Trammell named Alumnus of the Year

Some people have accused Robert Trammell of waking up in the morning thinking about Chipola College – and going to bed at night with those same thoughts on his mind. Judging from the long list of contributions he has made to his alma mater, that indeed may be true.

Trammell said, “As a community college graduate, I brought a unique perspective to the legislature. I recognized the tremendous role that community colleges play in higher education.”

While serving in the Florida House of Representatives from 1987-1996, Trammell championed the important role of community colleges in Florida’s system of higher education. For his leadership, Florida’s Community Colleges formally recognized his contributions on their behalf.

He was particularly attuned to the needs of Chipola in rural Northwest Florida, taking the lead in securing $4.5 million for a Public Service Building, $3 million for a Literature/Language building and $500,000 for a Natural Science Building lab wing. He also spearheaded appropriations for renovating the old Chipola field house into a regional arts center, purchasing.

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Chipola Brain Bowl team is best in state and nation

The Chipola College Brain Bowl team won the Florida College System Activities Association Brain Bowl State Tournament for the fifth straight year and finished as the top two-year college in the National Academic Quiz Tournament Four-Year College Tournament for the second year in a row.

Chipola placed ninth overall in the 32-team NAQT field of the best teams in the USA and Canada.

Chipola also recorded the second highest finish by a two-year college in tournament history. Chipola was one of only six two-year colleges in the nation to qualify for the tournament and did so by going undefeated in the two-year college national tournament in February 2012 to win its second consecutive two-year college national championship.

Chipola’s 11-2 record, included impressive wins over teams from Carnegie Mellon, University of Chicago, Notre Dame, Maryland, Minnesota, and Toronto. Chipola’s only two losses in the tournament were to Harvard, the eventual champion, and Delaware.

Chipola’s Paul Kelson was the top scorer averaging 81.48 points per game.

Chipola won the FCSAA Brain Bowl State Tournament on March 24, 2012 finishing the tournament with a big 825-275 win over Valencia.

The state championship is Chipola’s fifth in a row tying Broward as the only other Florida team to win five straight state titles.

Paul Kelson was the Dave Ehler High Point Award winner in the tournament with 1145 points. Kelson was named to the All Star Team for the tournament along with Travis Bontrager (355 points).

Team members were Travis Bontrager, Paul Kelson, Annemarie Nichols, Caroline Peacock, and Adrian Carr. They are coached by mathematics professor Stan Young and volunteer assistant coach, Dr. Robert Dunkle.

Dunkle was selected by his fellow coaches to receive the Roger Raepple Coach of the Year award.

Brain Bowl team members pictured from left, are: Caroline Peacock, Paul Kelson, Travis Bontrager, Annemarie Nichols, and Adrian Carr.

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Indians celebrate Homecoming

Chipola celebrated Homecoming with a host of events culminating with the Homecoming games on Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012.

The Homecoming theme was “Fear the Spear”.

Ashton Williams of Marianna was crowned Chipola’s 2012 Homecoming Queen and Daunta Bell of Marianna was crowned 2012 Mr. Chipola.

Alexa Sanchez, Homecoming Queen 2011 and Cody Hughes, Mr. Chipola 2011 assisted in the coronation.

Members of the 2012 Homecoming Court were freshmen attendants Shicola Weston and Kaylee Toole; freshmen male attendants Charles (PJ) Buggs and John Whittington; sophomore attendants Lindsay West and Rachel Pelt; and sophomore male attendants Jonathan Carrell and Travis Bontrager.

The winners of the Talent Show competition were: 1st place – Leah Page, 2nd place – Elizabeth Mathis, 3rd place – Brett Floyd, Leah Page, Sierra Hill, Ashleigh Stowe and Josh Tetlow. Category winners included: Best Female Solo – Sierra Hill, Best Male Solo – Blake Collins and Best Band – Nick Ratzlaff, Travis Bontrager and Preston Skipper.

The Building Decoration Contest winners were first place Phi Beta Lambda; second place Black Student Union; and third place Cheerleaders.

An Alumni Reception hosted by Chipola President Dr. Gene Prough and his wife Priscilla, was held in the Appreciation Club Room. Alumni and friends enjoyed the event.

Homecoming Night began with an 75-51 Lady Indians loss to Gulf Coast’s Lady Commodores.

