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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Zelda Martin Cozean Lecture Series
Thursday, Nov. 11, 2004
Centene Center
Farmington
7:00 p.m.

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JIM TALET
Missouri Senator, U.S. Senate

Senator Jim Talent was elected to serve Missouri in the U.S. Senate in November 2002. Previously, Talent served eight years in the U.S. House of Representatives (1993-2001) and eight years in the Missouri House (1985-1992).

Talent is a member of four senate committees: the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee; the Senate Armed Services Committee; the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee; and the Senate Aging Committee.

Talent is the chairman of the Armed Services Seapower Subcommittee and the chairman of the Agriculture Committee’s Subcommittee on Marketing, Inspection, and Product Promotion. In addition, he is a member of President Bush’s Export Council and was selected to serve as a Deputy Whip.

He has received numerous awards and honors. Talent is the first male recipient of the National Association of Women Business Owners’ “National Public Policy” award. In addition, Talent was named “Legislator of the Year” by the Department of Missouri Veterans of Foreign Wars, the International Franchise Association and the Independent Electrical Contractors.

He’s been honored by the Seniors Coalition, the United Seniors Association and the Coalition to Save Medicare. In 2000, Talent received the Vietnam Veterans of America’s Lifetime Achievement Award; and he has been named a “Taxpayer Hero” by the Americans for Tax Reform, “Guardian of Senior’s Rights” by the 60 Plus Association and the “Friend of the Farmer” by the Missouri Farm Bureau.

Talent was born in 1956 and raised in Des Peres, Missouri. He graduated from Kirkwood High School in 1973 and attended Washington University in St. Louis, where he received the Arnold J. Lien Prize as the most outstanding undergraduate in political science. He graduated with honors from the University of Chicago Law School in 1981 and clerked for Judge Richard Posner of the United States Court of Appeals from 1982 through 1983.

Talent and his wife, Brenda, were married in 1984. He and Brenda have three children: Michael age 13, Kate age 11 and Chrissy age 8. The family lives in Chesterfield, Missouri.

PROGRAM
Welcome ............................................ Dennis E. McIntosh
Mineral Area College Foundation, Inc.

Opening Remarks ......................... Dr. Terry L. Barnes
President, Mineral Area College

Guest Lecturer ................................. Jim Talent
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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 Hohenshruth-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 their 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 Styrn of Branson, Mo.; and the late Robin Cozean.