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MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE ANNOUNCES FIRST NURSING CLASS

Marshall, Mo. (April 29, 2010) — The Missouri Valley College School of Nursing and Health Sciences has announced the nursing class of 2013. Students in this class will be the first graduates from the Missouri Valley College School of Nursing.

“We had a lot of good applicants and we’re pleased with our selections,” said Dr. Karla Bruntzel, dean of the School of Nursing and Health Sciences. “We’re really looking forward to working with these students—they will lead the way for our nursing program.”

The Missouri State Board of Nursing allows 21 per class. Applicants were picked based on their academic standing, resumes, an essay, and a personal interview. The accepted students must successfully complete all prerequisite courses.

“Due to the great interest in the program we were able to be very selective when choosing this group of students,” said MVC President Bonnie Humphrey. “Our main focus now is seeing that these students pass their exams so the program gets full approval status.”

The nursing students in the class of 2013 are: **Ashley Akin** of Columbia, Mo.; **Allysa Powers** of Dixon, Mo.; **Thomas Bell** of Marshall; **Devon Bernard** of Coal City, Ill.; **Melissa Billingsley** of Marshall; **Jessica A. Brown** of Goreville, Ill.; **Linda K. Butler** of Montgomery City, Mo.; **Michelle Christensen** of Coal City, Ill.; **Jessica Clause** of Marshall; **Angela Fletcher** of Waverly, Mo.; **Nicole R. Graff** of Lexington, Mo.; **Tisha Harper** of Marshall; **Krystal Hogue** of Creal Springs, Ill.; **Kim Lee** of Fulton, Mo.; **Jessie Mangnall** of Higginsville, Mo.; **Christina Matacua** of Sedalia, Mo.; **Elias K. Melly** of Republic of Kenya; **Kelsey Merrick** of Sweet Springs, Mo.; **Camerin Rehmer-Fields** of Sedalia, Mo.; **Jessica Selby** of Wilton, Calif.; and **Allison Thomas** of Marshall.

The MVC School of Nursing and Health Sciences received initial approval from the Missouri State Board of Nursing in 2009. Approval from the Missouri State Board of Nursing allows students to take the licensure exam upon successful completion of their coursework and obtaining a baccalaureate degree in nursing from MVC.

Full approval is not given by the State Board until the first class has completed their licensure exam. After these graduates have completed their licensure exam, the State Board will review the curriculum, the pass rates of the students, and conduct an on-site inspection of the School of Nursing to advance MVC’s approval to “full approval” status.

For more information about the Missouri Valley College School of Nursing go to <http://www.moval.edu/departments/nursing/index.php>

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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