The Indians followed with a 67-47 victory over the Commodores to finish second in the Panhandle Conference and advance to the FCSAA State Tournament.

A life-size bronze statue of legendary Chipola College basketball coach Milton H. Johnson was unveiled during Chipola’s homecoming game on Saturday, Feb. 25.

Friends and former players raised the funds for the bronze likeness of Coach Johnson that will be erected at the entrance to the gymnasium that bears his name on the Chipola campus.


He was named Division Coach of the Year six times and Florida community college Coach of the Year four times.

Following Johnson’s death in 2009, many of his former players and friends expressed interest in finding a way to preserve his legacy. Former Chipola player Robert Trammell coordinated the project for the Chipola Appreciation Club. “The statue of Coach Johnson is being funded entirely by private donations,” Trammell said. “The donors wanted to recognize Coach Johnson for the contributions he made to their lives by establishing a lasting memorial to this great man.”

The bronze statue of Johnson was created by sculptor Bradley Cooley, of Lamont, Florida.

The inscription on the 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.”

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Through selfless leadership, personal involvement, and financial support to the college, Milton Johnson, W. A. Woodham and John Ratzlaff through the creation of endowed scholarships for deserving students. In addition, he made a major contribution to enhancement of Chipola’s instructional programs through support and endorsement of numerous successful grant applications.

A former Chipola basketball player, since his 1966 graduation Trammell arguably has been the college’s number-one cheerleader and athletics ambassador. He has served multiple terms as president of the Chipola Appreciation Club, taking the lead in raising hundreds of thousands of dollars to help the college’s basketball, baseball and softball teams travel to and compete in state and national tournaments. He helped found Chipola’s annual Wild Game Dinner and Quail Calculator events, which have funded an athletic endowment that exceeds $1 million.

His leadership in addressing Chipola’s facility needs ranks among his foremost contributions. As a teacher, college basketball coach, lawyer and legislator, he has influenced many young people to attend Chipola. By establishing and funding scholarships -- and by personally assisting students in need -- he has enabled many young people to receive college educations.

Among his recent endeavors was raising funds for a life-size bronze statue of legendary Chipola basketball coach, the late Milton H. Johnson. Dedicated in February 2012, the memorial to Coach Johnson will stand at the entrance to the gymnasium bearing his name on the college campus. Trammell notes that Johnson’s commitment to excellence epitomizes Chipola’s indomitable spirit of success.

Trammell is quick to credit the scores of Chipola alums and friends who have answered his calls for support — whether early in the morning or late at night. “By working together,” he said, “we’ve been able to accomplish a lot. When all is said and done … there is no greater cause.”

Chipola College President Dr. Gene Prough puts it this way: “Robert has a passion for Chipola. His vision for this institution is unmatched. No one works harder to make sure our strong traditions of excellence continue.”

Among Trammell’s fondest memories of his time at Chipola, was the day he met his wife, the former Kay Sellers of Campbellton, in a Chipola Humanities class. Their two children, Meredith and Doug, also attended Chipola. The Trammells have three grandchildren.

Ricky Polston Named Chief Justice of Florida

The Florida Supreme Court elected Ricky Polston — a man whose roots lie in the Panhandle town of Graceville and an alumnus of Chipola Junior College — to become the state’s 55th Chief Justice starting July 1, 2012.

Polston will become only the second Chief Justice from Jackson County and the first to come from west of the Apalachicola River since 1925.

“I am deeply honored by my colleagues’ vote,” said Polston, 56. “And I commit myself to be a faithful steward of this public trust, recognizing that I am a servant to the people of Florida, to the constitution, and to the laws of the land.”

Polston served as a Judge of the First District Court of Appeal from January 2001 until October 2008, when he left to join the Supreme Court. He received his law degree with high honors from Florida State University in 1986 and also attended FSU as an undergraduate.

With his wife Deborah Ehler Polston, he has been a vocal advocate for children’s causes, especially in promoting the adoption of children from the foster care system. He and his wife raised four children of their own before adopting a sibling set of six brothers.

Polston and his brother Lamar Polston, a retired insurance executive, addressed the Chipola Honors program in 2011.

Homecoming 2013
Saturday, February 9
Chipola vs. Tallahassee
Milton Johnson Health Center
Women play 5:30 p.m. • Alumni Reception 6 p.m. • Men play 7:30 p.m.
All times are CST.
Chipola College graduate (2012) Adriane Guettler of Chipley has been awarded a $20,000 from the Buick Achievers Scholarship Program.

