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WRITING CONTEST AT MURRELL LIBRARY CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Marshall, Mo. (January 25, 2010)—In recognition of Black History Month, Murrell Library encourages Missouri Valley College students, faculty and staff to participate in a Black History Month writing contest.

Interested participants should choose any African-American that has been a major influence or inspiration in their life. Essays should be kept to 100 words or less. Entries will be critiqued on writing skills, spelling and grammar, creativity and overall presentation. Completed essays should be turned in by Sunday, Feb. 7 to hamptonb@moval.edu or you may drop off your essay at Murrell Library. The winner of the writing contest will receive a \$20 Barnes and Noble gift card.

“Holding the writing contest is one of the ways Missouri Valley College can help promote the celebration of Black History Month,” said Brian Hampton, special events coordinator for Murrell Library. “This is a way to celebrate the diversity of MVC’s student body.”

Americans have recognized Black History Month annually since 1962. Historian Carter G. Woodson chose February for the observance of Black History Month because it marked the birthdays of two men who greatly influenced the lives of African Americans; Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass.

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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