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MVC TO CONFER DEGREES TO 215 SENIORS AT COMMENCEMENT MAY 9

MVC alumnus to speak to seniors at commencement ceremony.

Marshall, Mo. (May 4, 2009)—Missouri Valley College will confer 215 degrees to students at its commencement ceremonies May 9 at the Gregg-Mitchell Field on the MVC campus. The 2008 graduating class is the 120th class to graduate from MVC. Including spring 2009 graduates, MVC will have conferred 8,739 degrees since 1889.

Baccalaureate begins at 11 a.m. and commencement begins at 2 p.m.

Oscar Tshibanda of Kansas City, Mo., an MVC alumnus, MVC Board of Trustee member, and founder and managing partner of Tshibanda and Associates LLC, will give the 2009 commencement address. MVC President Bonnie Humphrey is excited that Tshibanda is speaking at his alma mater.

“Oscar has a tremendously impressive career in consulting and business, and his story is truly remarkable,” Humphrey said. “Besides being a Missouri Valley Trustee, he is a great friend to the Institution and our students should find his story encouraging and inspirational. Oscar is a great asset to his alma mater.”

Tshibanda is the founder and managing partner of Tshibanda & Associates LLC, a Kansas City-based national management consulting and project management services firm. Tshibanda has 23 years of consulting experience, starting as an intern and progressing to lead local, regional and national practices at three of the world’s largest consulting firms.

Tshibanda has successfully developed and led five different consulting practices for Deloitte & Touche LLP, IBM Global Services, and now his own company, which he founded in November 2001.

In addition to serving on the MVC Board of Trustees, Tshibanda serves on the KCPT TV 19 (Public Television), the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce’s POWER Program and the Chamber’s Small Business Executive Committee. Recently, he was appointed by Governor Blunt to the *Missouri Foster Care Aging Out Task Force*.

Rev. Dr. Roger Sobin of Helotes, Texas, MVC alumnus, will address seniors at the baccalaureate ceremony.

After graduating from MVC in 1965, Sobin moved to Chicago to attend McCormick Theological Seminary, graduating in 1969. He also holds a master of arts from the University of Oklahoma in Human Relations (1979) and a Doctor of Ministry from McCormick Theological Seminary (2002).

Rev. Sobin was ordained by the Presbyterian Church in 1969, and served churches in Verona, N.J. and Bradford, Pa. In 1973, he entered the U.S. Air Force as a chaplain serving around the world: Travis AFB, California.; Johnston Island, Pacific; Sheppard AFB, Texas; Keesler AFB, Mississippi; Clark AB, Philippines; McChord AFB, Washington; Torrejon AB, Spain; Rhein-Main AB, Germany; and Randolph AFB, Texas.

After retiring from the Air Force in 1993, Sobin was called to Northminster Presbyterian Church in San Antonio, Texas and served there for 10 years; he retired in February 2004 and was named Pastor Emeritus.

Sobin has written nine articles published in *Strategy Magazine*, a Christian education publication of the Presbyterian Church. Professional memberships are: Society of Biblical Literature (SBL), American Academy of Religion (AAR), International Bonhoeffer Society, Association of Presbyterian Church Educators (APCE), and The Sixteenth Century Society.

Dr. Earl Wellborn, chief academic officer, will present two students with the Charles L. Bacon Distinguished Service Award.

MVC President Bonnie Humphrey will recognize MVC faculty and staff members at the annual faculty, staff, and Board of Trustees recognition banquet at 6 p.m. on May 8 in the Ferguson Center R. Wilson Brown Room on the MVC campus. The *President's Staff Excellence Award* winner and the *John McCallum Excellence in Teaching* faculty award winner will be announced.

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 over 30 majors and 7 pre-professional programs, and 12 sports and 20 varsity teams. The most popular majors include business and education, and the newest majors are nursing, graphic design, and hospitality and tourism management, which will begin in Fall 2009. 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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