Guettler plans to attend Florida State University as a Mechanical Engineering major. She hopes to pursue a doctorate in Mechanical Engineering to realize her dream of working in the automotive industry.

Guettler received the Chipola President’s Award for maintaining a perfect 4.0 GPA during her two years at Chipola. She also won the Calculus I award as the top student in all classes. She was valedictorian of Chipley High School for which she received a scholarship to Chipola. She also is a Florida Bright Futures Florida Academic Scholar.

During her time at Chipola, Guettler served as an officer in Phi Theta, Honors Club and the Student Government Association. She was a member of Mu Alpha Theta, Student Ambassadors and the Science Club.

Guettler is a certified academic tutor and works in the Chipola Academic Center for Excellence (ACE). Bonnie Smith, Director of the ACE, says, “Adriane is a great student and a great person. In addition to maintaining a perfect academic record, she has helped many students with their studies as a tutor in the ACE.” Smith, who works closely with Chipola’s top students, says Guettler’s $20,000 scholarship may be the largest ever awarded to a Chipola student.

Guettler is one of 100 national winners. The nearly $9 million scholarship program launched by Buick and the General Motors Foundation in 2011 rewards outstanding students who demonstrate excellence in the classroom and community.
Even in today’s failing economy, the Chipola College Foundation has been able to help a large number of students awarding over $627,380 for tuition and books for 940 students on scholarships administered by the foundation in 2011-12.

The Foundation, a nonprofit support organization for the college, provides a means for individuals, groups and businesses to make tax deductible contributions which can be used to support scholarships, staff development, library development, and the fine and performing arts.

Some Foundation scholarships are designated for specific majors; others are designated by county of residence or high school attended. Many scholarships are based on financial need and merit; some are based on merit alone.

The Foundation has current assets totaling almost $15 million. The majority of funds are secured in endowments with only the interest used to fund scholarships.

Former Chipola Foundation president Byron Ward, says, “The Foundation board members are proud that so many students are benefiting from the generosity of the many donors in our community.”

The extensive list of all scholarships offered through the Chipola Foundation for the 2013-2014 school year will be available in early March.

The Chipola Foundation welcomes tax-deductible contributions to existing funds and programs and the creation of new scholarships.

For information, call 850-718-2478.

The family of the late Tracy Williams Wierman has established a memorial scholarship in her honor. Wierman was a teacher at Golson Elementary School at the time of her death in 2011. Pictured from left, are: Tracy’s husband, Mike Wierman; her daughters Brooke and Ashlyn Wierman, and her mother Pat Williams and father Jim Williams.

Checks from the Chancellor

Randy Hanna, Chancellor of the Florida College System, recently presented checks to Chipola College on behalf of the Florida College System Foundation. Pictured from left, are: Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough; Chipola Foundation director Julie Fuqua; and Chancellor Randy Hanna. The donations included $1,668 for the Helios Education Foundation First Generation Scholarship and $3,778 for the Bank of America “Dream Makers” Scholarship. Recipients of both scholarships are attending Chipola this fall.

Chipola AFC Scholars

The Chipola College Chapter of the Association of Florida Colleges (AFC) recently awarded seven scholarships to children and grandchildren of college employees. Scholarship recipients are seated with their sponsors standing, from left: Courtney Massengill and father Rance Massengill, Coleton Barberree and grandmother Kim Collins, Ryan Smith and mother Bonnie Smith, John Whittington and grandfather Gene Prough, Sicily Sapp and mother Stacey Hinson. Not pictured are Bert Givens and father Steve Givens. Since 1993, AFC has awarded over $113,000 to more than 100 students through the AFC Scholarship Endowment. AFC members raise funds through concession sales at college sports events and with an annual silent auction.
Dr. Gina McAllister (left) was chosen by her peers as the recipient of the 2012 Kirkland Award for Excellence in Teaching at Chipola College. Here, she is congratulated by Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough.

McAllister wins Kirkland Award

Dr. Gina McAllister is the recipient of the 2012 Kirkland Award for Excellence in Teaching at Chipola College.

McAllister has worked at the college since 1998 and presently serves as a professor in Chipola’s Teacher Education program. She teaches a wide range of courses, including Introduction to Education, Educational Technology, Teaching Diverse Populations and ESOL—English to Speakers of other Languages.

