Scholarship helps SPC student achieve dreams
Amanda Waters found her calling in a time of crisis. While visiting an accident victim, she noted the care that was given by the nursing staff. She was so impressed by the care and concern the patient received, that upon graduating from Sundown High School in June 2009, Waters decided to study nursing.

Because Waters was going to be paying her own way through school, she applied for a scholarship to attend South Plains College. She was awarded the SPC Founders Challenge Scholarship in fall 2009.

“It meant so much to me to receive the scholarship,” Waters said. “I pay my own bills because I don’t live with my parents anymore. So every little bit helps. Scholarships are the only way to go if you’re doing it by yourself.”

Waters is studying in the Associate Degree Nursing Program at SPC. She said the choice was easy because she was impressed by the strong reputation of the nursing program. Waters said South Plains College was the best choice for her educational pursuits.

“When I attended the scholarship banquet last year, I couldn’t believe how so many people support and care about their scholarship recipients,” Waters said. “They want us to succeed. And I say that every time I talk to high school juniors and seniors. I urge them to come to South Plains College and get apply for scholarships.”

Waters said the scholarship motivates her to keep up her grades and helps her afford her education. Since arriving at SPC, she said the school has helped her transition from high school. Waters said she likes the small class size and the fact that the instructors make time for their students.

“I don’t think I would have been happy at a bigger school,” Waters said. “There were 37 students in my graduating class, and I wouldn’t want to be in a class with that many students at a time. Everyone here is so friendly and nice. So I know I made the right choice.”

Waters said that after graduating, she will pursue a career working with disabled patients in a small town. She said she likes living in a small town. She said she wants to know her neighbors.

“I want to become that person that everyone turns to and trusts as a nursing professional,” she said. The scholarships for students at South Plains College are generated through the Annual Scholarship Gala. The gala is slated for 6 p.m. Feb. 28 at the Physical Education Complex on the Levelland campus.
SPC to host debate for District 83 Republican candidates

The South Plains College Student Government Association will host a debate at 7 p.m. Feb. 23 in the Sundown Room.

Republican candidates Zach Brady, incumbent Delwin Jones and Charles Perry all vying for Texas State House of Representatives District 83 will participate in the debate.

“We are trying to generate questions from the student body of SPC,” said Stan Weatherred, director of Student Activities.

Weatherred said that members of the Student Government Association will be dispersed across campus canvassing students for questions for the candidates. He also will send an email to faculty and staff members to gather questions. The questions then will be presented to a panel to select the best ones to use during the debate.

The format for the hour-long debate will include opening and closing statements. Additionally, the candidates will respond to a series of questions.

MEMORABLE TREASURES – South Plains College representatives review items that will be showcased during the live and silent auctions at the 12th Annual Scholarship Gala slated for 6 p.m. Saturday (Feb. 27) in the Physical Education Complex. The auctions will feature items such as the official Wrangler National Finals Rodeo jackets, Olivia Reigel frame, a Paul Wylie Bronze, the Lynn Haney Santa Claus, a Waterford Crystal Bowl, a dichroic cross crafted by Allison Black, assistant professor of art; a Tony Dorsett autographed football, Texas Gold No. 3 portrait by photographer Wes Underwood and a 1999 U.S. Open Chad Campbell autographed hat. Shown are members of the Advancement Office Staff, from left, Lola Hernandez, scholarship coordinator; Lisa Eddins, secretary; Robyn Reaves, secretary; Judy Bryant, chairperson of the Physical Education Department and auction committee chairperson; and Russell Hall, director of Development. Not shown are Lissa Sharp, instructor in Speech Communications; Jana Worley and Ricky Neal, auction committee members. The SPC faculty and staff were instrumental in gathering items for the auctions. (SPC Photo/Wes Underwood)
SPC to host Black History Month Banquet Thursday (Feb. 25)
South Plains College’s Multicultural/Diversity Office and Black Student Organization will host the African American Banquet – Holding on To The Dream at 6:30 p.m. Thursday (Feb. 25) in the Sundown Room.

Admission is free and the public is invited to attend. The program starts at 7 p.m.

The Spirit of MLK award recipients, Willie Jones and Darrell Grimes, will be honored during the event.

Jones is a Levelland businessman and owner of the Monarch Marble & Granite. He also serves as the president of the Juneteenth Committee. Grimes is the vice president of Academic Affairs at SPC.

The evening will feature poetry reading, monologues and music. Historian and storyteller Eric Emerson Strong will deliver the keynote address.

“This annual celebration is a way to remember the legacy of Dr. King as well as an opportunity to recognize the contributions of people in the community who exemplify the spirit of MLK,” said Maria Lopez-Strong, Diversity Coordinator for SPC.

For more information, call Helen Daniels, BSO adviser, at 806-897-5244.

SPC Theatre to present ‘Macbeth’ March 4-7
The South Plains College Theatre Department will present “Macbeth” at 7:30 p.m. and a matinee performance at 2 p.m. on March 7 in the Helen DeVitt Jones Theatre for the Fine Arts.

Tickets cost $7 for adults and $5 for SPC family and students. Parents are cautioned that Macbeth contains violent imagery and may not be suitable for children under the age of 13. The play will feature fog effects, loud noises and harsh lighting. The play is directed by Dan Nazworth, assistant professor of Theatre Arts.

Known as the “Scottish Play” by William Shakespeare, Macbeth is a tale full of violence, greed and passion. The cast will explore themes containing each of these vices, for as Machiavelli said, “Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely.” Watch and see how the three Weyard sisters (witches) lead Macbeth down the path of corruption. The production blends modern technology with a fable of how power seduces and sways people from the right path.

The cast of 14 features students with professional actors to create a world unlike anything ever seen on the SPC campus. For more information, call (806) 716-2266.