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**MVC ALUMNI ADVISORY BOARD ANNOUNCES NEW PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT-ELECT**

*Two year terms for Ballenger and Hayob begin immediately.*

**Marshall, Mo.** (January 29, 2009)—The members of the Missouri Valley College Alumni Advisory Board announced Amber (Clemens) Ballenger as president and Tom Hayob as president-elect. Ballenger and Hayob will serve two years in the newly-elected positions. Ballenger takes office after Spencer Fricke's term ended in January.

"I feel so privileged and honored to have the opportunity for the next two years to serve as Missouri Valley College Alumni Advisory Board president," Ballenger said. "I look forward to leading the thousands of Valley alumni and the Alumni Advisory Board. Being a recent grad, I hope to bring an additional perspective and a new voice for alums here at MVC."

Ballenger is a 2003 MVC graduate and has served on the AAB since October 2004. Hayob, a 1979 MVC graduate, has served on the AAB since October 2006.

"Amber is a perfect example of how young alumni can actively support their alma mater," said Eric Sappington, MVC director of institutional advancement. "Amber continues a strong family tradition by being an integral part of Valley's success. She is a successful business woman that is willing to give her time and talent to help improve her alma mater for alumni, current and future students."

Ballenger is the company manager at Clemens Pool and Spa in Marshall. She and her husband, Jonathan, have a daughter, Laney.

Some of the goals of the AAB are to: assist in the development and promotion of alumni programs and activities; encourage greater levels of involvement in MVC alumni activities and programs; promote greater levels of interaction between alumni, current students, and prospective students; help college staff identify alumni class agents and interact with class agents on alumni activities and program; serve as liaison between the College and the alumni by helping identify challenges and opportunities for the College from an alumni perspective; and more.

"I would like to thank Spencer Fricke for serving the past two year as President and his involvement in starting the Legacy Scholarship and the Alumni Ambassadors program," Ballenger said. "I look forward to continuing the success of these and other programs and expanding the benefits, opportunities and programs available to alumni."

The MVC AAB is active in both alumni and student activities. Some of the events hosted by the MVC AAB include area socials, the Senior Send Off, the Alumni Association Golf Tournament, fall and spring sports barbecues, water tent at Freshman Orientation, information tent at the Missouri State Fair, and more.

"This board is comprised of the most dedicated and active group of volunteers I have ever seen," Ballenger said. "Not only do we meet quarterly but we have at least one activity or project to participate

in every month. This group shows up in numbers and they are always happy to spread their love for Valley.”

AAB members are: Coradean (Czeschin) Naylor '60, Marshall; Sally (Wilson) Campbell '61, Marshall; Jim Hargrave '64, Warrensburg, Mo.; Russ Whyte '65, Marshall; Spencer Fricke '66, Marshall; Phil Willard '73, Chillicothe, Mo.; Vickie (Gibler) McCloud '76, Napton, Mo.; Steve Tuck '76, Marshall; Tom Hayob '79, Marshall; Brenda (Ledgerwood) Randolph '79, Marshall; Lisa (Schleicher) McComas '86, Marshall; Billy Hutchinson '91, Marshall; Troy Scott '96, Hannibal, Mo.; Amber (Clemens) Ballenger '03, Marshall; Katie (Crawford) Berger '05, Marshall; and Kindal (Smith) Carney '04, Marshall.

For more information about the MVC AAB, contact the MVC alumni office at (660) 831-4006 or [alumni@moval.edu](mailto:alumni@moval.edu).

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