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MC Nursing instructor cares for people and animals north and south of the equator

Paula Callo has two back yards. One is behind her home in Midland, Texas. The other is just outside of Cuzco, Peru, in the Sacred Valley of the Incas, where her nine Peruvian Passo ponies roam along the Urambamba, a river which flows into the Amazon. It is said that the Peruvian Passo's gait is so smooth, the rider can read a newspaper on its back, or serve champagne from a tray, something Callo has done with friends on more than one occasion.

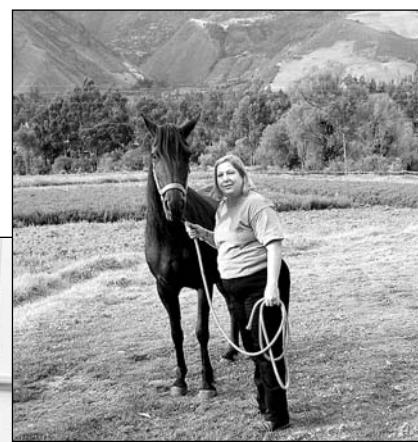
To say that Paula Callo loves animals is an understatement. Pictures of her ponies are joined by pictures of a baby Siberian tiger, a full-grown lioness, and all manner of flamingoes, the most prominent of which is Gertrude, a metal sculpture which stands a full three feet in her office. She also has her lucky flamingo-dotted surgical hat which she always wears in the operating room.

To say that she loves her students is an understatement. Every three minutes one of her LVN students peeks their head in her door—whether they are there for something as mundane as making a copy, or as complicated as an Obstetrics test question—they are given the same welcome, "Of course, honey, come in." Sometimes they are just stopping by to say hello because their feelings towards this MC Nursing Instructor are mutual, and they could use a good dose of the positive energy which emanates from her.

Her two lives north and south of the equator seem to complement each other nicely. In Peru she runs the Peru-American Medical Society with her husband, Dr. Guillermo Callo, and several other physicians who share their time and skills in providing medical services to the area's needy. Together they go on medical missions to perform operations with their mobile operating room, which runs on generators. They have performed safe, sterile operations on patients with cleft palates and punctured bladders. They have inoculated hundreds of children with the Measles-Mumps-Rubella vaccine. "These are people truly in need," Callo says, "they do not have a developed health care system."

She has been teaching in the LVN program at MC for two years, but has been a Registered Nurse for the past 34 years. She enjoys what she calls the "art of nursing," that personal touch where one life touches another. This happens in many ways for her as a nurse, whether it involves washing a patient's hair or lifting them from a bed into a wheelchair. It also happens in many ways as a teacher,

for Ms. Callo wants to impart all aspects of nursing to her students. One of her biggest joys was seeing a male nursing student in the nursery, feeding the newborns with care and confidence. She is explicit with her students, as well, taking the certification requirements for their field very seriously. "I make it *real* for my students, so they aren't afraid to learn. I teach them how to help a new mom, but I also teach them how to pass their board exams." And considering that the LVN graduating class from this past May has a 100% pass rate, Paula Callo's *art* is not just kind, but, clearly, very smart.



Paula Callo with her Peruvian Passo Cryolita



Ms. Callo assists LVN students Bolanle Popoola, left, and Chido M nangagwa with their Obstetrics exam questions



Ms. Callo and her husband Dr. Guillermo Callo enjoy a ride on Galano and Sombre along the banks of the Urambamba



Elizabeth Muñoz accepting her "Embracing Community Literacy" Award at the NCLR AmeriCorps conference

Seven MC AmeriCorps members chosen to attend national conference

Midland College and Midland Community Development Corporation (MCDC) partnered to send six AmeriCorps members to the National Council of La Raza (NCLR) conference and Líderes Summit in Miami, Florida in July. Those attending

included Terrell Burgoon, Severo Enriquez, Chrispina Muñoz, Elizabeth Muñoz, Eileen Parra, and Eliana Ramos. The AmeriCorps members were accompanied by AmeriCorps Coordinator Betsy Seanard and MCDC Director David Diaz.

