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The Licensed Vocational Nursing graduates from the August 15 pinning ceremony, listed below in alphabetical order

August 2007 L.V.N. graduates

Esmeralda Abalos	Jizelle Morales
Nicholas Balongag	Brandy Mullins
Sherry Baze	Justin Ncho
Crystal Epperson	Michelle Osborne
Ashley Fillmore	Nicole Osburn
Jacqueline Michelle Garcia	Omobolanle Popoola
Terry Halpain	Jessica Porras
Poksu Handley	Priscilla Rodriguez
Jason Harper	Sylvia Sena
Wendy Harper	Shannon Sims
Sandy Havercroft	Melissa Smock
Mark Howarth	Tammy Solley
Dawn Aldray Johnson	Morgan Stroud
Kelly Johnson	Gracy Subia
Kristin Kinzer	Paulina Tomlinson
Melanie Melendez	Leigh Ann Villarreal
Chido Emma Mngagawa	Amanda Walker

Program Administration

Becky Hammack, Ed.D, RN, Dean of Health Sciences Division
Dee Ann Decker, RN, MSN, Director of the Vocational Nursing Program
Assistant Director of the Associate Degree Nursing Program

Vocational Nursing Faculty

Ms. Monica Buchanon, RN, BSN	Ms. Paula Callo, RN, BS
Ms. Jeanette Frantz, RN, AAS	Ms. Lynn Mock, RN, BSN
Ms. Sherry Corbett, RN, BSN	Ms. Donna Hayes, RN, AAS
Ms. Kathy Khaki, RN, AAS	Ms. Sonya Morris, RN, AAS

Vocational Nursing graduates honored in pinning ceremony

Midland College held a pinning ceremony on August 15 to celebrate the accomplishments of the students who completed MC's Licensed Vocational Nursing (LVN) program. The ceremony was held at the Jack E. Brown Dining Hall at Midland College. 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), which in turn allows the individual to become licensed to practice as a vocational nurse. The curriculum prepares the graduate to work in an acute or long term care facility, nursing agency or physician's office. MC's LVN program had a 100 percent pass rate for the NCLEX-PN exam for the May 2007 graduating class.

Helen L. Greathouse Children's Center receives Texas Readiness Certification

Midland College's Helen L. Greathouse Children's Center (HLG-CC) has achieved the "Texas Readiness Certification: Ready for School, Ready for Life," awarded after two years of intense training in classroom curriculum and environments. Pre-K teachers Chernika Goodley and Lisa Shrauner completed courses and training to achieve this distinctive award.

"There are 450 early childhood Pre-K classrooms throughout Texas who received the honor, 34 of those were in the Permian Basin," said HLG-CC Director Rita Stotts.

The Texas Readiness program was developed by the State Center for Early Childhood Development at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston. It was developed and funded through the passing of Senate Bills 23 and 76. This project helps prepare and develop children, ages 4 and 5, not only for kindergarten, but for their entire education. The program includes assessment of their reading and social skills to ensure that they will be successful throughout their education.

Accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the center currently cares for 52 children, between 2 and 5 years old. The \$41.8 million bond which passed in 2005 provides for construction of a new children's center which will allow the Helen L. Greathouse Children's Center to double the number of children they serve.



From left: Pam Desparrois, Chernika Goodley, Elizabeth Shrauner, Lori Smith, and Kathy Martin

ESL & GED

Registration open for free English as a Second Language (ESL) classes

MC's free ESL program will register interested students at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. sessions starting Monday, August 27 at Casa de Amigos, 1101 E. Garden Lane. Registrants need to bring a picture I.D. and social security card. The last day to register is Thursday, August 30. Classes will begin September 4 and will be available at the MC campus and at Casa de Amigos.

Please call (432) 685-4566 for more information.

General Educational Development (GED) classes begin September 4

This fall MC will offer free GED preparation classes at three locations: MC campus, Casa de Amigos and MC's Advanced Technology Center. Registration and orientation for morning classes will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, September 4 - 6, from 9:00 a.m. - noon, at all three locations mentioned above. Students must attend all three days to complete the registration and orientation process. Registration and orientation for evening classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, September 4 and 6, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., at all three locations mentioned above. Students must attend both evenings to complete the registration and orientation process.

Please call (432) 685-4566 for more information.

Husband and wife to share Studio 3600 exhibit

Bob and Diane Newland have been avid photographers for many years. But it was in 2000, when they first started taking photography classes at MC with Photography Professor Kent Moss, that everything changed. "Studying black and white photography with Professor Moss opened up a whole new world for us," said Bob Newland.

Most of their early work consisted of nature and travel photographs. Since moving to Midland in 1976, the West Texas landscape has been added to the long list of their favorite subjects.

The couple considers their work a "shared personal experience." Of course they share their art with each other, but, also with the viewer. "We encourage viewers of our work to become involved in the content of the picture," the artists said.

Viewers will get a chance to share the artistic vision of the Newlands at the **Studio 3600** opening at McCormick Gallery on August 30. The Newlands will share the exhibit with Janet Whitman, who will be exhibiting her ceramics and landscape artist Laura Lynn Lewis who will be opening her exhibit, "West Texas Landscapes." **The exhibit will open with a reception, Art & Sandwiches at High Noon, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 30. Please call (432) 685-4770 for further information.**

The *Studio 3600* series began in 2006 as a way to spotlight selected works by MC art students in a solo setting.



Top: "Pine Canyon Campground" by Bob Newland
Bottom: "Williams Ranch House" by Diane Newland

BRIEFLY

MC's Cosmetology Department provides services to the community

The Midland Cosmetology Department provides services to the community at reduced prices. Hours for client services are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Wednesdays from noon to 5:00 p.m. Please contact Carolyn Sutton at 685-6721 or csutton@midland.edu for a list of services and to schedule an appointment.

MC offers 300-hour Massage Therapy program this fall

The MC Massage Therapy program is designed for individuals who wish to become licensed to practice Massage Therapy in the state of Texas. To be eligible for the program, which begins September 11, students must be registered by September 1, 2007.

The 300-hour course costs \$1,130. Please call (432) 681-6313 or 681-6354 to register.

Workforce Continuing Education offers NEW electrician exam prep course

The Workforce Continuing Education electrician exam prep course is open to those individuals preparing for their residential wireman, journeyman, or master electrician licensing exam. The course provides an in-depth review of the National Electrical Code and other information applicable to each license level. Residential wireman candidates receive 32 hours of instruction; journeymen candidates receive 40 hours of instruction; and, master candidates receive 48 hours of instruction. For course information, dates, times, fees, and registration, please visit our website at www.midland.edu/workforce or contact Sara at (432) 681-6326.

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