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Missouri Valley College to celebrate 2008 Homecoming Oct. 24 & 25

Marshall, Mo. (October 20, 2008)—The Missouri Valley College 2008 Homecoming festivities begin as the first team of MVC athletes kick off the 39th annual torch run when they leave from Kansas City, Mo. Thursday, Oct. 23 headed for Marshall. This year's festivities include the homecoming parade, bon fire, alumni banquet, MVC Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony, and a schedule of Viking athletics.

Three alumni will be recognized at the alumni banquet at 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 12 in the R. Wilson Brown Room of the Ferguson Center: *Outstanding Alumni Award* winners Mickey Burns '69 of Staten Island, N.Y. and Kevin Hart '76 of Marshall, Mo., and *Outstanding Young Alumni Award* winner Judge David Wood '96 of Rock Hill, S.C. The anniversary classes of 1958, 1968, 1978, 1988, and 1998 will also be recognized.

The MVC Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees include the 1958 varsity football team; the 1974 varsity football team; Bruce Beyer '77 of Waco, Texas; Kevin Hamill '75, posthumously; Greg Farris '76 of Florissant, Mo.; Jon Heermann '79 of Independence, Mo.; and Craig Conklin '76 of Chesterfield, Mo. The ceremony will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, October 25 in the MVC cafeteria.

2008 MVC HOMECOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, October 24

*Alumni Banquet	6 – 8 p.m.	R. Wilson Brown Room – Ferguson Center
Bonfire	8:30 p.m.	Burns Athletic Complex

Saturday, October 25

*50-Plus Club	8:30 a.m.	R. Wilson Brown Room – Ferguson Center
Parade	10 a.m.	Begins at the Marshall Square and moves toward campus
*Hall of Fame Luncheon	11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	MVC Cafeteria
Campus Wide Lunch	11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Ferguson Center
Varsity Women's Soccer	2 p.m.	Gregg-Mitchell Field
Varsity Men's Soccer	3 p.m.	MVC Soccer Field
Men's Wrestling Alumni Dual	7 p.m.	Burns Athletic Complex

*Reservations Required. Contact (660) 831-4177 or whitej@moval.edu.

39th 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 Avila University so the first of the MVC athletes/torch runners will begin in Kansas City, Mo. Over 100 runners in teams will run in relay fashion until they arrive in Marshall at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 24 at which time they will use the torch to light the bonfire. The first MVC 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. This is the fifty year anniversary of the 1958 Tangerine Bowl Torch Run. The runners will be recognized at half-time of the football game.

MVC PARADE

The MVC Homecoming parade will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 25 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.

For late parade entries, contact Allison Lindemann at (660) 831-4652 or lindemanna@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 ALUMNI TO BE HONORED (photos available by request)

Mickey Burns, *Outstanding Alumni Award* recipient

Founder & President, Quest Media Entertainment, Staten Island, NY

Mickey Burns found his way to Missouri Valley College in 1965 from New Dorp High School in Staten Island, New York, where as a senior his New Dorp football team finished undefeated as well as New York City public school champions. As a running back Mickey's yards per carry average (10.2) is a single season school record that still stands today. At Missouri Valley Mickey was a three-year starter at Tailback, as well as a three-year starter for the baseball team.

After graduating from Missouri Valley in 1969 Mickey earned his Master's Degree in Education from the University of Central Missouri in 1970. He then headed back to New York City and began teaching and coaching basketball at McKee High School in Staten Island, NY. After a 13-year tenure at McKee, Mickey compiled a record of 181-79. His winning percentage still ranks among the top ten in Staten Island High School basketball history that included three undefeated regular seasons. In 1977-78 his team won 23 straight games before losing in the Public School Championship game by 4 points to Dewitt Clinton High School of the Bronx – Dewitt had 6,000 male students; McKee had 800 boys! That season Mickey was selected as a McDonald's "All American Coach."

In the 1980s, Mickey entered the broad casting industry, first at Fox News in New York City, in production of the 10 O'clock News. While at Fox he served on two Emmy Award-winning productions: (i) 'Pro-Live v. Pro-Choice' (1987), a program about the reproductive rights debate in the United States; and (ii) 'Scared to Death' (1988), a program centering on domestic violence.

During the 1990s Mickey began working in the front of the camera as a reporter and host for several television programs that included Special Edition, Island View, and Staten Island Live. For most of that decade Mickey also served as a Reporter for Election Night coverage for Time Warner Cable. In 1996 he

founded Quest Media Entertainment Inc. in Staten Island, N.Y., a television production company that produces television programs, television commercials, corporate promotional videos, and event filming.

In 1999 he created and began hosting the celebrity interview program 'Profiles;' three years later, 'Profiles' became syndicated in other countries, such as Japan, and in the U.S. Virgin Islands. In 2003 the show was acquired by New York City's official television network, NYC TV. In 2006, upon celebrating the program's 100th episode milestone, New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg wrote: "Over the past three years, your exemplary program has offered New Yorkers 100 opportunities to learn more about the long line of luminaries who have made our great city the entertainment capital of the world."

Currently, Mickey has hosted and produced 225 episodes of 'Profiles' with guests that have included: Joe Montana, Dr. Maya Angelou, Joan Rivers, Danny Glover, Isaac Hayes, Joan Collins, Mario Lopez, Sally Struthers, Kinky Friedman, George Foreman, Billy Ray Cyrus, and Mary Wilson.

Kevin Hart, *Outstanding Alumni Award* recipient

Head Men's Basketball Coach, Marshall High School, Marshall, MO

Kevin Hart moved to Marshall from Orange, N.J. in 1972 to attend Missouri Valley College. Although the culture shock made him homesick for a while, he quickly immersed himself in college life and soon adjusted to the peace of a small Midwest college town. He was active in Greek life and was an outstanding Viking basketball player all four years.

