

ALL ROADS LEAD HOME TO VALLEY: MVC TO KICK OFF HOMECOMING 2006

Marshall, Mo. (October 5, 2006)—The Missouri Valley College 2006 Homecoming festivities begin with the first team of MVC athletes kick off the 37th annual torch run when they leave from Canton, Mo., at 11:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 12 headed for Marshall. This year's festivities include the homecoming parade, classic car show, bon fire, alumni banquet, and a full schedule of Viking athletics.

The college will host an alumni banquet from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 13 in the R. Wilson Brown Room of the Ferguson Center. In addition to recognizing the classes of 1966, 1976, 1986, and 1996, the class of 1956 will also be inducted into the MVC 50-Plus Club. The alums that will be honored this year include Outstanding Alumni David J. Ross, II; Outstanding Young Alumni Angel Gambino; and Service Award winners Hospitality Services, Inc.

Other alums who will be recognized include Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees include the 1996 MVC NAIA National wrestling championship team; the 1941-48 MVC football teams (41 game win streak); Reggie Palmer '93 of Marshall, Mo., Tom Venice '67 of Sea Girt, N.J., Larry Hall '59 of Willard, Mo., and Bill Lingenfelter '50, posthumously. The ceremony will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, October 14 in the MVC cafeteria.

A memorial service for longtime professor of the MVC biology department Mr. Reed Kepner is being held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, October 14 in the Eckilson-Mabee Theatre. An alumni social will take place at Stone Hedge Golf Club from 7 p.m. until close.

37th ANNUAL TORCH RUN

Traditionally, the annual torch run begins at the town of the college that the Vikings will take on at Saturday's football game. This year, the Vikings face Culver Stockton Wildcats so the first of the MVC athletes/torch runners will begin in Canton, Mo., and will travel 153 miles carrying the torch in a relay fashion. The last leg of the relay is scheduled to arrive at a bonfire at 8:30 p.m. on the Burns Athletic Complex on the MVC campus. Participating organizations include the women's wrestling team, men's wrestling team, women's softball team, cross country team, baseball team, men's basketball team, and the MVC Alumni Association.

The first Valley Torch Run was held during the 1958 season for Homecoming and later that same season the Vikings were invited to play in the Tangerine Bowl in Orlando, Fla.—1,285 miles. A group of 58 Valley students ran the torch 1,285 miles from Marshall to Orlando. One of the students who helped organize and was a major participant in the 1958 torch run is now a faculty member—Professor Ed Leslie. Leslie also organized the 364-mile torch run, which was held in August 1999 when the Vikings played in the Wheat Bowl in Ellinwood, Kansas. Leslie still serves as the torch run coordinator.

MVC PARADE AND CAR SHOW

The MVC Homecoming parade will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 14 beginning at North Odell (and North Street). The parade will begin forming at 9 a.m. on North Street between Brunswick and Odell. Parade entries should enter from the north.

The parade will start at 10 a.m. and will proceed west on North Street to Lafayette; south on Lafayette to Arrow; east on Arrow to Odell; south on Odell to College; and east on College to Conway; and south on Conway to disband before reaching Morrow.

This year's parade will feature local high school bands, classic cars, and numerous campus and community floats.

After the parade there is a car show and inflatables on the MVC Quadrangle. For late parade entries, contact Deanna Wheeler at (660) 831-4238 or wheelerd@moval.edu.

For the safety of the public, no candy or items of any kind are allowed to be thrown from parade floats or entries. Participants wishing to hand out candy or other items may walk along the parade route and hand out items at the street curb line.

ATV's are not allowed on the streets of Marshall during the parade except for authorized parade officials, who must possess a valid MO driver's license.

MVC ALUMS TO BE HONORED

DAVID J. ROSS, II, *Outstanding Alumni Award* recipient

Retired Assistant Chief Scout Executive, Boy Scouts of America

David Ross, MVC alumnus '67, became assistant Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America in August 1999. Ross was responsible for the Program Group, Development Group, Strategic Initiatives Group, International Division, and Learning for Life.