Dr. McAllister was selected to represent the faculty on a college-wide Quality Enhancement Plan which is part of a re-accreditation program for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). She also has represented the faculty on a number of college committees including Staff and Program Development; Computing and Telecommunication; and Catalog and Class Schedule.

Dr. McAllister is a member of the American Educational Research Association. She also holds membership in four college organizations: Applauding Chipola Theatre; Association of Florida Colleges, Council of Chipola Educators and the Chipola Appreciation Club.

Dr. McAllister earned the Doctorate of Education and Education Specialist degrees from the University of West Florida. She holds a Master’s Degree in Education from Auburn University and a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Education from Troy State University.

She is a certified Microsoft Office User Specialist, and has completed Clinical Educator training necessary to supervise interns.

Prior to joining the Chipola faculty in 1998, she taught business courses at Daleville (AL) High School for six years.

The Kirkland Award was established by brothers, J.R. Kirkland and David Kirkland, in honor of their parents, Carolyn and the late Willis Kirkland of Marianna. The award provides $1,000 to the annual recipient.

Previous winners of the Kirkland Ward include current faculty Robert Ivey, Lee Shook, JoAnn Everett, Nancy Burns, Dr. Lou Cleveland, Dr. Rose Cavin, Dr. David Hilton, John Gardner, Stan Young, Geraldine DeFelix and Dr. Cherry Ward; faculty emeriti Mary McClendon, Dr. Stephen Shimmel, Dr. Bill Brievogel, Kathryn Roberts, Brenda Alford, Donald Holley, Paul Huang, Don Adams, Peggy Register, Charlene Lord and Lonnie Keene; and former instructors Jean Taylor and Dr. Robert Dunkle.

Wendy Pippen has been named Chipola College’s Career Employee of the Year for 2012.

Pippen serves as Human Resources Coordinator and has worked at the college since 2003. She says, “My first job in college was working with Karan Davis in the HR office at Chipola. As a result of that job, I went on to earn a college degree in HR.”

Pippen went on to graduate from Chipola and Florida State University and begin her career in Human Resources. She says, “I had a variety of HR jobs learning a lot along the way with each one, but when I was given the opportunity to return to Chipola and work with Karan, I jumped at the chance. Chipola is a great place to work and I hope to be a part of the college family for a very long time.”

Karan Davis, Associate Vice President of Human Resources, says “Wendy is a very deserving of this award. She is valuable employee to the college, and is professional and courteous in all her dealings with employees and job applicants.”

Pippen is an active member of Chipola’s chapter of the Association of Florida Colleges and the Career Employees Association.

She enjoys spending time with her family, husband Lawrence, and three children,Landrip Pippen (right) accepts the Career Employee of the Year award from Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough.

Wendy Pippen is Career Employee of the Year

The Employee of the Year award recognizes the exceptional work of Chipola’s career service employees. Candidates are nominated by fellow employees for exhibiting courtesy, motivation and professionalism. Annual winners receive a $1,000 bonus, reserved parking for a year, a one-year membership in AFC, and a $100 gift certificate from the college Book Store.
Retired English professor Donald W. Adams, 67, passed away on July 27, 2012, of complications of Parkinson’s disease. Adams taught at Chipola for 25 years until his retirement in 1999. He also served as sponsor of the award-winning Chijuco yearbook. Adams grew up in Graceville, and attended Chipola College and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Florida. He served in the United States Army and was an aide in Gen. Omar Bradley’s office. He received a master’s degree from UCLA and did additional graduate work at Florida State University. He is survived by his wife, Addie Fuller Adams.

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Dr. Hilton is a member of the Chipola Faculty Association and the Chipola Council of Educators. He developed the Conservation Biology course to provide students with academic knowledge to appreciate and preserve the natural environment.

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The Faculty/Administrator of the Year award provides a $1,000 bonus, and a $100 gift certificate from the College Book Store reserved parking for a year. The award is selected from among the monthly winners.

Dr. David Hilton (left) helps students identify biological samples on Chipola’s campus.

Hilton is Faculty Member of the Year

Chipola College Athletic Director Dr. Dale O’Daniel was honored by the Chipola Appreciation Club for his service to the college. O’Daniel retired from Chipola in May 2012. O’Daniel worked in the Florida Community College system for 45 years serving as a faculty member, dean, president and athletic director. Pictured here are Joc Calloway, assistant athletic director; Dr. Gene Prough, Chipola president, O’Daniel, and 2012 Appreciation Club president Colby Peel.

