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Grant funds nursing initiative

A \$617,291 Community-Based Job Training Initiative grant to provide job training for health care workers will fund a Licensed Vocational Nurse to Registered Nurse program between Midland College and MC's Williams Regional Technical Training Center in Ft. Stockton. The grant was announced by the Department of Labor through the office of U.S. Congressman Mike Conaway. The three-year award will address workforce needs — particularly the nursing shortage. Distance videoconferencing will reach rural classrooms and sites simultaneously for the didactic portion of the curriculum. Multiple clinical sites for extensive practicum experiences will be utilized.

DAVIDSON

Distinguished Lecture Series

H.W. Brands - Historian & American Author

"History and the Imagination, or What Was Sam Houston Thinking?"

April 6, 2006, 7:30 p.m.



Ben Stein (third from left), economist, actor and writer, was the Davidson Distinguished Lecturer at Midland College on Sept. 22. A reception in his honor was hosted by **RBC Dain Rauscher-Kevin M. Blonkvist, Managing Director**. Blonkvist is pictured with son, **Chris**, and wife, **Emily**.



John Updike
American Author

"Wide Open Spaces"

September 14, 2006,
7:00 p.m.



Phyllis & Bob Cowan



Midland College Foundation Board member **Beverly Pevehouse** and the members of **The Academy of St. Martin in the Fields Chamber Ensemble**. The group performed at Midland College on Oct. 21.

Performing Arts Series



Ruthie Foster
Blues, Gospel & Folk Singer/
Songwriter
March 23,
2006,
7:00 p.m.

All events in the Lecture Series & the Performing Arts Series are FREE and open to the public. For information about obtaining FREE tickets, call (432) 685-4526. Or request tickets online, www.midland.edu/foundation.

National Philanthropy Day Event recognizes Spencer Beal & 'Students in Philanthropy'



Spencer Beal and the 2005-2006 Students in Philanthropy Club.

National Philanthropy Day, sponsored by the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), Permian Basin Chapter, recognizes and pays tribute to the contributions of philanthropists in the Permian Basin.

Foundation Board member Spencer Beal and the MC Students in

Philanthropy (SIP) Club were recognized at the Permian Basin's 12th annual National Philanthropy Day Luncheon on Nov. 17. Beal, who received the "Outstanding Volunteer Award," has served on the MC Foundation Board since 1984. While he served as **Foundation Board President from 1992-1996, the Chaparral Circle Endowment Fund drive raised \$6.1 million** — exceeding its \$5.75 million goal one and one-half years ahead of schedule. Beal has continued to lend his energy to other projects, including raising money for the **Nadine & Tom Craddick Residence Hall** at MC.

The ceremony also included the announcement

that SIP has been chosen by AFP to receive the **2006 William R. Simms Award for Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy**. The group will receive the national award at AFP's International Conference in Atlanta, GA, in April. SIP, founded by the Abell-Hanger Foundation and MC in 1997, educates, supports and promotes philanthropic leadership in the community. Through fund-raising and grant-making activities, supported with matching funds from the Abell-Hanger Foundation, **SIP has given \$146,963 in 132 grants to area non-profit agencies**. SIP received the Permian Basin AFP's "Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy Award" in 1999.

Midland College President **Dr. David E. Daniel** and Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Executive Director of the MC Foundation **Dr. Eileen Piwetz** also have been honored by the Permian Basin AFP with the "Outstanding Fundraiser Award" in past years.

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Donors & MC 'Family'

Two fall awards honor MC President Daniel for contributions at national and community level



With two awards this fall, Midland College President Dr. David E. Daniel has been recognized for his contributions at the national and the community level. In September, Dr. Daniel was named the **Outstanding Chief Executive Officer for the Western Region** at the annual conference of the **Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT)** in Seattle, WA. **"David Daniel is the foremost reason Midland College is as good as it is. His can-do attitude is so infectious it inspires other people to greater heights,"** said Neil Florer, President of the Midland College Board of Trustees.

