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Roadrunner Room renamed Carrasco Room

Dedication ceremony honors MC alumnus Dr. Arnulfo T. Carrasco

On December 7, the MC Board of Trustees hosted a dedication ceremony in which the

Roadrunner Room was re-named the Carrasco Room.

The ceremony recognized the \$100,000 contribution to the Midland College Foundation by MC alumnus Dr. Arnulfo Tarin Carrasco, pictured at right with MC

President David Daniel. This gift reflects the Carrasco family's commitment to education and their desire to give back to Midland College. As Dr. Carrasco said in his letter to Dr. Daniel, "I want to thank you for all that Midland College has done for the Carrasco family. Midland College helped us establish the foundation that allowed us to succeed in our educational and business endeavors."

The ceremony included a dedication of the room to Dr. Carrasco, with an unveiling of a plaque and portrait.

Leonardo and Eva Carrasco of Kermit, Texas entrusted Midland College to edu-

cate their ten children. Arturo, Arnulfo, Arnaldo, Arleen, Arcilia, Abel, Alfredo, Adam, Adrian and Arelia all attribute their career and business success to the foundation provided by Midland College. This legacy of learning that Leonardo and Eva Carrasco began continues for the Carrasco family, as several of their grandchildren are now attending, or have already graduated from MC.

Dr. Carrasco is a recognized authority in the field of pain management. He earned an Associate of Science in 1980 from Midland College and earned his Medical Degree in 1987 from the Texas Tech School of Medicine. He completed his residency in anesthesia, and fellowship in pain management, at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Cleveland, Ohio. Since 1991, Dr. Carrasco has been the owner and Medical Director of the Carrasco Pain Institute and Spa in San Antonio.

Dr. Carrasco has been a member of the Midland College Foundation Board since 2000. For the last 14 years, through the A.T. Carrasco Educational Foundation, he has awarded numerous scholarships to high school and college students in Texas.



MC President announces retirement

Midland College President Dr. David E. Daniel has announced his retirement effective when his replacement has been appointed.

He has served as president of MC since 1991, a period of 17 years. During that time, the College has grown physically and in student enrollment. In his announcement, Dr. Daniel voiced his appreciation to the Midland College Board of Trustees, the Midland College Foundation Board, and to the College employees.

A firm has been hired to conduct the search for the 4th president.



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Individual Development Account program launched in Midland



From left, Midland Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Alynda Best, Midland Community Development Corporation Executive Director David Diaz, BEDC Associate Director Betsy Seanard, Casa de Amigos Financial Literacy Site Coordinator Shawna Coleman, MC President David Daniel, Casa de Amigos Executive Director Lael Cordes-Pitts, City of Midland Community Development Administrator Sylvester Cantu, MC Community Services Director Alfredo Chaparro and Community National Bank Hispanic Initiatives Coordinator and Loan Officer Renee Rivera

Midland College Community Services Director Alfredo Chaparro and MC's Business and Economic Development Center (BEDC) Associate Director Betsy Seanard announced the launch of the first-ever Savings for Independence Individual Development Account (IDA) Program in the Permian Basin at a press conference on December 3. This program has been funded by a three-year, \$600,000 Hispanic Serving Institutions Assisting Communities (HSIAC) grant awarded to Midland College this fall by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

This major initiative will provide a matched savings account to participants for purchase of a first home or establishment of a small business.



Chap Center Renovation Fund reaches goal!

Since The Captain and Tennille first sang "Love Will Keep Us Together," on September 15, 1978, over 2,600 events have filled the Al G. Langford Chaparral Center with music, laughter, literature, cheers and tears, enriching our community with the finest cultural and athletic events. Whether it was to root for the Lady Chaps or listen to John Updike, over 3.6 million people have gathered at Chap Center!

But, this steadfast facility is 29 years old

and needs a "no-frills" renovation in order to continue to meet the needs of the community and the college. Renovation plans include installation of an elevator; addition of home team dressing rooms; remodel of the public restrooms to include a family restroom; plumbing upgrade; refinishing of the floor and additional storage. The fundraising efforts to raise the \$3.5 million needed for these improvements have earned \$3,279,362, with another \$385,350 pledged.

Legacy essay winners honored

Each semester, the Abell-Hanger Foundation sponsors an essay contest to honor students' community service and to let the students tell their stories of how community service has enriched their lives. Five of those students, pictured at right, received additional \$500 scholarships for essays written about that community service.

