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**MVC STUDENTS ATTEND FORENSICS CONFERENCE**

**Marshall, Mo.** (October 26, 2009)—Some Missouri Valley College students further explored the world of forensics when they attended the Missouri Division of the International Association for Identification (MO IAI).

The students traveled with MVC criminal justice assistant professors Cynthia Adams and William Wright to the Lake of the Ozarks for the weekend long forensics conference Oct. 9-11.

“This was my second year attending the MOIAI conference and I truly enjoy going as it allows me as a professor to see the latest in crime scene technology and to listen to presentations on how this technology is being used in the lab and at crime scenes and bring this information back to my students,” Cindy Adams, assistant professor criminal justice.

The MO IAI is a non-profit organization actively engaged in the profession of identification and scientific crime detection. Members of the organization include; law enforcement, forensic scientists, crime scene and evidence technicians, latent print examiners, and all others interested in the scientific investigation of crime.

The students, most of them criminal justice majors were; Katie Meyer, junior from Franklin, Mo.; Kim Smith, senior from Lebanon, Mo.; Kathy Coleman, senior from Marshall, Mo.; Kyle Kovach, senior from St. Peters, Mo.; Cassie Michelin, sophomore from Prescott, Ariz.; and Jessica Enriquez, sophomore from Marshall, Mo.

“The MOIAI conference gives students the amazing opportunity to talk to professionals in the field of criminal justice from all over the United States as well as participate in hands on activities, said Senior Kim Smith. “My favorite part about this year’s conferences was the session about forensic entomology and blood splatter.”

At the forensics conference the students visited with industry professionals and got instruction in many different forensic disciplines. The conference also allowed the students to participate in hands-on practical exercises to assist in skill and technical development.

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