 1. Chipola also chalked up wins over Santa Fe (71-30), Georgia Perimeter (102-64) and Fort Benning (84-46).

Chipola sophomore Evelyn Akhator was last week’s NJCAA Region 8/FCSAA Women’s Basketball Player of the Week. She is averaging 24.4 points and 17.8 rebounds per game.

The Lady Indians are coming off the most successful season in school history with a 34-2 record, a third place finish in the national tournament and a state championship. The 2013-14 team also ran the table in the conference season finishing (12-0) to take the league title.

Head coach Greg Franklin is in his third year leading the Lady Indians with his team topping the State Poll and ranked fourth in the national poll. For information, visit www.chipola.edu

Regional Career Fair is a hit

Thousands of area high school students attended the Annual Regional Career Fair, Nov. 18, at Eastside Baptist Church in Marianna. The Fair is sponsored by Career Source Chipola, Florida Panhandle Technical College, Chipola College and the counties of Calhoun, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty, and Washington. The Career Fair provides opportunities for students to interact with representatives from different career fields to explore career and educational opportunities beyond high school. Here, a trio of Blountstown High students pose for a Chipola photo. More photos at: www.facebook.com/chipolacollege

Chipola will present A Holiday Festival featuring Chipola’s Music Ensembles, Thursday, December 11. The 7 p.m. show will be held in the main theatre of the Prough Center for the Arts.

This holiday musical extravaganza will feature Chipola’s Chorus, Community Chorus, President’s Ensemble, Rock and Jazz Band, Show Choir, First Baptist Church of Marianna Handbell Choir, Sneads First Methodist Church Handbell Choir, area dancers and more. Patrons will enjoy the sounds of the season in this holiday show with a variety of music for all ages.

Tickets—$10—may be purchased online at www.chipola.edu, and at the Center for the Arts Box Office, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, and one hour before the show. For ticket information, call 718-2420.
Chipola shines at State AFC Convention

Chipola was one of the most talked-about colleges at the 2014 Association of Florida Colleges Annual Convention in Destin.

Chipola garnered numerous honors, including chapter recognition, membership awards, and an Exemplary Practice Award.

The Chipola Chapter won a membership award for having one of the highest percentages of full time employees at Chipola as AFC members.

The college QEP plan was honored by the state as an exemplary practice in Institutional Effectiveness, Planning, and Professional Development. Gail Hartzog, Dean of Development and Planning presented the practice, “Learning to Persist: A Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) for Chipola College.” The Academic Center for Excellence (ACE Lab) also was recognized by the Florida College System’s Chancellor Office as an outstanding practice in the state of Florida.

Former president Dr. Gene Prough was awarded the highest honor the AFC bestows, the Honorary Life Membership Award. The award recognizes significant, long-term contributions to AFC and the state college system.

Alice Pendergrass, Executive Assistant to the Chipola President, was awarded a Region I Unsung Hero award for her contributions behind the scenes to the Chipola chapter.

Matt White, Director of Distributed Systems, presented a professional development session on Apple’s new iOS 8 technology. The session offered new ways to share content and outlined new connections available between apps and between devices.

Several employees will serve in state leadership roles next year. Alice Pendergrass will serve as Credentials Committee Chair. Matt White will serve as Region I Director. Both will sit on the state Board of Directors. Evelyn Ward also will serve as a member of the Credentials Committee. Also attending the conference were: Dr. Jason Hurst, Angie Tyler, Mary Helen Smith, Dr. Rachel West, Angie White, Brooke Mathis, Dr. Jim Froh, Joyce Traynomen and Janet Wise.

The Chipola music department performed at the Opening Session of the conference. The new President’s Ensemble entertained attendees with several numbers. They were joined by the Chorus in opening the session with the National Anthem. Both groups directed by vocal instructor Dale Heidebrecht.

AFC is a statewide organization open to all employees, retirees and trustees of the 28 colleges in the Florida College System. AFC provides professional development opportunities for its members, and represents the interests of community colleges before the Florida Legislature. The Association has nearly 9,000 individual employee and retiree members.