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VIRGINIA KUGEL-ZANK ARTS AND HUMANITIES SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT ANNOUNCED

Marshall, Mo. (April 26, 2010)—Dr. Loren C. Gruber announced that Tessa Belcher, of Edgerton, Mo., is the recipient of the Missouri Valley College *Virginia Kugel-Zank Arts and Humanities Scholarship* for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Gruber, an MVC professor of English, sponsors the scholarship, which awards \$1,000 to an outstanding student in the former Arts and Humanities Division. The recipient must be a sophomore or junior, must hold at least a 3.0 grade point average in his/her major, and must hold an overall grade point average from 3.3 to 4.0.

Eligible students must major in one of the following programs: art, dance, English, mass communication, music, public relations, religion and philosophy, speech, or theatre.

In response to Socrates' statement, "The unexamined life is not worth living," applicants wrote an essay that explains why their MVC education enables them to live in a meaningful way.

Belcher wrote in her prize winning essay, "An unexamined life is, indeed, not worth living, and the education that I have gained from Missouri Valley is not just towards a career or specific way of life, but it is towards growing as a person."

"Tessa is one of those rare English majors who incorporates philosophy into her study of literature and the craft of writing," Gruber said. "She ranks among the best that I have had the privilege to teach since 1964."

To ensure objectivity, the judges are off campus and do not know the applicants.

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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