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**MVC AND FITZGIBBON HOSPITAL PARTNER TO HOUSE MVC NURSING PROGRAM AT HOSPITAL CAMPUS**

*MVC accepting applications for the Nursing program, which begins Fall 2009.*

**Marshall, Mo.** (December 3, 2008)—Missouri Valley College President Bonnie Humphrey and Fitzgibbon Hospital President & CEO Ron Ott announced that the MVC School of Nursing and Health Sciences will be housed in the lower level of the Buckner Wellness Center on the Fitzgibbon Hospital campus.

“I am very excited about the great opportunity this provides for Missouri Valley and Fitzgibbon,” Humphrey said. “The establishment of a School of Nursing and Health Sciences will allow Missouri Valley to fully maximize our ability to impact the city of Marshall and surrounding areas in a very positive manner.”

Last week, the MVC Board of Trustees announced a bachelor’s of science in nursing degree program is slated to begin in Fall 2009. The application process for the program is currently underway.

“I would like to congratulate Missouri Valley on the decision to establish the School of Nursing and Health Sciences here in Marshall,” Ott said. “I know that President Humphrey and the faculty and staff have been working very hard to get this going and I look forward to the partnership and having the program on the Fitzgibbon campus.”

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Missouri is currently experiencing a 9.5% nursing shortage and this is expected to increase three-fold by 2020 following national trends. In rural areas of Missouri, the nursing shortages are as high as 17%.

“We have existing health related programs in place that will be convenient for students when they need to do their clinicals,” Ott said. “It is truly a benefit for Marshall and the surrounding communities to see we have an adequate number of nurses in the area.”

Humphrey said this partnership is the beginning of a long-term relationship.

“I truly believe the residents of this area are very fortunate to have both quality health care and a quality institution of higher education partner in such a progressive program,” Humphrey said. The benefits of this association will last for years to come.”

For information about admissions requirements and the enrollment process, contact the MVC admissions office at (660) 831-4157 or [admissions@moval.edu](mailto:admissions@moval.edu).

**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 29 majors, 7 pre-professional programs, associate degree programs, and certificate programs. The legendary Viking athletic program consists of 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](http://www.moval.edu).

**ABOUT FITZGIBBON HOSPITAL**

This 60 bed, acute care facility located within a 63,000 square foot building, boasts some of the latest advances in medical technology, not to mention an expert staff of over 30 physicians, 90 RN's and 60 LPN's. With over 575 full and part-time workers, Fitzgibbon Hospital is Saline County's third largest employer. Its annual payroll is \$12.5 million. We offer some of the latest advances in medical technology delivered by an expert staff. But the care you receive at Fitzgibbon is marked by a unique difference: personal attention. For more information, visit [www.fitzgibbon.org](http://www.fitzgibbon.org).

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