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MC wins top honors at HSIAC 10th Anniversary Conference

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Midland College was the most highly awarded grantee at the **1999-2009 Hispanic Serving Institutions Assisting Communities (HSIAC) 10th Anniversary Conference, "Historia - Presente - Futuro: Celebrating the Past - Embracing the Present - Strengthening the Future,"** held in San Juan, Puerto Rico from December 2 -5. MC placed in all three awards categories. First place was for the **Highest Cumulative Amount of Leveraging on HSIAC Projects, 1999 to 2009.** This award recognized one of the great strengths behind MC's fundraising. In the past 10 years, the college has consistently pursued public, private, federal, corporate and individual funds to match their grant requests.

The second award was given for **Winning Three HSIAC grants from HUD, 1999 to 2009.** These grants include: a \$400,000 grant awarded in 2000 for purchase of equipment for business and industry classes at the Advanced Technology Center; a \$600,000 grant awarded in 2003 for the Building Sciences Technology Initiative and expansion of services provided by the Business and Economic Development Center; and a \$600,000 grant awarded in 2007 to establish the first-ever Individual Development Account program in Midland. The third award was given for **Consistently Submitting HSIAC Reports to HUD on Time.**

Vice President of Institutional Advancement Dr. Eileen Piwetz and Director of Community Services Alfredo Chaparro both made presentations at the conference. Dr. Piwetz' presentation, **"HSIAC Grant: A Major Partner in a \$9.5 Million Project,"** concerned the funding of the Advanced Technology Center in 2000. In this fundraising effort, led by Dr. Piwetz, MC was able to bring in another 156 investors from the public, private, corporate and individual sectors to raise an additional \$9.4 million to supplement MC's first \$400,000 HSIAC grant! Mr. Chaparro's presentation, **"Midland College: Asset Building Efforts,"** highlighted his extensive experience in asset building, culminating recently in the first Asset Building Conference in the Permian Basin, which he chaired this past September.



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MC Vice President of Institutional Advancement Dr. Eileen Piwetz and MC Director of Community Services Alfredo Chaparro feature the awards from the HSIAC 10th Anniversary Conference

Newest MC Trustee visits with Upward Bound students



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From left, Upward Bound Director Veronica Valenzuela, Erica Maynez, Tana Villela, Jacklyn Pinal, Ruth Ochoa (leaning in front) Abbey Madrid, Brendon Wallace (at back), Omar Madrid and Midland College Trustee Larry Lawrence

He grew up in a three-room, "shotgun" house in Algiers, one of New Orleans' poorest wards, grateful for the rollaway bed he and his brother shared on the back porch every night. Things could have been much worse: in a house exactly like his, his cousin's family cared for 18 children. By the time he was 13, his father was dead. Larry Lawrence went to sleep at night with his ears ringing from the deafening noise he withstood at his factory job, one of the three he worked around the clock to help his family survive.

This former Upward Bound student and MC's newest Board member knows how hard it is to conjure up images of a bright future. He met with MC's Upward Bound students on December 6 to discuss just how important having a vision is, especially when one is living in difficult circumstances. "No matter what one's station is like, it can be changed," Mr. Lawrence said. Every painful experience was used by Larry Lawrence as a life lesson, something he used to propel himself to even higher ground. This excellent student and gifted athlete rose out of poverty—graduating Cum Laude from Dillard University—even when his perfect grades and extracurricular work actually put him at risk of violence from boys in rival wards. He lost his brother, his brother-in-law, and many friends to gunshot wounds.

The Upward Bound students were inspired by Mr. Lawrence—who is the Chief Financial Officer for Lynx Operating and President of his own company, Crescent Consulting—understanding how critical an education is to improving one's life. "Wow! He had a *really* hard childhood ... he deserves everything he has and now his kids won't have to go through what he went through," said Midland High tenth-grader Erica Maynez. "His talk gave us such a boost ... we want to be just like him!" Erica said.

Business Systems students celebrate program completion

Cosmetology students provide free makeovers for their foray into the working world!

Armed with business certification, computer savvy, interview skills and current resumes, MC's latest Business Systems graduates received the crowning touch from the MC Cosmetology students: head-to-toe makeovers! "In addition to assisting them with their professional presentation, this day of pampering is just such a treat for our students!" said Business Systems Professor Sylvia Brown. "It gives them so much confidence to put these finishing touches on their hard work in the classroom," she continued.

Director of Cosmetology Michael Fields is always looking for a way his students can "give back," but also gain hands-on experience with clients. The Business Systems students proved to be perfect clients for the Cosmetology students' talents with hair, makeup and manicures.

In addition to their makeovers the students received tips on wardrobe, then went and bought an outfit for their impending interviews. After their makeovers on December 5, the Cosmetology Department hosted a fashion show for them. KOSA reporter Stephanie Rivas joined the group to share her own story and give advice on professional presentation. Ms. Rivas also presided over the fashion show and interviewed the students about their career goals for a feature story on Channel 7 News.



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MC Business Systems graduates with Cosmetology students; MC Director of Cosmetology Michael Fields, kneeling at left, and MC Business Systems Professor Sylvia Brown, kneeling at far right

Registration for Winter Interim and Spring is in progress
 Walk-in registration for Winter Interim and Spring 2009 is underway! Please note: registration and all other student services have been relocated to the Allison Fine Arts Building, rooms 103 and 105. Online registration for the Spring 2009 session will continue through the holidays at www.midland.edu, using CampusConnect. Winter Interim begins December 15 and runs through December 31. The Spring 2009 semester begins on January 12. Please call (432) 685-4501 for more information.

MC to observe holiday hours for Christmas break
 Midland College closed on Friday, December 12, at 5:00 p.m. for the Christmas holiday and will remain closed through December 26. The college will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, December 29. MC will also close on Thursday, January 1, in observance of New Year's Day and re-open at 8:00 a.m., Friday, January 2.



What is Workforce Education?

The Midland College Workforce Continuing Education (WFCE) Department provides cutting edge career and technical skills development courses to businesses and individuals. Housed at MC's Advanced Technology Center (ATC), 3200 W. Cuthbert, WFCE serves students of all ages with a variety of business, computer and management needs.

Computer courses are available at every level: from beginners who are learning to use a mouse to experts building a website! Customized training courses can be tailored to the specific needs of businesses, whether employees need to sharpen their Excel skills or need training in customer service.

It's all at Workforce Continuing Education! This wonderful and affordable resource is right here in Midland, available to all, online or in the classroom. Please call (432) 697-5863 or visit our website at www.midland.edu/workforce for more information, including spring 2009 course listings.

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