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MVC STUDENT SELECTED AS VIRGINIA KUGEL-ZANK SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Marshall, MO. (August 24, 2009) – James Ryan Adkins, MVC senior from Carrollton, Mo., has been selected as the first recipient of the *Virginia Kugel-Zank Arts and Humanities Scholarship* for the 2009-10 academic year. The scholarship, which is given by MVC English and Mass Communication Professor Dr. Loren Gruber, is given in the name of Virginia Zank, longtime educator and former MVC English professor.

“Virginia brought out the best writing from her students,” Gruber said. “This scholarship will help students who strive for the excellence in writing.”

The *Virginia Kugel-Zank Scholarship* will be given each year to a junior or senior student majoring in one of the Arts and Humanities disciplines—art, English, mass communication, speech, and theatre. Adkins, an English major, intends to become a writer and editor upon graduation.

“James consistently works on refining himself as a person and student,” Gruber said. “He is a gifted writer and deserves this scholarship.”

Adkins was the 2008-2009 assistant editor of MVC’s literary journal, “The Purple Patch.” Adkins will assume the role of editor this year.

For more information on MVC scholarship opportunities, visit <http://www.moval.edu/admissions/finaid> or contact financialaid@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 over 30 majors and 7 pre-professional programs, and 15 sports. The most popular majors include education and business, and the newest majors are nursing, graphic design, dance, and hospitality/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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