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MVC's CLASS OF 2007 IS LARGEST CLASS IN ITS HISTORY

Graduation, baccalaureate, and faculty and staff recognition banquet set for May 4-5.

Marshall, Mo. (April 18, 2007)—Missouri Valley College will confer 266 degrees to students at its commencement ceremonies May 5 at the Gregg Mitchell Field on the MVC campus. Baccalaureate begins at 11 a.m. and commencement begins at 2 p.m.

The 2007 graduating class is the 118th class to graduate from MVC and is the largest graduating class in the schools history, edging out the 1971 class of 231 graduates.

"It is very exciting to see Missouri Valley's largest class and I hope this is a trend that continues," Humphrey said. "More important than the number of graduates, however, is the outstanding group of students who are leaving Missouri Valley for a bright future."

Dr. Bruce Morgan, MVC alumnus, will provide the keynote address to graduates. Dr. Morgan has over 25 years experience as a banker and bank consultant. Presently he is Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer of Valley State Bank, and is a director and founder of Johnson County Bank. Dr. Morgan teaches courses in finance, business, decision analysis, investments, and corporate strategy. Prior to joining Benedictine College in 1994, he taught at the University of Missouri-Kansas City from 1979-1993. He taught advanced quantitative methods in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, served on Masters and Doctoral dissertation committees, and served as an advisor on Master's theses. In the Henry W. Bloch School of Business and Public Administration, Dr. Morgan taught graduate MBA courses in economics for administration, and undergraduate courses in finance and commercial bank financial management.

Dr. Morgan has published articles on banking and bank management, conducted seminars for bankers and bank regulatory agencies, and been a frequent commentator on events in the economy.

Dr. Morgan received his B.S. from Missouri Valley College. He then went on to get an M.S. from the University of Columbia, a Ph.D. and M.A. from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and a diploma from the Graduate School of Banking.

Dr. Earl Reeves, who served as MVC president from 1983-1994, is the featured speaker for the baccalaureate ceremonies.

Dr. Earl Wellborn, chief academic officer, will present two students with the Charles L. Bacon Distinguished Service Award. Awards will also be given to one student in each of the academic divisions: arts and humanities; business; education and physical education; human service education; math and science; and social science.

Including spring 2007 graduates, MVC has conferred 8,352 degrees since 1889.

MVC President Bonnie Humphrey will recognize MVC faculty and staff members at the annual faculty and staff recognition banquet at 6 p.m. on May 4 in the Ferguson Center R. Wilson Brown Room on the MVC campus.

In case of inclement weather, baccalaureate and commencement ceremonies will be held in the Ashford Gymnasium.

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.

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