Since 1986, more than 8,000 students have received Midland's Legacy Scholarship, contributing more than



The Legacy Essay Contest winners, seated from left to right: Zachary Reynolds, David Yoxsimer, Kelsey Peck, Jeremy Quilimaco and Kyle Rawlins; Standing from left to right: Abell-Hanger Trustee Emeritus James I. Trott, Abell-Hanger Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer Herb Cartwright, Abell-Hanger President Arlen Edgar, MC President David Daniel, Abell-Hanger Executive Director David Smith and Abell-Hanger Trustee James C. Trott

260,000 volunteer hours at more than 90 nonprofit agencies, in return for their scholarship, which pays their tuition and fees. In 2003, the Helen Greathouse Charitable Trust became a funding partner, and the Chaparral Foundation joined the partnership in 2006.

Associate Degree Nursing Program honors founders with reception

Midland College's Health Sciences Division and the Student Nurses Association hosted a reception on Wednesday, December 12, honoring Dr. Celia Harris, Dr. Eileen Piwetz and Clara Usrey, the Associate Degree



Nursing (ADN) Program founders. The three honorees designed the perfect nursing program every day in their discussions as they carpooled back and forth from Odessa College where they were nursing instructors. They took their proposal

to Al G. Langford, then President of Midland College, and said, "You hire us. You give us a year. We'll give Midland College a first-class Associate Degree Nursing Program." He did. They did. And the first ADN class was admitted in 1982 and graduated in 1984.

The reception also paid tribute to Kay Floyd, Health

Sciences Division Secretary. Ms. Floyd has been a huge support to the nursing instructors and students, steadfast since the program began in 1982.



From left, Health Sciences Division Secretary Kay Floyd with A.D.N. program founders Clara Usrey, Eileen Piwetz and Celia Harris

The Associate Degree Nursing Program, one of MC's most valuable programs for the community, celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2007. Since its inception, 900 students have graduated from the ADN Program ready to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) for licensure as a registered nurse.

Photo by MC Director of Media Services on display at new Midland Visitor's Center



Right, Director of Media Services J. Don Wallace



Director of Media Services J. Don Wallace has done a wonderful job photographing our ever-growing campus and city. Recently, he took an excellent photograph of downtown Midland while doing an aerial photo shoot for the College. The photo was such a perfect, all-inclusive view of the tall city that it was chosen to grace the walls of the new George T. and Gladys Hanger Abell Old Rankin Highway Visitor's Center. Eight years in the making, the Visitor's Center was designed by architects at Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, and held its grand opening celebration on January 10. J. Don, pictured at left, stands next to his photograph of downtown Midland, which has been enlarged and mounted onto four consecutive wall panels to create an interesting flow as the viewer walks past.

Teaching Excellence winners honored

Two outstanding Midland College faculty members were recognized in an annual awards ceremony on Thursday, January 10. The Teaching Excellence Awards (TEA)—which honor a faculty member from the academic/transfer area and a faculty member from the occupational/technical area—are the most prestigious awards MC gives its faculty.

Katherine Allen, Professor of Speech, and Andree Rosen, Professor of Paralegal Studies, were chosen as the TEA winners for 2007. The faculty members were nominated and selected by their peers. The TEA carries with it a cash honorarium, an individual plaque and a permanent listing on a plaque displayed in the Pevehouse Administration Building. The winners also will receive National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) awards and attend the NISOD convention in May.

The other nominees for the Teaching Excellence Awards were Director of Health Information Technology Melinda Teel, Professor of Psychology Donna Thompson and Professor of Associate Degree Nursing Susan Jones.



Katherine Allen, left, and Andree Rosen

Michael Beschloss and Richard Norton Smith

DAVIDSON DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES



“Dialogue on the Presidency”

7:30 p.m.,
Thursday,
March 13, 2008

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Documentary Filmmaker Ken Burns returned to MC last fall in celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series. Burns drew almost 3,000 people to the Chaparral Center, including over 150 WWII veterans who received special recognition.



Ken Burns, center, with reception sponsors Emily and Kevin Blonkvist

Michael Beschloss, left, and Richard Norton Smith are nationally recognized historians. Both have done extensive research and published numerous works on the American presidency. They are major figures in the ongoing conversation regarding American diplomacy and the influence of the American presidency in domestic and foreign affairs.

