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

### *Bond funds new facility, set to open in 2009*

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The Helen L. Greathouse Children's Center (HLGC) and the Midland College Children's Center at Manor Park have both received the Texas School Readiness Certification for the second year in a row. The awards are given to early childhood programs who have established partnerships with the Texas Early Education Model (TEEM), the University of Texas Health Science Center-Houston, and Region 18 Educational Service Center.

This certification requires that teachers take 60 hours of additional training over the August - May school year, then implement that training at their respective children's centers. The awards are given to schools who have met all criteria for Kindergarten readiness, "... status based on characteristics of the classroom such as instructional approaches, as well as teacher professional development and the reading and social competence of the children once they entered Kindergarten." Midland College children's teachers who have successfully completed the extensive training program are Chernika Goodley, Tracy Roome, Tanya Primera, and Audrey Ramirez. Rita Stotts is the TEEM administrator for both centers.

This is great news for the teachers and children at the HLGC, an instructional facility where Midland College Associate Degree Nursing and Child Care and Development students receive much of their required clinical training.

The HLGC staff and children are preparing to move into their new facility on the MC campus, which is being funded by the 2005 bond. "We have grown so much and our waiting list is almost two-years long," said HLGC Assistant Director Tanya Primera. "We will be able to serve so many more children at the new center," she continued.

The HLGC is currently licensed to care for 52 children, a number which will grow to 152 once the new children's center opens. The new facility will not only be much larger and provide two outdoor recess areas, but also a much-needed infant room. "There is a shortage of infant care in Midland," said Tanya. The new facility will also provide separate rooms for two and three-year-olds, age levels that have a marked difference in development. "They are at a very different learning level," said Tanya, "three-year-olds can do activities and play at levels that two-year-olds cannot, so they need to be challenged at different levels."

Tanya knows first-hand about the quality of care at the HLGC since she had her oldest son, Casey, there while she was an MC student earning her Associate of Applied Science in Child Care and Development.

It's close to 5:00 p.m. and the children are heading home. "Bye, Tanya!" one boy says. Before he leaves, he runs into her office and gets a warm hug.



Left, as part of clinicals for her "Nursing Care of the Childbearing and Childrearing Family" class, A.D.N. student Tarshina Belcher cares for children at the HLGC; Above, Tanya Primera shows off the new cabinets in the three-year-olds' room at the new Helen L. Greathouse Children's Center, scheduled for opening in early 2009

Photos by Nancy Thorne

## "Get a Life!"

The Midland College Advanced Technology Center (ATC) will once again host the "Get a Life" Career Evening in partnership with the Midland Chamber of Commerce Education Committee and the Midland Independent School District. This year's event will be held on Wednesday, December 3, from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the ATC, 3200 W. Cuthbert. This is an opportunity for students in grades 7 - 12 to visit with business people and MC faculty to learn about careers and high school courses to prepare them for college. Free snacks and beverages will be served! Door prizes will also be awarded. Please call (432) 697-5863 for more information.

## Banquet honors scholarship recipients

Bank of America (BOA) has helped hundreds of college students statewide through the various trusts it administers. Lisa van der Zanden, BOA Trust Officer, A.V.P., chairs the BOA committee that administers the Hahl Proctor Charitable Trust and the Stinson Foundation. Also, BOA has designated Midland College to administer and award scholarships statewide through the Charles, Lela and Mary Slough Foundation.

At a dinner on November 3, four scholarships were awarded from the Hahl Proctor Charitable Trust to the following MC students: Chaan Wah Kam, Kelli Reavis, Jayeola Osinowo and Nana Yaa Yeboah. Seven Sue Stinson Scholarships were awarded to: Lourdes Alonzo, Lisa Harrison, Maria Cura, Jayeola Osinowo, Josh Dean, Nana Yaa Yeboah and Emily Garcia. The Slough Scholarship was awarded to 72 college students across Texas.



Photo by J. Don Wallace

Scholarship recipients with—from left, standing at front—MC Vice President of Institutional Advancement Dr. Eileen Piwetz, MC President Dr. Steve Thomas, Bank of America Market President Bob Elliott and Associate Vice President and Trust Officer Lisa van der Zanden

## Briefly

### Students can earn three credit hours over the holidays!

Online registration for the Winter Interim session begins November 17 at [www.midland.edu](http://www.midland.edu) using CampusConnect. Classes begin on December 15 and run through December 31. Students can earn three credit hours in this intensive, online session. Registration for Spring of 2009 begins on November 17 and walk-in registration begins on November 24. Please note: registration and all other student services have been relocated to the Allison Fine Arts Building, rooms 103 and 105. Please call (432) 685-4501 for more information.

### Intermediate Excel 2003 class offered

There are a just a few seats available in this final offering of Intermediate Excel 2003! If you are working in the 2003 version of Microsoft Excel and would like to build upon your basic skills, this course

can help. Learn to work with large worksheets, use 3-D formulas, customize toolbars and menus and apply special cell formatting. The course costs \$139 and meets 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 1 and Wednesday, December 3 at MC's Advanced Technology Center (ATC), 3200 W. Cuthbert. Details are available at [www.midland.edu/workforce](http://www.midland.edu/workforce) or by calling (432) 681-6330.

### Lunchtime Learning offers "Keeping Quality Employees" on December 2

Discover the secrets to employee retention and learn about incentives you can offer even if higher pay is not an option. The session costs \$29 and meets 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 2 at the ATC. Drinks and desserts are provided; please bring your lunch! Please register on our website, [www.midland.edu/workforce](http://www.midland.edu/workforce) or call (432) 681-6326.

## Holiday Evening!



### Thursday, December 4, 2008

5:15 - 6:45 p.m.

#### Frito Pie Chili Supper

Students in Philanthropy Fundraiser - \$4.00 a bowl  
 F. Marie Hall Academic Building - Amistad Atrium

#### Christmas at the Dollye Neal Chapel

Enjoy music by harpist, Megan Metheny, in a candle-lit setting filled with holiday cheer. Top it off with hot chocolate as you walk to the Hodge Carillon Tower Lighting.

Also, plan on seeing the special holiday decorations at Hall's Way.

6:45 p.m.

Lighting of the Hodge Carillon Tower and Carolling by MC Chap Singers

7:00 p.m.

Opening Reception for the Fall Student Art Show with a special performance by the Midland College Chamber Orchestra  
 McCormick Gallery — Allison Fine Arts Building (AFA)

7:20 - 8:45 p.m.

#### "Sounds of Christmas"

Presented by the Midland College Jazz Band and the MC Chap Singers  
 Wagner & Brown Auditorium in the AFA Building

The 14th Annual Midland College Student Art Hallway Sale

Art Wing — AFA Building

7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 4

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Friday, Dec. 5 and Saturday, Dec. 6



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