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Midway College Announces a School of Pharmacy in Paintsville, Kentucky

Paintsville, Ky. — On January 11, 2010 Midway College announced that it will open the Midway College School of Pharmacy in Paintsville, Kentucky.

Speaker Greg Stumbo along with other legislators, local officials and Midway College administrators were on hand to make the announcement at Johnson Central High School in Paintsville.

Midway College Board of Trustees Chairman James J. O'Brien, Chairman and CEO of Ashland, Inc., made the announcement to a large audience who gathered to celebrate the news. "There are many things to celebrate at Midway College. This decade is the most transformational in the institution's history and we are committed to continuing this upward spiral of progress in the advancement of education. That is why we are assembled in Paintsville, Kentucky today to meet another need by opening a School of Pharmacy."

Midway College President Dr. William B. Drake, Jr. explained why the college was starting this particular initiative and more details of the project.

"Some will ask why Midway College? Why Paintsville? And why now? The answers to those questions are simple. First, it fits our College's mission and fits into the growth of our health curriculum. Second, this community is supportive of this type of project. They understand the value of education. And it is an incredibly attractive place to work, live and earn your professional degree. We say, why not Paintsville. And why now? Because there is a need for pharmacists all across the nation. Based on industry information there are approximately five applications for each opening at pharmacy schools in the U.S."

Drake also explained that Midway College's School of Pharmacy will be located temporarily on the Mayo Campus of Big Sandy Regional and Technical Center in Paintsville and then the College will establish a permanent campus in the future once a suitable location has been identified.

Other details of the project include:

- Midway College School of Pharmacy will offer a fully accredited Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree. The Pharm.D. is the single entry professional degree in the United States to become a pharmacist.
- The School will enroll up to 80 students per year; 320 students maximum when fully operational.



- The School will employ approximately 100 full and part-time faculty and staff members; many of the faculty will be recruited from outside of Kentucky due to the specialized nature of the pharmacy curriculum.
- January 2011 the school will begin accepting students for August 2011.
- The School's faculty salaries will be in the 75th percentile of pharmaceutical faculty salaries in the United States.
- Average annual tuition per student is \$31,000
- Dr. Lanny Foss has been hired as the founding dean of the Midway College School of Pharmacy. Dr. Foss has over 30 years of experience and has been working with Midway College since May 2009 on this initiative.

“We are so pleased to be a new member of the Paintsville community. As we have made visits and had discussions with local leaders it was obvious from day one that this was the right community for this project. This is a community that values education and is welcoming. We could not ask for a better partner”, said Drake.

“What an historic day for Southern and Eastern Kentucky,” said U.S. Representative Hal Rogers. “This project will bring a hundred good paying jobs to the region during a time of high unemployment rates. It also builds educational resources at home to continue the mission of providing quality opportunities so our best and brightest students don't have to leave Kentucky for professional degrees and careers.”

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About Midway College

Midway College, a multi-dimensional Baccalaureate and Master's Degree granting institution, was founded in 1847 as the first school in the United States to serve orphaned and disadvantaged students. Over the years Midway College has expanded its mission to serve students through its women's college, school for career development, online college, and graduate school.

In May 2009 the College graduated its largest class in the school's history, with more than 350 graduates. Midway College is currently ranked 13 out of the 32 public and private institutions in Kentucky as a provider of baccalaureate degrees. The College has a full-time faculty of 62 and an enrollment of 1,800 students. Accelerated degrees are offered in business, computer information systems, health care administration, homeland security, human resource management, nursing, sport management and teacher education. The graduate school offers an accelerated 20 month MBA program. Midway College currently offers courses at 14 locations throughout Kentucky and online. Midway College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.