At the conference, two Midland AmeriCorps members were honored with NCLR AmeriCorps awards. MC student Elizabeth Muñoz was awarded the Embracing Community Literacy Award; Severo Enriquez was awarded the "Con Ganas" Award; and Eliana Ramos participated in a conference panel presentation on civic engagement.

The Líderes Summit is a youth leadership component of the NCLR conference. Other highlights of the conference included leadership workshops and meetings with AmeriCorps members from around the country.

The Midland AmeriCorps program is a partnership of the Midland College Business and Economic Development Center (BEDC) and the Midland Community Development Corporation (MCDC). It is one of ten AmeriCorps programs sponsored by the National Council of La Raza (NCLR), of which MCDC is an affiliate.

MC GEAR UP member chosen to attend Youth Leadership Summit

Based on her academic achievements, leadership role in the community, and recommendations from teachers and counselors, Midland High School senior Sandy Tang was selected to attend the Youth Leadership Summit at the GEAR UP National Conference in San Francisco this past July.

During the Summit, Sandy had the opportunity to compare and contrast her experiences with students from a variety of other backgrounds, schools, and regions. Additionally, students participated in leadership development, team building, and brainstorming sessions, all the while working towards creating their summit report. The culmination of the Summit, and the highlight of the Annual GEAR UP Conference, was the presentation of the report to the conference attendees. For half an hour, the scholars were given the stage to voice their opinions and share their ideas. This year, Sandy spoke for her group, addressing around 1,200 conference attendees.



Sandy Tang, seated at front, center, at the GEAR UP National Conference in San Francisco

MC's GEAR UP is a federal grant program that is a cooperative partnership of the Department of Education, M.I.S.D., and Midland College. GEAR UP provides students with the tools, information, and motivation to ensure each student who participates in the program will not only graduate from high school, but will attend the college of their choice.

Register now for fall!

Registration for fall is available through **Campus Connect** at www.midland.edu

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Classes begin August 27!

Hahl Proctor Charitable Trust awards \$15,000 grant to MC's Automotive Technology program



President of MC Board of Trustees Ralph Way, right, accepts a \$15,000 grant from the Hahl Proctor Charitable Trust from Bank of America Senior VP John Peterson

A \$15,000 grant was awarded to MC's Automotive Technology program this past July from the **Hahl Proctor Charitable Trust**.

Since 1983, the Hahl Proctor Charitable Trust has supported MC's Automotive Technology, Welding, the Advanced Technology Center, Geotechnical Studies, the Fox Science Building and general scholarships with \$190,500.

Licensed Vocational Nursing program to honor graduates in pinning ceremony

MC will hold a pinning ceremony to honor the 35 students who recently completed the Licensed Vocational Nursing (LVN) program. The ceremony will be held at the Jack E. Brown Dining Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 15. The LVN students have completed a 12-month program leading to a certificate.

They are now qualified to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nursing (NCLEX-PN). Please call (432) 685-4601 for more information.

Briefly

Midland College Business Survival Skills Program set to start August 14

The Business Survival Skills Program was designed to help the budding entrepreneur with the many intimidating hurdles of starting a new business. The program consists of six courses which provide the entrepreneur with vital information concerning legal issues, preparing budgets, writing an effective business plan, improving negotiation skills, and much more. Classes meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., starting August 14, at the Advanced Technology Center, 3200 W. Cuthbert. Each course costs \$99, and scholarships are available. For more information contact Sara Lyons at (432) 681-6326.

Fitness this fall begins with Pilates and Yoga

The latest fitness classes will be offered through MC's Community Programs Continuing Education program this fall. Cardio Pilates Reformer, Power Pilates, Power Yoga and Restorative Yoga will all be starting September 4. To register for these and other personal enrichment classes, please call (432) 685-4518.

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