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Givens named Chipola athletic director

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Chipola opens new Center for the Arts

More than 300 people celebrated the opening of the new Chipola College Center for the Arts with a Ribbon-Cutting ceremony July 17, 2012.

Members of the Chipola District Board of Trustees cut the ribbon followed by a brief program and tours of the new $16 million facility.

The Center for the Arts is located on the north end of campus on Prough Drive off of River Forest Road. The 56,000 square foot Center features a main theater with a balcony and seating for 655 patrons. The most intriguing feature of the new complex is the black box, experimental theater designed for audiences of 100. The center also includes an art gallery, dance studio, reception area, dressing rooms, teaching spaces, a scene shop and costume shop. The main theater is equipped with state-of-the-art systems for rigging, sound, lighting and set construction to handle professional shows of all types.

Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough, said, “The new Center for the Arts is the largest building project in the history of the college. This will be a showplace for the performing arts for our students and the community.” Dr. Prough announced that a section in the theater will be named the David Coley Box in memory of the State Representative who first secured funding for the project.

A plaque was presented to David’s wife, Rep. Marti Coley.

College board of trustees chair Jan Page also announced that a section in the theater will be designated as the President’s Box in honor of college president Dr. Gene Prough’s efforts with the project.

Arts fans are invited to support the new Center through the Applause! fundraising campaign. Funds will support programming and educational opportunities for Chipola students and K-12 schoolchildren, as well as facility enhancements. The campaign features the “Be Seated” program for naming seats in the theater. The “Be a Star” program offers Gold, Silver and Bronze Stars in the lobby. The “Legacy” initiative offers opportunities for individuals or organizations to have part of the Center named for a person or group.

The new Center for the Arts will replace the 350-seat theater which was built in 1958.

The Fine and Performing Arts Department provides programming for an estimated 10,000 visitors per year including performances for thousands of area school children.

Dressing room to be named for Lee Shook

The men’s dressing room for the main theatre in the new Chipola Center for the Arts will forever be known as the “Lee Shook Men’s Dressing Room: BREAK A LEG!”

Thanks to his $10,000 legacy gift, Shook will forever have his name associated with the new 50,000 square-foot performing arts complex. Earlier this year, Shook, an accounting professor at the college, challenged Chipola employees to contribute to the Applause! campaign and he would match these contributions up to $10,000. Both current and former Chipola personnel did just that with a cumulative contribution of over $11,500.

Shook has a long history of philanthropy in the Chipola arts program and in the community. He has endowed the Lee Shook Theatre Scholarship that gives students an opportunity to study theatre at Chipola.

Dr. Daniel Powell, Associate Dean of Fine and Performing Arts, says, “Lee is well known in the community for his love for the arts. He has performed in seven Chipola Theatre productions and sang in the college Community Chorus. It is clear that Lee will leave a legacy at Chipola for generations of students and patrons alike.”

For information about how to leave a legacy in the arts, contact Dr. Daniel Powell at powelld@chipola.edu or (850) 718-2257.

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Highlighting the critical importance of improving student success in America’s community colleges, the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program has named Chipola College as one of the nation’s 120 top community colleges.

The Aspen Institute identified the 120 community colleges -- 10 percent of all institutions -- using a quantitative formula that assesses performance and improvement in four areas: graduation rates, degrees awarded, student retention rates, and equity in student outcomes. Colleges compete for the prestigious honor following a year-long research process into how well their students learn, complete degrees, and get jobs with competitive wages after graduating. A full list of the colleges is available at www.AspenCCPrize.org.

Chipola ranked in top 10 percent of community colleges

Some seven million students – youth and adult learners – enroll in America’s nearly 1,200 public and private community colleges every year. “The success of our nation’s community colleges is more important than ever before,” said Aspen Institute College Excellence Program Executive Director Josh Wyner. “At a time when a college degree is essential to entering the middle class, community colleges like Chipola offer the most promising path to education and employment for literally millions of Americans.”

“American employers have jobs open right now but lack enough skilled, educated workers to fill them,” according to John Engler, president of Business Roundtable, former Michigan Governor, and former president of the National Association of Manufacturers. “The job training programs at community colleges must play a central role in filling those gaps and preparing the American workforce.”