Michael Beschloss is an award-winning historian and the author of eight books, including his most recent work, *Presidential Courage: Brave Leaders and How they Changed America, 1789 - 1989*.

Richard Norton Smith is a nationally recognized authority on the American presidency. He has written numerous books including, *Patriarch: George Washington and the New American Nation*.

Coming this fall to the Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series!
Thomas Cahill, author of *How the Irish Saved Civilization*
Thursday, October 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the Al G. Langford Chaparral Center

All events in the Lecture Series and 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 at www.midland.edu/foundation.

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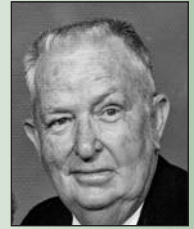
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AEROS, hailed by *The Washington Post* as “exceptional, jaw-dropping, applause-inducing stuff,” is a soaring evening of entertainment, capturing the thrill and power of world championship gymnastics, which merge athleticism into a breathtaking theatrical experience. Perhaps the first of its genre, this truly unique event presents medal-winning gymnasts in an innovative “mix of humor, eroticism, sculptural experimentation and hard-core muscularity,” exclaims *The Chicago Sun-Times*. Fueled by a pulsating original musical score, AEROS was created by world-renowned choreographers, Daniel Ezralow, David Parsons, and Moses Pendleton, in collaboration with STOMP creators Luke Cresswell and Steve McNicholas.

Due to spring break and Easter, Midland College offices will be closed March 17-24. The last day to order tickets by phone or online for AEROS is March 12. Tickets may be picked up on March 25 at the Midland College Foundation office in the Pevehouse Administration Building #141.

PHYLLIS & BOB COWAN PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

In Memory of . . . Glen Richardson



Glen Richardson, former MC chemistry instructor, passed away Saturday, September 29, 2007. He was born February 28, 1927 to David William Richardson and Margie Maye Branscum in Hamlin, Texas. After graduating from Hamlin High School, Glen went on to earn his bachelor's degree at Hardin Simmons University, master's degree at University of Texas at Austin, and continued his education at Texas A&M University. Glen proudly served in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1946. On June 24, 1950, he married the love of his life, Mary Arnett in Big Spring, Texas. He spent most of his career as a professor of Chemistry at Odessa College and Midland College. Glen was a 50-year member of the American Chemical Society. He was also a member of the Texas Junior College Teachers' Association.

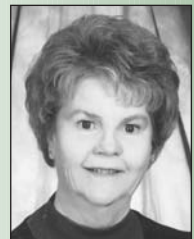
Glen was a member of the First Baptist Church of Midland. He taught chemistry at Midland College from 1985 to 2006. Glen's hobbies included farming and ranching, stained glass art, tutoring, and playing the piano.

Glen is survived by his wife, Mary, of Midland, TX; son, Paul Richardson, of Beaufort, SC; daughter, Jo Kelleher, of Baton Rouge, LA; and six grandchildren, Jennifer, Brian, Alan, Sam, Ben, and Nic.

Memorials may be made to the **Mary & Glen Richardson Memorial Scholarship** at Midland College.

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In Memory of . . . Clara King



Midland College lost a beloved friend on Monday, November 12, when Clara King passed away. Clara worked as a part-time accounting instructor at Midland College from 1973 to 1977 and became a full-time faculty member in 1983. In the spring of 1992, she became the Dean of Business Studies, a position she served in until June of 1997. Clara continued to teach accounting full-time from the fall of 1997 until her retirement on August 31, 2001. After retiring, she continued teaching part-time at Midland College, Odessa College and Lubbock Christian University.

Clara was born October 20, 1938 to John Malcolm Gillis and Mayme Virginia Beaver Gillis in Dumas, Texas. Clara graduated from Andrews High School, received a Bachelor of Science degree from Sam Houston State and a master's degree from UTPB. She was a certified CPA and worked as an accountant for a short time but ultimately preferred teaching.

Memorials may be directed to the **Chaparral Circle Endowment Fund** or to the **Clara King Accounting Scholarship** at Midland College.

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Mills family continues giving to MC

John and Frances Mills made a very generous donation on behalf of the entire Mills family to establish the **Mills Family Endowed Scholarship** and to continue funding

of the Vangie Lindsey Painting Scholarship and the Chaparral Center Renovation Fund.

