

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 nearly two 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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Surviving Outside of the Fence

**Zelda Martin
Cozean
Lecture Series**

Tuesday, October 15, 2002
Mineral Area College
Community Center
7:00 p.m.

DR. KENT A. FARNSWORTH

President, Crowder College, Neosho, Missouri

Dr. Kent A. Farnsworth has served as president of Crowder College in Neosho, Mo., since 1985. He has more than 25 years experience in higher education administration, including service as Dean of Students with the Eastern Iowa Community College District and Director of Admissions at Truman State University in Kirksville, Mo. Before entering the education profession, he worked in production management for National Semiconductor Corporation in Santa Clara, CA, and spent five years as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force. In addition to his administrative responsibilities, Dr. Farnsworth teaches World Religions in the Social Sciences Division at Crowder College.

His academic background represents a diverse blending of both public and private education, beginning with high school years spent in a parochial school in Tehran, Iran. Dr. Farnsworth holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Brigham Young University, master's degrees in International Relations from California State University-Sacramento and in Guidance and Counseling from Truman State University, Kirksville, Mo. His Ph.D. in Mass Communication is from the University of Iowa.

Dr. Farnsworth has received both the National and Midwest Regional CEO Leadership Awards from the American Association of Community College Trustees, and the Distinguished Service Award from the Missouri Community College Association. He has served as

Chair of the Missouri Humanities Council Board of Directors and is active in the local Chamber of Commerce and civic organizations. In 1988, he was named one of "America's Transformational Leaders in Higher Education" by the League for Innovation, and was selected as the "Citizen of the Year" for the community of Neosho in 2000. He has served on the board of the American Association of Community Colleges and as Chair of the Presidents' and Chancellors' Advisory Committee to the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education.

Dr. Farnsworth's interests in international relations and comparative religion have taken him to all parts of the world. In addition to his teen years in Iran, he lived for several years in England during his undergraduate years. In 1987, he was a member of a solar car racing team that participated in the first World Solar Challenge, placing fifth in a run from Darwin to Adelaide across the outback of Australia. He spent the summer of 1994 as a Fulbright-Hays Fellow in Pakistan, and in 1996 was one of 13 educators awarded a Malone Fellowship for study in Saudi Arabia and Bahrain. He directed a student exchange group to South Central Russia in 1997 and in 2001 served as an advisor to the Government of Thailand, in its efforts to develop a community college system for the country.

He and his family live on a small farm outside the city of Neosho, Mo.

PROGRAM

Welcome	Dennis E. McIntosh Mineral Area College Foundation, Inc.
Opening Remarks	Dr. Terry L. Barnes President, Mineral Area College
Guest Lecturer	Dr. Kent A. Farnsworth President, Crowder College

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 the Mineral Area College campus and to 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 Hohensrhuuh-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.