Alyssa Munns named Academic All American

Alyssa Munns of Chipley was named First Team All-Florida Academic Team and a 2012 Guistwhite Scholar. She was also named a Gold Member of Coca-Cola’s 2012 Community College Academic Team.

“To have a student named Academic All American is tremendous. When you consider that these students are ranked out of 11 million community college students, the magnitude of the honor is even more impressive,” states Pam Rentz, Phi Theta Kappa advisor.

Pictured here are Dr. Sarah Clemmons, Senior vice president of instruction; Munns, Dr. Gene Prough, Chipola president; and Rentz.

Automotive program wins exemplary practice

The Chipola College Automotive Technology program project was selected to receive an Exemplary Practice Award from the Association of Florida Colleges Occupational and Workforce Education Commission.

The project, “Time to Reinvent the Wheel,” was presented by John Gardner, Chipola Automotive instructor; Chase Vlieg, Automotive teaching assistant and Dr. Jason Hurst, Chipola vice-president of Baccalaureate and Occupational Education.

Dr. Hurst said, “We are extremely pleased to win this award. Chipola’s Auto Tech Program is one of the best in the country.”

Chipola’s program is centered on today’s students. Gardner says, “Today’s technologically savvy students grew up with computers, cell phones and video games. If we wanted a successful program in today’s ‘I want it now,’ society, our program had to evolve as well. We had to reinvent the wheel.”

Gardner said outdated training videos with slow animation were not holding the students’ attention. He formed a partnership with the entertainment industry to create a new, fast-paced “Infotainment” training system. Infobase Learning and Films Media Group agreed to work with Chipola, ACI and film experts Brenton Productions to produce an ASE Automotive Training Video Series.

The Chipola team created the first-ever ASE Certification series written by, and starring, two practicing automotive technology instructors with over 22 years of combined experience. Each segment contains: Hands on Demonstrations, Parts Identification, Theory of Operation, Professionalism Dialogue, Motivational Tips, ASE Preparation and ASE Style Questions. The no-fluff informative videos are 3-10 minutes each, and designed for use on internet-based programs or as stand-alone DVD’s.

Gardner says the impact of the DVD series has been nationwide. Automotive publishers Infobase Learning, Films on Demand, Goodheart-Willcox, Delmar, Cengage Learning and Pearson are currently developing their curricula with this system.

The program also was selected as a runner-up for a 2012 Bellwether Award.

Information on the DVD series is available at filmsmediagroup.com.
New coaches lead Chipola’s basketball programs

PATRICK BLAKE was introduced as the new men’s basketball coach at Chipola College during a press conference on April 23, 2012.

Blake served as Assistant Coach at Chipola during the 2011 and 2012 seasons. The Indians finished second in the Panhandle Conference this season and lost to Central Florida in the first round of the state tournament. In 2011, Chipola finished second in the State Tournament.

Coach Blake said, “I’m excited about the opportunity to lead the men’s basketball program. Chipola is one of the top programs in the country and I will work hard to make sure that our student-athletes represent the college at the highest level both on and off the court.”

Before Chipola, Blake served as a graduate assistant under Coach Andy Kennedy at the University of Mississippi. Blake graduated from the University of Louisville with a Bachelor of Science in Business Marketing. At Louisville, he was a student manager for Coach Rick Pitino for four years, serving as head manager for the last two. The Cardinals had great success during Blake’s four years with the program, winning the Conference USA title outright his freshman year and ending the season with a trip to the NCAA Final Four. The next three seasons would end with a run to his first NIT Final Four, a second round appearance and an Elite Eight Appearance in the NCAA Tournament.

Blake is a native of Evansville, Indiana, where his parents, Mike and Jenny Blake, still live today. He replaces former Chipola coach Jake Headrick who has accepted an assistant coaching position at Samford University in Birmingham. In three seasons, Headrick finished second in the State Tournament in 2011 and lost in the first round of the 2012 State Tournament.

GREG FRANKLIN was introduced as the new women’s basketball coach at Chipola College on May 1, 2012.

Franklin replaces Coach David Lane, who accepted an assistant coaching position at Drake University.

Coach Franklin comes to Chipola after serving five seasons as an assistant coach in the Mississippi State University women’s basketball program. He was instrumental in helping Mississippi State claim back-to-back year wins in the NCAA Tournament, including the program’s first Sweet 16 appearance.

