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C O M M U N I T Y S E R V I C E S

Asset Building Conference unites community leaders for economic initiatives

Woody Widrow, Executive Director of RAISE Texas (a state-wide asset building coalition) posed an important question at the Asset Building Conference held last Wednesday: "What would happen if every child in Midland had a savings account?" The answer, would build exponentially: Parents would practice the habit of saving; children would have a sense of power and accomplishment; schools would reinforce the message by teaching financial awareness; students would go on to college—because they had saved the money to do so—then pursue successful careers; the economy would benefit because its citizens were well-employed, contributing members to its betterment, and so on.

Describing asset building as "the politics of now," United Ways of Texas Senior Vice President Jason Sabo explained, "Today, we can touch the future." Considering that Midland is enjoying a boom economy—in contrast to the rest of the U.S.—Sabo suggested that we adopt a fierce sense of urgency. "We can and we must create an economy that benefits each and every member of society," Mr. Sabo said.

The conference was hosted by MC's Business and Economic Development Center and chaired by MC's Director of Community Services Alfredo Chaparro. In the final segment of the conference, awards were given to honor citizens for their service through asset building initiatives. Mayor Wes Perry presented awards to individuals and organizations in the following categories: Individual: Jose Cuevas; Nonprofit: Casa de Amigos; For profit: Community National Bank; Partnerships: VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance), Community National Bank and Casa de Amigos.



Presenters at the Asset Building Conference, from left, Woody Widrow, Dr. Walter Morris Baker, Josh Ammons, Maria Aguilar and Alfredo Chaparro



Mayor Wes Perry, left, presents the Asset Builder Award, Individual Category, to Jose Cuevas

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ConocoPhillips gives to Petroleum Professional Development Center



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From left, Petroleum Professional Development Center Hoxie Smith, MC President Dr. Steve Thomas, ConocoPhillips Assistant to the General Manager Jane Scheele and ConocoPhillips Operations Assistant Carla Horkey

Last Friday, ConocoPhillips gave another generous donation to Midland College. Their latest gift of \$15,000 will purchase three new workstations, and the accompanying furniture and desks for the PPDC computer lab. "It is corporations like ConocoPhillips that make our Petroleum Professional Development Center a one-of-a-kind hub for continuing education in the energy industry! We are very grateful for their support," said PPDC Director, Hoxie Smith.

ConocoPhillips acquired Burlington Resources in late 2005 and has continued their tradition of supporting Midland College. Together, ConocoPhillips and Burlington Resources have given \$231,860 to MC.

MC hosts Student Affairs conference

Midland College hosted a conference for the Texas Association of Chief Community College Student Affairs Administrators (TACCCSAA) on September 28 and 29. The two-day event included a President's Panel in which issues regarding retention, distance learning and student success were discussed. On Monday, there were numerous roundtable sessions at MC's Advanced Technology Center including: History and Definition of HSIs (Hispanic Serving Institutions); Opening Doors and Closing Gaps for Students of Color; the Community College Baccalaureate and Summer Bridge Programs.

"The goal of this conference is to enable Student Services Administrators from community colleges to come together, share and learn new ideas, and implement innovative and effective projects at our own colleges. We want to ensure that we are serving our students, to the best of our abilities, in a constantly changing environment," said MC Vice President of Student Services Rita Nell Diffie.

During the President's Panel, MC President Steve Thomas was emphatic on the issue of retention. "I think orientation should be mandatory," he said, "I want all of our students to have exposure to what it means to be a successful college student."

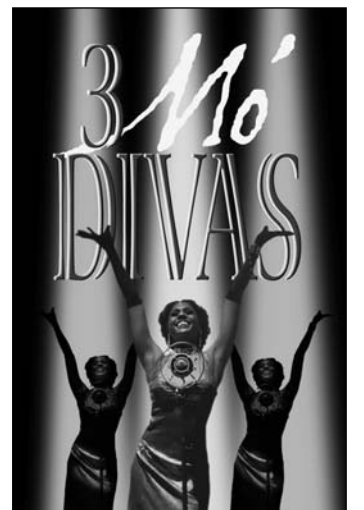


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The President's Panel, from left, New Mexico Junior College President Dr. Steve McCleery, Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks and MC President Dr. Steve Thomas

Coming soon!

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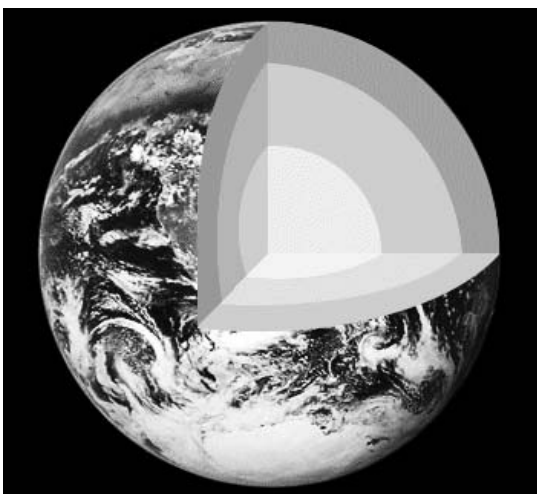


A New Concert Smashing Musical Barriers

October 21, 2008, 7:00 p.m.
Al G. Langford Chaparral Center

Call (432) 685-4526 for FREE tickets or visit us online at www.midland.edu/events

Earth Science



MC to host free Earth Science presentations

Earth Science Week is October 12 - 18 and Midland College is offering the following presentations, which are free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please call MC Assistant Professor of Geology Dr. Karen Waggoner at (432) 685-5580.

"Bore Hole Image Interpretation: A Geologist's Role in the Oil Patch"

7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 14
 Room 110 of the F. Marie Hall Academic Building
 Presentation by Jeremy D. Bader, Image Log Analyst/ Geologist with Halliburton Energy Services

"Geology of the Grand Canyon - A River Rat's Perspective"

7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 15
 Room 110 of the F. Marie Hall Academic Building
 Presentation by Hoxie Smith, MC's Petroleum Professional Development Center Director

Advanced Illustrator CS2 course meets October 13 & 15
 This course focuses on using Adobe Illustrator CS to transform objects, adjust typography, and convert master images to vector art, print composite proofs and color separations, and output artwork for the Web. The course costs \$139 and meets 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 13 and Wednesday, October 15 at the Midland College Advanced Technology Center (ATC), 3200 W. Cuthbert. Please visit us online at www.midland.edu/workforce or call (432) 681-6330.

Electrician License Update course set for October 11
 This Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation approved course satisfies the mandatory four hours of continuing education credit required by the State of Texas for electrical license renewal. Preregistration is required. Participants must bring a photo ID and their state-issued electrical license to class. Students are advised, but not required, to bring the NEC Codebook to class. All classes will be held at the ATC. Please visit us online at www.midland.edu/workforce or call (432) 681-6326.

bond update

Fox Science Building - Phase II
 Close-in is complete for all the building except the connectors. Interior framing and sheet rock are complete.
Murray Fasken Learning Resource Center (LRC)
 The LRC remodel, which began at the end of the spring semester, is almost complete. First-floor carpeting is finished, the books have been returned and the facility has now re-opened for students.
Physical Education Building
 The process of programming and design analysis is complete. The project is in the schematic design phase. Bid documents will be released soon. This project will be combined with the Scharbauer Student Center addition/remodel.

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