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## **Piwetz to serve as OC commencement speaker Friday, Dec. 9**

ODESSA (Dec. 2, 2011) – Odessa College will honor more than 180 graduate candidates in 34-degree programs at the spring 2011 graduation ceremony at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9 at the OC Sports Center. Guest speaker, Dr. Eileen Piwetz, the executive director of the FMH Foundation in Midland, will address the graduates.

Prior to this appointment, Piwetz served as the vice president of Institutional Advancement at Midland College and executive director of the Midland College Foundation, Inc. She is a graduate of Texas Woman's University, the University of Texas of the Permian Basin and Nova University. Piwetz is a member of Executive Women of Midland and serves on the Midland Memorial Hospital Institutional Review Board. She has been active both nationally and within the local community, having served on the following boards.

- Council for Resource Development – President, Vice-President of Trustees, Vice-President for Regional Services, and Region VI Director
- Board of Governors of the Midland Community Theatre – President
- Community and Senior Services Board of Directors – President
- Executive Women of Midland – President
- Midland/Odessa Estate Planning Council Board of Directors
- Hospice of Midland
- Midland Chamber of Commerce
- Trinity School Board of Directors
- Texas Nonprofit Management Assistance Network, Inc.
- Leadership Midland
- Junior League of Midland Community Advisory Board
- *Community College Journal of Research and Practice* — Editorial Board
- Texas Board of Nurse Examiners – President (six year gubernatorial appointment in 1987)

Piwetz was honored by the Uptown Midland Business and Professional Women as the 2008 Woman of Achievement. In 2005, she was honored by the Girl Scouts of the Permian Basin as a Woman of Distinction. She received the Council for Resource Development Lifetime Service Award in 2003. In 1996, she was named the Outstanding Fundraising Executive by the Permian Basin Chapter of the National Society for Fund Raising Executives. Additionally, she has made numerous professional presentations and has published several articles on a variety of topics. For more information contact the media relations department at 335-6416.