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MVC VALLEY WOMEN TO INDUCT 39TH HONOREE INTO WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME

Hall of Fame Tea set for April 27 on MVC campus.

Marshall, Mo. (April 24, 2007)—Missouri Valley College's Valley Women organization will honor three women at its annual tea at 4 p.m. on Friday, April 27 in the Ferguson Center Formal Lounge on the MVC campus. The 39th inductee into the Valley Women's Hall of Fame, the 2007 Outstanding Senior Woman, and Valley Women Scholarship recipient will be recognized.

Vickie (Gibler) McCloud, a Marshall native and an MVC alumna, will be inducted into the Hall of Fame, making her the first female to be inducted into both the MVC Athletic Hall of Fame and the Valley Women's Hall of Fame. At a 2003 ceremony, she was the first of two women inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame.

"I am surprised, excited and extremely honored to have even been considered for his distinction," McCloud said. "I have known and admired so many of the wonderful women already in the Valley Women's Hall of Fame for such a long time that to become part of this group is a treasure."

McCloud's days at Valley began in the mid-1950's as she lived with her parents in Valley Forge, MVC's former married-student housing. Her father is an MVC alumnus and legendary football coach, Ken Gibler. Her mother, Dorothy, was inducted into the Valley Women's Hall of Fame in 1984.

During her undergraduate years at MVC, McCloud was active in Delta Zeta sorority, a member of the first MVC intercollegiate volleyball team, and the founder of the "Luminaries" tradition on campus.

After graduation, McCloud taught in the public school system from 1976 to 1986 and coached volleyball, softball, track, and basketball. She was named *Teacher of the Year* in two different school districts. In 1986 she joined the MVC staff as a volleyball and softball coach and history and education teacher. During her five years at MVC, McCloud was named Heart of America Conference softball *Coach of the Year* in 1991.

McCloud served on the MVC Board of Trustees and is very involved in the MVC Alumni Association, in which she just completed a two-year term as president.

McCloud is active in the Marshall United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Bell Choir, and chair of the Praise & Worship Team. She is also involved in several community organizations including P.E.O. Chapter JS, vice president of

Hardeman School Board, and PTO. She worked for the Longaberger Company for over 10 years and served as branch advisor as earned the National Recruiting Award.

Vickie is married to Ed McCloud and they have a son, Mason.

The Valley Women will also present Elizabeth Sharp with the 2007 Outstanding Senior Woman Award. Sharp, a social studies education major from Belton, Mo., will graduate with honors May 5. Sharp has been involved in women's varsity soccer, S-MSTA, and Pi Gamma Mu. She has also been recognized as an NAIA Scholar-Athlete, Dean's List, and *Who's Who Among American College Students*.

An MVC junior woman will be awarded the Valley Women scholarship at the event. The Valley Women, an organization made up of community patrons along with faculty, staff and alumnae, began awarding the scholarship in 2003. Money for the scholarship comes from private donations and fund-raisers.

The Valley Women's Tea is free and open to the public. No reservations are required.

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