After graduating with a bachelor's degree in education, he taught history one semester in Hughesville, then the next three years at Marshall High School. From 1980-1996 Kevin taught boys physical education at Bueker Middle School. In 1988 he was named Marshall School District's Teacher of the Year for the middle school division.

During his teaching career he coached various Marshall High School teams, including cross-country, freshman and junior varsity boys basketball, and finally varsity boys basketball for eleven years. His teams won six district titles, reached the 3A quarterfinals three times, and finished fourth in state in 1993. His summer and winter clinics taught basketball fundamentals to boys from elementary through high school age. After fifteen years away from the head coaching position, Kevin is returning to Marshall High School this winter as varsity boys basketball coach.

Kevin resigned from coaching to pursue graduate work. In 1995 he received his master's degree from the University of Missouri in Columbia. From 1996-1999 he was Assistant Principal at Bueker Middle School. In 1998 Kevin was honored to be inducted into the Missouri Valley College Athletic Hall of Fame.

From 1999-2002 Kevin was Director of Saline County High School, an alternative school which serves students from Marshall, Malta Bend, Slater, and Sweet Springs. During his time at SCHS, Kevin earned a specialist degree in administration from Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg. In 2002 he was hired as assistant superintendent for the Marshall School District, a position he held for four years. Kevin directed many departments within the district, including technology, building and grounds, classified staff, insurance committee, and the summer school food service program.

Finally, after 30 years in the field of public education, Kevin retired from the Marshall School District in 2006 and began a new job as director of support services at Fitzgibbon Hospital in Marshall. This administrative position included overseeing three departments -- maintenance, environment services,

and dietary. In November 2007 he added a new title and expanded responsibilities at the hospital as director of human resources. He held this position until leaving the hospital in September of this year.

Another major component of his work with Fitzgibbon Hospital was the overseeing of the \$10 million construction and renovation project at the hospital during 2006 to 2007. He also worked diligently with other dedicated community members to raise \$4 million to build a Cancer Center at the hospital.

In addition to Kevin's accomplishments in his professional career, he has also been a great asset to the community in other ways. Among his many endeavors, he was one of the founders of the Salt Fork YMCA, working with the original committee members to bring the Y to Marshall. He has served as Director of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), served on the TIF committee, and on the Blosser Board of Directors. He coached countless basketball, football, baseball, and soccer teams, donating his time and expertise throughout the seasons. He is an active member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Marshall and a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Kevin lives near Marshall with his wife, Terri, and youngest son, Lucas, who is a junior at Marshall High School. His son, Brian, is a sophomore at Northwest Missouri State in Maryville, and his oldest son, Derek, lives in North Kansas City with his wife, Stephanie, and two daughters, Brecklynn and Ireland.

**Judge David S. Wood, *Outstanding Young Alumni Award* recipient
*Magistrate Judge, York County South Carolina***

David S. Wood was born in Warner Robins, Georgia to James and Sue Sanders Wood. James Wood was an officer in the United States Air Force. Colonel Wood's career moved the family around the United States, including stops in Alabama, California, Nebraska, South Carolina and the Virginia suburbs of Washington, D.C.

After graduating from West High School in Bellevue, Neb., Wood attended Missouri Valley College. At Valley, he was president of the TKE fraternity and inducted into Pi Gamma Mu Honor Society. Wood was awarded the highest undergraduate honor by the TKE International Fraternity his senior year. He graduated magna cum laude with a B.S. in Political Science and Criminal Justice and continued his studies at the University of South Carolina's School of Law. While a law student, Wood was named to the Dean's List and recognized with an Outstanding Pro Bono Service Award. He earned his Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1999.

Judge Wood began his legal career in the 16th Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office serving the citizens of York County, South Carolina as an Assistant Solicitor. He represented the State in the prosecution of criminal cases in Magistrate's Court and General Sessions Court. In 2001, he left that agency and entered private practice. While in private practice, Wood gained a broad range of legal experience, but concentrated his efforts on representing citizens accused of crimes. He tried over twenty cases to jury verdict during his time as a prosecutor and defense attorney. In addition, he handled hundreds of criminal cases, ranging from traffic violations, drug offenses, property crimes, rapes, robberies and a double homicide death penalty case

Wood was confirmed by the South Carolina Senate and appointed to the bench by Governor Mark Sanford on February 1, 2005 at the age of 30. Wood serves on the bench in a county with approximately 225,000 residents. He presides over civil and criminal cases, issues restraining orders, arrest and search

warrants and conducts bench trials and jury trials. Wood has also served as the Judge of the Tega Cay Municipal Court since November 2006.

Judge Wood is a member of the South Carolina Bar and is licensed to practice in all state and federal courts in South Carolina. He is a member of the South Carolina Summary Court Judge's Association and the Missouri Valley TKE Alumni Association. His hobbies include weightlifting, biking, running, swimming, waterskiing, keeping in touch with family and friends, and following the Missouri Valley Vikings' and the South Carolina Gamecocks' athletic teams.

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME HONOREES (biographies available)

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Kevin Hamill '75, posthumously

Greg Farris '76, Florissant, Mo.

Jon Heermann '79, Independence, Mo.

Craig Conklin '76, Chesterfield, Mo.

1958 varsity football team

1974 varsity football team

MVC HOMECOMING ATHLETIC SCHEDULE (for a more detailed schedule

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

2 p.m. Varsity Football v. Avila University

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

7:00 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 28 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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