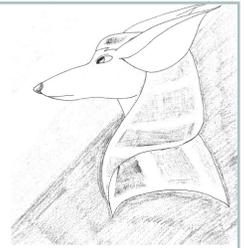


Mid-America College of Funeral Service

The Mortician's Apprentice



Volume 1, Issue 1
January 16, 2017

Setting Us Up for Success!

Randy Lankford, Lead Story Reporter

Upcoming Events:

- Groundhog day 2/2
- Valentines day - 2/14
- President's day 2/20
- ICCFA Training - 2/28, 3/1
- Open house 3/4
- 6th quarter finals 3/8 - 3/10
- 2nd and 4th quarter finals 3/15 - 3/17
- Comprehensive Exams 3/15 - 3/17
- St. Patrick's day 3/17
- Graduation rehearsal 3/23 at 10:30am
- Graduation 3/24



Inside this issue:

Setting up for Success	1
Special Projects	1
News from Around the	2
Faculty Spotlight	2
Message from our Presi-	3
Ask the Apprentice	3
Student Spotlight/Note	3

Great news for the students of Mid-America College, as once again our faculty and staff has set us up for complete success within the ranks of the students. Dr. Mitchell, as well as other staff members, have been working tirelessly this past week to help the Senior class members set up accounts and access the Moodle website. This website is designed to help the Seniors study for the comprehensive exams that they will be taking later in March 2017. Dr. Mitchell said that since implanting the Moodle site, the comprehensive scores have increased by 75 percent as compared to previous years when the program was not in place.

Moodle is a website that instructors may post various study materials such as class notes and PowerPoint presentations to help the seniors study for the comprehensive exams. This site also includes sample tests that allow students to take them over and over to test their knowledge of each of the classes that the students have taken through out the funeral service program.

The implementation of this program in conjunction with the Capstone review class proves that Dr. Mitchell and the staff of Mid-America College are dedicated to doing everything they can to help to prepare the students and set them up for success as they prepare to take the capstone review. The Moodle website is not a requirement; however, students are strongly encouraged by Dr. Mitchell and all staff to utilize this tool. Mrs. Gohmann states often, "Utilize this free gift it will only help you." As Mid-America is full force into this quarter now it is refreshing to realize that this school is willing to invest in their students to insure our success for these comprehensive exams.

A Note from Our Special Project Editor

Welcome to the Special Project section of our student newspaper. In this section we will feature artwork that is submitted by the fellow students and staff. We will also have a suggestion box for artwork that would like to be seen in the art sections. Artists and others who make suggestions will be given credit where credit is due. -Olivia Williams

Meet Your Apprentices

Senior Editor, Faculty Reporter: Sheridan Ojers
Lead Story Reporters: Randy Lankford, Greg Burton
Student Affairs Reporter: Jasmine Johnson
Funeral service reporter: Liz Olson

Ask the Apprentice: A rotating role
Upcoming Events Correspondent: Cody Hill
Special Projects Editor: Olivia Williams
Faculty Advisor: Amy Baxley

News from Around the Community

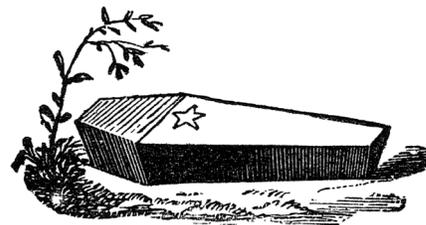
You may have heard of "The Walking Dead" or the term "Dead Man Walking" but you may want to take a seat when you learn about the new funeral craze sweeping across Puerto Rico. Marin Funeral Home located in San Juan has made a name for itself by offering a unique non-traditional visitation service and has coined the phrase "Dead Man Standing" or El Muerto Parao. Starting in 2008, Marin has had viewings of a man standing upright in his mother's home, a boxer posed standing in a boxing ring ready to fight, a very life-like motorcyclist, and many more including Fernando De Jesus Diaz Beato.

If you have not seen any pictures of Fernando's service, stop what you are doing right now and look him up. On 03/09/2016, 26 year old Fernando shocked those at his wake and the world by greeting them sitting upright, one leg leisurely crossed over the other, cigarette in hand and, here's the shocker folks, eyes wide open. The funeral home has been vocal about keeping their embalming process a secret which has created a stir amongst fellow funeral directors.

