

October 18, 2016

Chipola College
District Board of Trustees
3094 Indian Circle
Marianna, Florida 32446

Dear Board members:

I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President over the past two and a half years. Since being selected as Chipola College's President in April 2014, many milestones have been reached. We were able to accomplish many important goals and objectives with the help of our college's faculty, staff and students. Together we implemented a new enterprise resource and planning system (Jenzabar), learning management system (Canvas), new phone system, secured \$1.6 million to start a Welding program, secured \$1.8 million to start Civil Engineering & Engineering Technology programs, secured over \$5 million in PECO funds for campus infrastructure projects, renovated the Milton Johnson Center, dormitory, Lit/Lang building, tennis courts, swimming pool, north parking lot, and made numerous campus improvements with sidewalks, curbing, roads, and landscaping to just name a few.

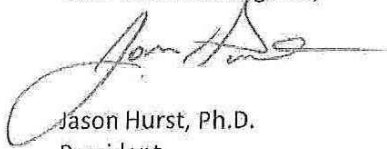
In addition, the college was recognized for 14 national rankings in academics with the most recent ranking coming from the U.S. News and World Report. Chipola was ranked as the 10th best 4 year public college or university in the South. We were also recognized for 5 national athletic finishes with two national championships. Our softball team won the 2015 national championship as well as our women's basketball team were the 2015 national champs.

My experience with Chipola College has been one that I will never forget. I have had the opportunity to work with some of the finest faculty and staff during my five year tenure as both President and Vice President.

It is with a heavy heart and much sadness that a decision has been made to resign as President of Chipola College effective December 1, 2016. In addition, I am requesting to be placed on administrative leave effective immediately. This is an incredibly difficult decision for me but I believe it is one that is in the best interest of the college but most importantly, my wife, children, and family's best interest.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you, our five county region, and our more than 3000 students. I am excited about what is next for me and my future. I am also hopeful that Chipola College will continue to thrive and build upon the many great initiatives currently ongoing.

With Warmest Regards,



Jason Hurst, Ph.D.
President
Chipola College