Before Mississippi State, Franklin served in various positions at Southeastern Illinois College in Harrisburg, Illinois. He joined Southeastern in 1997 as assistant men’s basketball coach. He was named the head women’s coach prior to the start of the 2002-03 season, and also served as the school’s athletic director. As head women’s coach, Franklin put the SIC program on the national map. In five seasons at the helm, he posted a record of 154-25 and led the 2006-07 squad to a fourth-place finish in the NJCAA National Tournament and won the Region XXIV title. Southeastern was ranked first in the NJCAA national poll for nearly all of 2007. After the team’s 33-3 overall record and 16-0 conference mark, Franklin earned Conference, Region and District Coach of the Year honors, IBCA Illinois Junior College Coach of the Year honors for the fifth time and was named the Women’s Basketball Coaches Association Regional Coach of the Year for the fourth consecutive year.

During his time at Mississippi State and Southeastern Illinois, Franklin coached four players who were drafted by the WNBA, including Amber Holt, Chanel Mokongo, Armelie Lumanu and Alexis Rack.

Franklin is a native of Central City, Kentucky. He played college basketball at Austin Peay graduating in 1994 with a B.S. in health and physical education. He lettered for the Austin Peay in basketball from 1989-1993, earning all-OVC Valley Conference honors as a junior and senior and all-OVC Freshman Team honors and Co-Freshman of the Year honors during the 1989-1990 season. He finished his college career with 1,000+ points.
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Chipola Cross Country competes at nationals

The Chipola College women’s cross country team competed in the NJCAA Division I National Championship for the first time in school history on Nov. 10, 2012.

Coach Rance Massengill took five runners to the meet at Rend Lake College in Ina, Illinois. Nearly 300 runners participated in the 5,000 meter run which covers 3.1 miles.

The Chipola team was led by Natalya Miller, a freshman from Wewahitchka who finished 73rd in the National field of 295 runners. She holds the Chipola school record of 20:15 at the 5K distance. Miller was second overall in a field of 30 at the Darton College meet in October. She finished among the top 10 percent of runners at three meets this season.

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Chipola softball wins conference and advances

After winning the Panhandle Conference and topping the state poll for most of the season, the Chipola Lady Indians were eliminated from the FCSAA State Tournament by Tallahassee in a 5-4 extra innings game on April 28, 2012.

The Lady Indians eliminated Northwest Florida State from the tournament with a 7-3 win on April 28.

Chipola defeated Hillsborough 7-6 in the first round of the tournament on April 27, but lost to conference rival conference rival Gulf Coast 4-1 later. The Lady Indians finished the season with a league record of 12-4 and 48-12 overall.

Chipola Baseball wins conference

The Chipola Indians made it to the final four of the 2012 FCSAA State Tournament before falling to the eventual state champion Polk College. Along the way, the Indians scored a 3-1 win over Indian River and a 5-1 win over State College of Florida. Chipola was forced to the consolation bracket with an 11-3 loss to Palm Beach.

Chipola captured the Panhandle Conference title with an 8-0 shutout of Tallahassee on April 19. The Indians were 14-4 in league play heading into the final two-game series with Pensacola.

The Indians had several top pitchers heading in the state tournament including LJ Hollins with a 5-2 record and a 2.286 ERA. Austin Southall had a 6-3 record with a 2.495 ERA. Robby Coles, who signed with FSU, had a 9-0 record with a 2.957 ERA.

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In 16 seasons at the helm, Chipola coach Jeff Johnson has lead the Indians to the state tournament 12 times with seven appearances in the title game. Chipola won the state title in 2011, 2008 and 2007 and captured the school’s first-ever national tourney in 2007.

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Saturday, February 9
Chipola vs. Tallahassee
Milton Johnson Health Center
Women play 5:30 p.m.  Alumni Reception 6 p.m.
Men play 7:30 p.m.  Presentation of the court at halftime

Baseball Alumni Weekend
February 8 - 10
Two-time MLB Homerun Leader Jose Bautista of the Toronto Blue Jays will be in attendance along with dozens of former Chipola players. A Pro Baseball Autograph Session, Homerun Derby, Alumni Game and VIP Dinner are set for Saturday, Feb. 9. Country singer Billy Dean of Quincy is scheduled to perform during the weekend’s events.

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