Although this conjures up many reactions ranging from shock and outrage to ridicule and references to the movie "Weekend At Bernie's" we must keep the family foremost in our minds. News clips, interviews, and articles all show the family members of the deceased genuinely expressing gratitude and awe with glowing reviews and praise for a job well done. El Muerto Parao has created a stir in the funeral industry but that might just be what the long sleeping art of morticians needs to stay alive. - Liz Olson, Funeral Service Reporter

Faculty Spotlight

Sheridan Ojers, Senior Editor



Mid-America would like to congratulate Mrs. Gohmann on receiving her Masters in Education as of December 28th, 2016. Teachers are required to receive their Masters degree within 5 years of working for Mid-America; and while Mrs. Gohmann says that this was her initial inspiration she soon came to love it. As said by Mrs. Gohmann "I have a deep love of learning"; something that every student at Mid- America learns from Mrs. Gohmann. Gohmann's thesis was on "project based learning in the online based classroom"; which she feels is very important as technology and online learning grows. Congratulations, Mrs. Gohmann! We are all so lucky to have a teacher as passionate as you are about learning, teaching, and guiding us through this portion of our lives!

Message from Our President and Upcoming Changes

As the Winter 2017 quarter begins Mid-America President Dr. Mitch Mitchell would like to welcome all the students back and to wish them the best of luck with their studies for this Winter quarter.

There is a very exciting change coming to Mid-America courtesy of the Senior class of Spring 2017. The student lounge will be getting a makeover to include a

new study area complete with couches, chairs, and even an area rug. These changes were inspired by Senior class President Cody Hill. Cody found his motivation in creating a new space for students by "wanting the students of the school to have a place where they could go that didn't feel like a cafeteria or library but more like home. The end goal for the student center is for people to stay at school

longer and be relaxed while getting homework and other task completed." Dr. Mitchell asks that the students police themselves and to respect this new space. We look forward to these changes that are soon to come so be sure to check the lounge area every so often for our new study area!

Sheridan Ojers,
Senior Editor

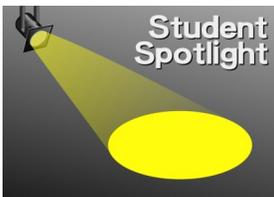


Ask the Apprentice

Each week the Apprentices here at Mid-America will be answering questions put forth by the students of Mid-America. These questions will be answered anonymously and can be asked by dropping the question into the boxes in the

library and/or student lounge. Please feel free to ask us questions about anything and everything as we are here to help! School problems? We got you covered! Work problems? We have the answers! Social life problems? We'll give it our best

shot! Ask the Apprentice and receive advice that comes from peers and someone in your same position.



Jasmine Johnson,
Student Affairs
Reporter

Chasity McClanahan is no ordinary General Education student here at Mid-America. Chasity has had not one but two family members attend Mid-America before her. Both her grandfather and her cousin are prior students for Mid-America. Chasity knew from the age of nine that she wanted to help people who were grieving, so here she is following in her family's footsteps to become a funeral director while also raising her four sons.

Note from Our Dean

Welcome to 2017. May this year be filled with all the good things that life has to offer including love, laughter, and peace.

MID-AMERICA COLLEGE OF FUNERAL SERVICE

The *Wilbert* Group

3111 Hamburg Pike
Jeffersonville, Indiana 47130
Phone: (812) 288-8878
Fax: (812) 288-5942

Mid-America College of Funeral Service is committed to responsiveness and timely service to our students.

Our college is open Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST.

We're on the web!

<http://www.mid-america.edu/>

The mission of Mid-America College of Funeral Service is to provide a contemporary education for those having chosen funeral service as their life's work that will enable the student to become a successful entry-level funeral service practitioner by:

- ◆ *inspiring in each student a desire to achieve proficiency and efficiency in the practical skills of embalming and restorative art, and*
- ◆ *preparing each student to become an effective funeral home manager or owner with acquired management skills firmly conceived in proven, successful business fundamentals, principles and practices, and*
- ◆ *promoting within each student a better understanding of the complexities and dynamics of grief, the ability to better anticipate the needs of those bereaved, and to more fully appreciate the role and central value of the funeral service practitioner as a caregiver in the community.*

This space available for YOU- advertisement, personal ads, etc. ask an Apprentice for more information and rates!!!