“Midland is a unique and wonderful place and we are fortunate that we have been able to live, work and raise our children here. There are so many opportunities—cultural, charitable and civic—and so many who have worked tirelessly and financially toward them. Midland College is a leader and an integral part of all of these things that make Midland the city it has become. It is in honor of David Daniel, Eileen Piwetz, the staff and faculty at the college and so many who have given their time, talents and financial resources, that we and our children give this token of our appreciation.”

John and Frances Mills



Riddles give thanks to MC through generous gift



Ray and Jane Riddle came to Midland in 1974. Dr. Ray Riddle was a Minister at First Presbyterian Church and worked tirelessly with the congregation, visiting and working with young people. His wife, Jane, was also active in supporting the women and youth of their church. After retiring from his medical practice in 1984, Ray became a chaplain with Hospice of Midland.

Jane is a student of the arts who began her work with silver and gold at the Memphis Art Academy. MC art classes helped continue her development as an artist. She especially enjoyed the craft classes in weaving, pottery, batik and jewelry.

Ray and Jane attended many of the events held at MC and have given support to the institution in many ways. Their years in Midland afforded them friends and great memories to enjoy their retirement. This gift to the college is an expression of their appreciation for what the college has meant to this community.

Inspired by Burlington Resources, ConocoPhillips continues tradition of giving to MC



From left, Petroleum Professional Development Center Director Hoxie Smith, MC Vice President of Institutional Advancement Eileen Piwetz, and ConocoPhillips Mid-Continent Business Unit General Manager Barry Winstead

Together, ConocoPhillips and Burlington Resources have given \$217,000 to MC. Their latest gift of \$20,000 was directed to the Petroleum Professional Development Center (PPDC), whose Director, Hoxie Smith, responded, “MC’s Petroleum Professional Development Center sincerely appreciates this generous contribu-

tion from ConocoPhillips! The donation will allow MC to significantly expand its much needed computer training capability at the PPDC.”

Since its inception in 1997, the PPDC has seen enormous growth, serving 8,494 students in 592 classes and 86 workshops. The PPDC also utilizes its distance learning equipment to simulcast important industry conferences, and has created ongoing alliances with Hart Energy Conferences and New Mexico Junior College.

Helen Greathouse Charitable Trust hosts annual reception

In December, the Helen Greathouse Charitable Trust held its annual grant awards reception in which \$25,000 was given to MC’s Students in Philanthropy (SIP) club. The trust also awarded \$59,000 to the MC Foundation to fund Midland’s Legacy Scholarships, available to all Midland County high school graduates. These awards were presented by Dona Bradley, Vice

President and Trust Officer of Wells Fargo Bank. MC students Katie Scarmado and Tsvetelina Churalska were present at the reception on behalf of the SIP club. Since 1997, MC’s SIP club has awarded \$187,003 to area nonprofits.



From left, Vice President and Trust Officer of Wells Fargo Bank Dona Bradley, MC student Katie Scarmado, MC student Tsvetelina Churalska, and MC Vice President of Institutional Advancement Eileen Piwetz

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Dorothy Nissen Rea, a longtime resident of Midland, and a frequent contributor to the Midland College Dr. Gregory Bartha Health Sciences Scholarship, died in Denton, Texas, on November 5, 2007.



Mrs. Rea was born in Chicago on September 27, 1910.

She enjoyed a longstanding career in journalism and publishing. She and her husband, Dr. Brandon Rea, moved to Midland in 1949.

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Paul Eugene Hanna passed away at age 84 on December 4, 2007 under the care of Hospice at Midland Memorial Hospital. Paul was born on April 29, 1923 in Coffeyville, Kansas. His parents were Soloman Everett Hanna and Lourine Landsdown Hanna. He graduated from Coffeyville High School where he met and later married Paula Nadine Edmundson.

He graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1951 with a degree in Business Management. After graduation, he was employed by Phillips Petroleum Company in Bartlesville, Oklahoma in their Land Division. In 1956, he was transferred to Midland, and later, Odessa. He was elected President of the Permian Basin Land Association from 1969-1970. He retired from Phillips Petroleum in 1981 and later worked for Anadarko Petroleum Corporation until 1986.

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This project began in November. The underground utilities at the Helen Greathouse Children's Center are being installed. Demolition work in the Technology Center is nearing completion. The LRC and Technology Center Annex classroom remodel will begin at the end of the spring semester.