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MVC STUDENTS TO PRESENT AT SIGMA TAU DELTA NATIONAL CONVENTION

Marshall, Mo. (March 15, 2010)—Two Missouri Valley College students have been selected to present at the 2010 Sigma Tau Delta National Convention March 17-20 in St. Louis, Mo.

Lindsey Simmons and Rebecca Young submitted their original work to the organization in November 2009 and were notified in January that they had been selected to present at the National Convention.

Simmons, senior from Marshall, Mo. will present two of her pieces—one, a scholarly piece on Theodore Dreiser's "Sister Carrie" and a creative piece entitled "So it Goes."

Currently serving as the MVC Student Government Association president and a legislative intern for Representative Joe Aull, Simmons has also interned for Congressman Ike Skelton. After graduation in May, Simmons plans to attend law school and pursue a career in public policy.

"I'm really excited to be attending the conference," Simmons said. I really feel like it will be a great learning opportunity."

Young, senior from Colorado Springs, Colo., will present a critical essay entitled "The Lover within Nature and the Mind" and a creative short story entitled "The Last Time of Peace."

A member of the honorary theatre fraternity Alpha Psi Omega and the MVC rodeo team, Young recently served as prop master and dramaturge for MVC's theatre production *Comedy of Errors*. Young plans to attend graduate school after her May 2010 graduation.

"This is a great opportunity and a wonderful way to end my senior year," Young said. "I'm actually more excited to hear other presentations than to present. The experience will be invaluable as I go on in my education."

Dr. Loren Gruber, MVC professor of mass communication and English, is the organization's adviser.

"Rebecca and Lindsey are both great writers and very deserving of this honor," Gruber said. "They are great representatives of Missouri Valley College."

Sigma Tau Delta is an International English Honor Society. A member of the Association of College Honor Societies, it was founded in 1924 at Dakota Wesleyan University. According to the organization's website, Sigma Tau Delta's central purpose is to confer distinction upon

students of the English language and literature in undergraduate, graduate, and professional studies.

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. 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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