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MVC PRESIDENT HUMPHREY HONORED AS OUTSTANDING WOMAN IN EDUCATION

MVC alumna also honored at the "Women of Excellence" event.

Marshall, Mo. (April 2, 2009)—Dr. Bonnie Humphrey, MVC President, was recognized by the Handy Chapel Church of Marshall, Mo. as a "Women of Excellence" award recipient on March 22.

Humphrey was recognized as the excellent "Woman in Education" at the event. The 2009 Women's Day was celebrated under the theme "Strong Woman Revealed."

Eric Sappington, MVC director of institutional advancement, accepted the honor on her behalf.

"Dr. Humphrey is the first woman president (of MVC) and that just goes to show that she is a strong woman," Sappington said. "We talk about her caring and her dedication to the college, to the students, to the community and that equals strength in my book."

Humphrey has served as Missouri Valley College's 13th president since January 2005. Under her direction, MVC has established the MVC School of Nursing and Health Sciences, and added 5 other majors to the MVC curriculum. During her tenure as president, MVC has seen its highest enrollment and retention in its history.

Before being named president, Humphrey served as vice president of academic affairs at MVC starting in July 2001. She assisted with the design and implementation of the Learning Center and on-campus "smart classrooms."

She conceptualized and designed the technology laboratory for business and industry training and designed and implemented the plan to reduce the faculty workload to 12 credit hours. Humphrey was instrumental in guiding the institution to a 10-year accreditation designation with the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Phyllis Palmer, MVC alumna and owner of Palmer's Personal Touch and Fashions, was "Woman in Business" award recipient.

She attended East High School in Kansas City. She then came to Marshall, where she attended Missouri Valley College. In 1988 she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in mass communication. She has been employed with Butterfield Youth Services for 23 years. In 2007, she her clothing store located on Odell Street in Marshall.

"Phyllis is known to be down-to-earth and willing to help wherever she can," said Shelly Arth, publisher of the Marshall Democrat News. "She has been a member of Powerhouse Ministries for many years, where she wears many hats."

She went back to school and received a master's degree in social work in 2006.

"Phyllis is known for her smile and her sense of style," Arth added.

In addition to Humphrey and Palmer, the other “Women of Excellence” award recipients were: City of Marshall Mayor Connie Latimer, woman in politics; and Virginia Huston, chairperson of Pennytown Freewill Baptist Church, woman in community.

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 most popular majors include business and education, and the newest major 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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