About Mineral Area College Foundation, Inc.

In 1983, a group of civic-minded citizens recognized the value Mineral Area College brings to our community: educationally, culturally and economically. The vision of these individuals created Mineral Area College Foundation, Inc. as a fund-raising appendage for Mineral Area College. For three decades, the Foundation, a 501(C)3 not-for-profit corporation, has worked as a vehicle to enhance the college’s mission.

The Foundation’s mission is to advance, encourage, assist, promote and support the growth and development of Mineral Area College, its student body, faculty and administration. The activities and objectives of the Foundation shall include both ongoing and special projects and shall also include development and improvement of the college’s physical facilities.

Much of the Foundation's work has been quietly accomplished. The Foundation exemplifies a symbiotic relationship among alumni, business and friends of the college to enrich college programs as well as the quality of life in our local communities.

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The Cozean Family & Mineral Area College Foundation, Inc., welcome you to the Zelda Martin Cozean Lecture Series

Homeland Defense & Security: Questions Every American Should Contemplate

featuring former NORAD Director
Gen. Ralph E. “Ed” Eberhart
U.S. Air Force (Ret.) & President of AFBA

with an introduction by
Missouri National Guard Adjutant
Gen. King E. Sidwell

7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 4, 2008
Centene Center, Farmington
Gen. Ralph E. “Ed” Eberhart
U.S. Air Force (Ret.) & President of AFBA

Gen. Eberhart was the head of NORAD from 2000 to 2005. Eberhart entered the Air Force in 1968 as a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy. His staff experience includes serving as Executive Officer to the Air Force Chief of Staff at Headquarters U.S. Air Force; Deputy Chief of Staff for Inspection, Safety and Security, Headquarters Tactical Air Command; Director for Programs and Evaluation, Headquarters U.S. Air Force; Director of Force Structure, Resources and Assessment, the Joint Staff; and Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force. The General has also served as Vice Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force, Commander, Air Combat Command, Commander, Air Force Space Command, and as Commander in Chief, U.S. Space Command.

General Eberhart has commanded a flight, squadron, wing, numbered air force and two major commands, as well as one sub-unified command, two unified commands and one bi-national command.

While Commander of the 363rd Tactical Fighter Wing during Operation Desert Shield, the unit established the theater’s initial air-to-ground combat capability from a forward operating location. General Eberhart’s international awards include the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Sacred Treasure, presented while serving as the Commander of U.S. Forces, Japan, by the Emperor of Japan, as well as the French Legion of Honor.

A command pilot, General Eberhart has logged more than 5,000 hours, primarily in fighter and trainer aircraft, including 300 combat missions as a forward air controller in Vietnam.

Adj. Gen. King E. Sidwell
Missouri National Guard

Maj. Gen. King E. Sidwell was recalled from the Retired Reserve to become the Adjutant General of the Missouri National Guard, Jan. 2005.

Maj. Gen. Sidwell’s awards and citations include: Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Achievement Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster and 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (1 Silver Hourglass Device), Army Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon (Numerical 7), and the Bronze Order of the De Fleury Medal (the Army Engineer Association).


The Zelda Martin Cozean Lecture Series

The Zelda Martin Cozean Lecture Series is a memorial tribute to Zelda Martin Cozean, a longtime resident of the Mineral Area. Mrs. Cozean strongly advocated the need for education and community service.

The Zelda Martin Cozean Lecture Series is designed to bring prominent lecturers to Mineral Area College and provide a platform for social, political and economic debate.

Mr. and Mrs. Cozean were well-known advocates for education and community service. Mr. Hugo Cozean, born in Flat River, Mo., received his education in the Farmington School System, Flat River Junior College, University of Missouri-Columbia and the Hohenahr-Carpenter College of Embalming. He served as a member of the Farmington Board of Education for 30 years and a member of the Mineral Area College Board of Trustees for 11 years.

Mrs. Zelda Cozean was born in Quaker, Mo., and received her education in the Cape Girardeau schools. Before raising her family she taught school in Washington County. Mrs. Cozean took many courses at Flat River Junior College and encouraged other family members to attend with her. Her devotion to learning influenced her children to enjoy reading to gain knowledge in many areas. Mrs. Cozean excelled in drama and enjoyed writing and producing plays for her children when they were young.

In addition to helping her husband with the family funeral business, she was an active member of many community organizations including Nancy Weber Garden Club, Sarah Barton Murphy Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, John Forester Chapter of Daughters of the American Colonists, Rebekah Lodge Number 407, Eastern Star of Farmington, St. Francois County Cancer Society and United Methodist Church of Farmington. Hugo and Zelda Cozean instilled in their children a love for knowledge, as evidenced by their successful careers in the fields of medicine, business, education and media.

The lecture series is sponsored by Cozean family members: Dr. Charles H. Cozean, Jr., of Cape Girardeau, Mo.; Dr. Jon Cozean of Farmington, Mo.; Dr. Mary Cozean Alexander of Panama City, Fla.; Nancy Cozean Jacob of Poughkeepsie, N.Y.; Jodie Cozean Styron of Branson, Mo.; and the late Robin Cozean.

PROGRAM

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