Mr. Ross began his Scouting career in 1967 as a district executive in Fort Wayne, Ind. In 1972, he was promoted to director of finance services, and in 1974 to director of field service in the Fort Wayne council. In 1977, he was promoted to Scout executive in Dubuque, Iowa. In 1983, he was promoted to Scout executive in Binghamton, N.Y. He went the National Council in 1987 as director of Council Services Division. Ross then spent 7 years as assistant Chief Scout Executive until his retirement in Fall 2006.

Ross received his bachelor of science in human relations from MVC in 1967, and he is also a graduate of the Harvard Business School/Not-for-Profit Strategic Initiatives.

Ross is an Eagle Scout and is a recipient of the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award. He is a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow. He is active in his church, having served on the administrative board, finance committee, growth committee, pastor/parish relationships committee, and board of trustees. He has been a member of the chamber of commerce, American Humanics, Inc. Board of Director; Press Club; Crime Coalition Board; Ambassadors; Child Development Council; Business/Education Council; and Kiwanis and Rotary clubs.

David and his wife, Jane (Fey) '67, have three grown daughters and reside in Southlake, Tex.

ANGEL GAMBINO, *Outstanding Young Alumni* recipient

VP, Commercial, Strategy, and Digital Media, MTV Networks UK

Angel Gambino, MVC alumnus '94, is the vice president for commercial, strategy, and digital media for MTV Networks United Kingdom. She is responsible for creating and implementing MTV's business strategy across the 11-channel portfolio of MTV, VH1, VH2, TMF and Paramount Comedy brands, initially with particular focus on expanding MTV Networks position in digital media and activities in the interactive TV, gaming, VOD and SVOD, IPTV and other on-demand and interactive areas within the UK and Ireland.

Angel is responsible for managing all non-advertising revenue streams including new ventures, affiliate relationships and mobile and other partnerships as well as collaborating with the Viacom Brand Solutions group on below-the-line commercial alliances.

Prior to MTV Networks UK Angel was at the BBC where she held the position of Controller, Business Development & Emerging Platforms. She was responsible for extending the BBC's four

television and nine radio channels to mobile, broadband and on-demand. She drove multi-platform strategy for mobile and broadband as well as commissioning, licensing and launching of the BBC's first mobile, broadband and on-demand products and services.

Before the BBC, Angel was responsible for online multiplayer gaming and games on-demand for Gameplay, as Director of Broadband having previously consulted to a number of Fortune 500 companies as they expanded into other markets and in the area of online transactions. For much of Angel's earlier career she served as a Director of Legal and Business Affairs for NGOS. Gambino resides in Nottingham, UK.

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME HONOREES (biographies available)

1941-1948 MVC Football Teams, Record 41 game win streak

1996 MVC Men's Wrestling Team, NAIA National Champions

Tom Venice, '67, Sea Girt, NJ

Reggie Palmer, '93, Marshall, MO

Larry Hall, '59 Willard, MO

Bill Lingenfelter, '50, posthumously

MVC HOMECOMING ATHLETIC SCHEDULE (for a more detailed schedule visit <http://www.moval.edu/alumni/homecoming.asp>)

12 noon Women's JV Volleyball v. Avila University

1 p.m. Women's Varsity Soccer v. Benedictine College

2 p.m. Varsity Football v. Culver Stockton College

2 p.m. Women's Varsity Volleyball v. Avila University

3 p.m. Men's Varsity Soccer v. Benedictine College

7:30 p.m. Men's Wrestling – Alumni Dual

ABOUT MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE

Missouri Valley College is a liberal arts college that provides educational, social and cultural experiences in a decidedly Christian environment. Established in 1889, MVC offers 27 majors and 7 pre-professional programs, and 12 sports and 20 varsity teams. The liberal arts heritage focuses on scholarship, critical thinking and academic excellence to prepare students to become members of a responsible citizenry. For more information, call (660) 831-4000 or visit www.moval.edu.