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MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE'S STUDENT NEWSPAPER RECEIVES NUMEROUS AWARDS

Marshall, Mo. (April 15, 2010)—Missouri Valley College's student newspaper, *The Delta*, received 12 awards for writing, photography, and editorial work at the 2010 Missouri Collegiate Media Association (MCMA) convention, which was held April 10 at the University of Central Missouri's Summit Center in Lee's Summit, Mo.

More than 20 colleges and universities in Missouri were represented at the convention.

Missouri Valley College is only a two-year member of the MCMA. Last year MVC's *Delta* student newspaper earned three awards in the competition. This year the 12 award honors were given for newspaper work during the spring 2009 semester, when Cori Basham '09 served as editor, and the fall 2009 semester, with co-editors Ralitsa Gospodinova and Devon Wade.

First place awards went to *The Delta* online edition for *website presence* and Alfred Lewis for *feature photography*.

Second place awards went to Devon Wade for *feature writing* and Cory Petersen for *feature photography*.

Third place awards went to Phillip Hamer for *news photography*, Devon Wade for *sports column*, Austin Zavala '09 for *sports writing*, and Cori Basham '09 for *entertainment review*. An honorable mention award for *in-depth reporting* was also given to Basham.

"It's a challenge to compete with so many schools," Gospodinova said. "We have a small staff, but we work just as hard as big schools to produce a paper our students can enjoy reading."

David Roberts, assistant professor of mass communication, said he was pleased with the recognition of *The Delta* students and also proud of the ongoing effort by all *Delta* editors and staff members to improve the newspaper and their skills in producing quality journalism work.

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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