On Nov. 3, surrounded by hundreds of friends and supporters, Dr. Daniel was given the **Boy Scouts of America, Buffalo Trail Council's "Distinguished Citizen Award."** David Smith, Executive Director of the Abell-Hanger Foundation, presented the award to Dr. Daniel. Smith spoke of Dr. Daniel's success at building partnerships that have benefited education at Midland College and the entire community. Kyle K. Peeler, President of the Buffalo Trail Council, represented the Boy Scouts at the event. The Distinguished Citizen Award is the highest honor given by the Buffalo Trail Council. **Under Dr. Daniel's leadership, Midland College has grown from 4,152 students in Fall 1991 to 6,281 enrollments in Spring 2005.** During his tenure at MC — which began Aug. 12, 1991 — more than **\$76 million from private and federal sources** has been raised to enhance MC programs and facilities.

'Can-Do Attitude'

Foundation member
Decker Dawson
named 'Top Pioneer'

Midland College Foundation Board member L. Decker Dawson, who founded Midland's



Dawson Geophysical 53 years ago, was honored as the **Top Pioneer** at the 2005 reunion of the **Permian Basin Petroleum Pioneers**, on Oct. 29 at the Petroleum Club. He founded Dawson Geophysical in 1952 and now serves as chairman of the board and chief executive officer.

Construction Update

Petroleum Professional Development Center:

Renovation will be completed in early 2006 (not a bond project) . . . **Pedestrian Safety Measures:** Concept drawings are being reviewed . . . **Allison Fine Arts Remodel:** current renovation is funded by the MC Foundation; however, some bond-funded improvements are underway and partially completed . . . **Davidson Family Health Science Expansion & Electronic Marquees:** Research is being conducted . . . **Warehouse:** A plan is ready to be presented to the Building Committee . . . **Instructional Building:** Preliminary schematic design has been presented to the Building Committee. The project is scheduled to begin in January 2006 . . . **Campus Drainage Improvements:** Construction is underway on the east side of campus . . . **Scharbauer Student Center Expansion and Remodel and Pevehouse Administration Building and Information Technology Remodel:** Planning is underway . . . **Cogdell Learning Center Remodel:** Scope of work has been defined with development planning ready to begin . . . **Technology Center Expansion, Helen L. Greathouse Child Care Expansion, Fasken Learning Resource Center Remodel, Physical Education Building Expansion, Fox Science Building-Phase 2, Residence Hall #4:** Plans are pending.

Donors *Make the difference*

Cogdell Learning Center, scholarships are the result of shared vision

In the early 1990s, **Midland businessman Bill Pace Cogdell** and **Midland College President Dr. David E. Daniel** had a shared vision for giving MC a presence in South Midland. As a “man of action,” Cogdell gave buildings and property on South Florida Street to MC. Before he died in 1997, Cogdell witnessed the success of the Cogdell Learning Center. **“I guarantee that he is delighted with what he sees because what you do makes a difference,”** Daniel said at a September ceremony that recognized 50 past and present recipients of the Bill Pace Cogdell Scholarships (BPCS). The **Cogdell Learning Center** provides GED, English-as-a-Second Language and continuing education courses as well as educational counseling. The **Business and Economic Development Center**, which is housed at Cogdell, provides small business counseling and services. **“You will see your dreams come true,”** Cogdell’s former administrative assistant **Carol Subia** told the BPCS recipients. She and attorney **John Gunter** administer the Cogdell Trust and award BPCS scholarships.



BPCS recipients **Kristen Atwood** and **Sheryl Potter** stand to the left of a portrait of **Bill Cogdell** with Trustee **Carol Subia** and Cogdell Learning Center Associate Director **Liz Zenteno** (right).



Lions Club members make yearly scholarship contribution

Midland College president **Dr. David E. Daniel** (third from left) accepts a \$1,000 scholarship check from **Marc Martin**, Secretary/Treasurer of the **Northside Lions Club**. Northside Lions Club Scholarship Chair **Mark Singh** (left) and club member **Richard Ervin** (right) look on. The organization makes an annual contribution to MC’s scholarship fund. In addition to this annual contribution, last spring club members donated \$1,000 to begin funding an endowed scholarship. Club members plan to continue funding yearly student scholarships and to contribute to the endowed scholarship fund for the next 10 years.



