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MVC BOARD OF TRUSTEES NAMES VP OF INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Marshall, Mo. (September 17, 2009)—Missouri Valley College Board of Trustees President Gary Ford has announced Eric Sappington will serve as MVC's vice president of institutional advancement. Sappington will oversee all aspects of development, alumni and public relations, and marketing.

"Eric has been a tremendous asset to Missouri Valley College," Ford said. "Because of his past accomplishments, the Missouri Valley College board of trustees has complete confidence in his leadership for this vital role on campus."

Sappington, who is a Bucklin, Mo. native, began his MVC tenure in 1999 when he served as director of alumni relations until 2003. He returned in 2005 to assume the role of institutional advancement director under the current leadership of MVC President Bonnie Humphrey.

Over the past two years, MVC received the largest single gift in its history, and has had an increase in the participation of alumni and friends from 19 percent in 2005 to 23 percent today.

"I am very proud to have Eric as a colleague," Humphrey said. "I am confident in his abilities to be a positive ambassador for Missouri Valley. He is always professional and a tremendous representation of our institution."

Sappington and his wife are both MVC alumni. He said that working for their alma mater has greatly impacted their lives.

"My wife, Heather, and I have been a part of the Valley family since 1991 and have had the pleasure of meeting incredible individuals who have become our lifelong friends," Sappington said. "Building relations with alumni and friends of Missouri Valley, and matching their time, talent and treasure to the needs of our institution is a very rewarding process."

Sappington is excited about the things that are ahead for MVC.

"Being a part of the momentum Valley is currently experiencing is very gratifying both personally and professionally," Sappington said. "The institutional advancement office has been energized by the findings of the recent feasibility study conducted by The Compass Group. Missouri Valley is on the threshold of an absolute transformation. It truly is a great day to be a Viking."

For more information about the MVC Office of Institutional Advancement, contact (660) 831-4177 or visit www.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.

