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AmeriCorps Midland hosts awards dinner

AmeriCorps Midland held their annual awards dinner August 27 to honor program members and community partners. Associate Director of the Midland College Business and Economic Development Center Betsy Seanard gave awards to Crispina Muñoz and Isai Gomez for being "Volunteers of the Year." Ms. Seanard also awarded "Tutor of the Year" to Yessenia Apodaca and acknowledged Midland Community Development Corporation (MCDC) Executive Director David Diaz for his organization's generous sponsorship of the program. MC's Community Services Director Alfredo Chaparro was also present to thank Ms. Seanard and her assistant, Megan Harrell, for all of their hard work in making MC's AmeriCorps Midland program such a success.

AmeriCorps provides educational and job skills development to its members via training that includes life and social skills, resume writing, interview techniques, job search assistance, educational options, leadership, community service, and civic engagement.

AmeriCorps is also committed to community strengthening by promoting volunteerism on national community service days.

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.

For further information about AmeriCorps, please call Betsy Seanard, (432) 684-4309.



Back row, from left: Associate Director of the Midland College Business and Economic Development Center Betsy Seanard, Severo Enriquez, Terry Rodriguez, Terrell Burgoon, Isai Gomez and Executive Director of the Midland Community Development Corporation David Diaz; Front row from left: Eileen Parra, Crispina Muñoz, Elizabeth Muñoz, Yessenia Apodaca and Reyes Parra

The Phyllis & Bob Cowan Performing Arts Series
and *Friends of the Series* present

The Ten Tenors *Australia's Musical Sensation*



7:00 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27
Al G. Langford Chaparral Center

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They're classical. They're pop. And they're a lot sexier than "The Three Tenors." Australia's most debonair musical export, **The Ten Tenors**, delivers a dynamic mix of vocal power — ranging from high-tone opera to jazz, to modern and classic pop — with a stylized flair that leaves audiences breathless. This "hip and happening" musical sensation has been melting hearts all over the world.

To kick-off last year's "Larger Than Life" tour, **The Ten Tenors** wowed Hollywood at the 57th Annual Emmy Awards Governor's Ball, then went on to draw packed houses and receive rave reviews in every city they performed. The *Sacramento Bee* proclaimed, "It was a joyous show." The *Green Bay Press Gazette* exclaimed, "The Ten Tenors provided marvelous moments, exciting sounds, cheers and standing ovations." San Diego's *Daily Transcript* raved, "The Ten Aussies deliver pleasing vocals, entertaining banter and a bit of eye candy."

College Classics begin September 24

College Classics are perhaps the most interesting of all Midland College classes to area senior citizens. The program, which was initiated in the spring of 1989, includes a series of courses designed especially for local residents who are 50 and older.

Classes are offered through a semi-annual registration fee of just \$25 semester. Payment of this fee entitles the student to enroll in as many classes as he or she chooses. For convenience, the classes are scheduled between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.. The fall semester consists of two four-week sessions. College Classics instructors are recruited from among the Midland College faculty, continuing education teachers and community volunteers. With their areas of expertise and years of experience, these teachers truly bring life to their subjects.

The first session begins September 24 and offers the following classes:

Restorative Yoga; Handwriting Analysis; Pilates Reformer; Basics of Investing; Yoga; Critics Guide to the Movies; Identity Theft and Fraud; Classic Greece; Astronomy and Computer Basics.

Please call MC's Department of Continuing Education to register, (432) 685-4518.

*Short Programs
Designed for People
Over Fifty*

Jewelry Designer Eric Vickery to teach new Art Metals I class

A new class, Art Metals I, will be offered this fall for students interested in jewelry design. The teacher, Eric Vickery, will be teaching the basic techniques of design, soldering, casting and construction in bronze, copper and silver. Students interested in registering should call (432) 685-4513.

Talent Search announces conclusion of program

The Talent Search program officially ended August 31, 2007 concluding a five-year grant cycle from the U. S. Department of Education. All Talent Search parents, middle school students, high school students and adult clients should have received notification by mail or by phone.

Talent Search Director Mechelle Jones extends the following message to all Talent Search participants: "It has been a pleasure working with Talent Search families and students of all ages. Since 2003, Talent Search welcomed over 2,300 students to the program. We wish you much continued success in the future toward high school completion, GED completion or enrollment in college. On behalf of the entire Midland College Talent Search team, Celestina Bascus, Toyia Zachery, Monica Valdez and Mechelle Jones, **thank you for allowing us to serve you.**"

Lunch-n-Learn series begins with "Assertiveness and Communication"

MC's Workforce Continuing Education introduces the **Lunch-n-Learn** series, designed to serve the business community with inexpensive, yet intensive training over the lunch hour. The first in the series, "Assertiveness and Communication" meets from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 6. The session explores what it means to be assertive and how you can assert yourself by improving your communication skills. The cost is \$10 and students are invited to bring their lunches. MC will provide drinks and dessert. For more information or to register, please call (432) 697-5863.

Workforce Continuing Education (WFCE) offers Basic Electricity

The Basic Electricity course offers in-depth instruction in basic wiring with an emphasis on installation methods for electrical systems and is open to anyone interested in learning more about electrical issues. The course meets Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., September 11 - October 18. The course fee is \$173 (\$178 for out of state attendees). For more information, please call (432) 697-5863.

WFCE offers Microsoft Vista class September 11

If you're planning on purchasing a new PC or laptop, you'll need to familiarize yourself with Microsoft Vista! In this one-day "Fastrack" course,

students will discover how to manage the desktop and how to organize and maintain files and folders using Microsoft's latest operating system. The course costs \$127 and meets 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 11. For more information please call (432) 697-5863.

MC's Continuing Education offers Beginning Bridge

If you can count to 13, you too can play bridge! The game generates excitement through shrewd thinking and creativity. It is also a highly social experience, offering a combination of meeting new friends and competition. You will learn how to evaluate hands, bid, keep score and more. This class costs \$50 and begins September 11 and runs through October 30, Tuesday evenings, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Please call (432) 685-4518 to register.

MC's Continuing Education offers Plant Collecting Class

Students will learn proper plant collecting and identification techniques utilized by botanists. Obtaining collection data as well as proper plant pressing and drying techniques will be emphasized. In addition, students will learn basic plant characteristics that are utilized in scientific identification. Finally, the neophyte botanist will learn the importance of herbaria and plant preservation techniques. This class costs \$35 and will be held on Monday evenings, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., starting September 17 and running through October 22. Please call (432) 685-4518 to register.

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