With the goal of ‘giving back,’ **Bosworth** makes sixth installment of \$100,000 pledge to the **Advanced Technology Center**

Corky Bosworth (left), owner of the **Bosworth Company**, is grateful for the training employees of his company have received at Midland College. Now, with the goal of “giving back,” Bosworth gave another \$10,000 to **MC’s Advanced Technology Center (ATC) Technology Upgrade Fund**. This is the sixth installment of Bosworth’s planned contribution of \$100,000 to the ATC, which is dedicated to providing state-of-the-art technology training to Permian Basin workers. Bosworth gave the check to **MC President Dr. David Daniel** (right) on Oct. 23.

Ongoing Support

Aircraft donation allows Aviation Maintenance to expand Ft. Stockton program



Ron Bulber (left) of **3 Star Aviation** stands with **Aviation Maintenance Technology** director **Dennis Givens**.

A single-engine, four-place **Piper Comanche PA 24-180** (left), donated by **3 Star Aviation from Lubbock**, will be used by **Aviation Maintenance Technology (AMT)** students at MC’s **Williams Regional Technical Training Center (WRTTC)** in Ft. Stockton, AMT program director **Dennis Givens** said. The AMT program has trained students for more than 10 years in a large hangar at Midland International Airport, and now the program has expanded to Ft. Stockton. The AMT program offers certificate options in: **Airframe Maintenance Technology;** **Powerplant Maintenance Technology;** and **Aerospace Manufacturing Technology.**

Donors *Make the difference*

Welder's gift of a fish breeder continues tradition of food, fellowship

To support the mission of the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Mike "Stubby" Arnold of Don-Nan Pump and Supply (and a member of MC's Advanced Technology Advisory Board), Jerry Cox of Multi-Shot Directional and a large group of local volunteers host the Permian Basin Oilman's Bass Invitational at Lake Ivie. Last year, Arnold and Cox asked students in MC's Welding Technology program to design and build a light-weight all-aluminum fish breeder to help with the fund-raiser. So, Welding instructor Dan Ledbetter enlisted student Jason Gonzales to design and build the fish breeder that helped Arnold and his cooking team raise \$115,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. To honor Gonzales and the Welding department for their contribution, Arnold and Cox presented certificates of appreciation to Gonzales, Ledbetter and MC President Dr. David E. Daniel. In September, Arnold, Cox and the entire volunteer team from the Permian Basin Oilman's Bass Invitational — with the fish breeder supplied by MC — provided and cooked the fish and fries for the first MC Hospitality Lunch of the year. The Hospitality Lunches are an on-going tradition at MC — bringing employees together for food and fellowship seven times a year.



Top: MC President Dr. David Daniel (second from left) and the volunteers from the Permian Basin Oilman's Bass Invitational. Above: Arnold and Cox with Ledbetter, Gonzales and the fish breeder.



In Memory of . . . *Margaret Rosson Farrell*

Margaret Rosson Farrell, who passed away October 25, was known for her irreverent sense of humor, her earnest enthusiasm for proper use of the English language and her love of Midland. In the newsletter of the *Curtiscene Lloyd Literary Society*, member Betty Sumner wrote about Mrs. Farrell before her death: "Margaret thinks that Midland College is one of Midland's greatest assets . . . and is amazed when she drives around the campus and sees the results of generous gifts from so many Midlanders. She has taken numerous courses at MC. A few of her favorites were — Art, World Religions, and Art History. She enjoys the Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series and the Cowan Performing Arts Series." Mrs. Farrell funded two MC scholarships: **The Margaret Farrell Art Scholarship** and the **Dr. Gregory Bartha Pre-Physician Assistant Scholarship**.

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Sherwood D. (S.D.) **Armstrong** passed away August 26 in Midland. In 1960, he opened **Armstrong Racquet Shop, and moved the shop to Midland College in 1985.** Armstrong continued stringing racquets five or six days a week until his death. He taught tennis lessons at Midland High School and the Midland College courts for more than 50 years. Armstrong strung more than 36,000 racquets for people, including John McEnroe, Billie Jean King and George W. Bush.

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Chapel watercolor by Warren Taylor

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In Memory of . . .



Dr. Patrick H. Cordero

Dr. Patrick H. Cordero passed away October 22 in Ft. Stockton. Dr. Cordero was a vital part of the Ft. Stockton community where he maintained a chiropractic practice. The family asked that memorials be sent to a scholarship established in his name at Midland College.

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