

HATS OFF TO THE 2006 MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE GRADS

Graduation, baccalaureate, and faculty and staff recognition banquet set for early May.

Marshall, Mo. (April 27, 2006)—Missouri Valley College will confer 159 degrees to students at its commencement ceremonies May 6 at the Gregg Mitchell Field on the MVC campus. The 2006 graduating class is the 117th class to graduate from MVC. Baccalaureate begins at 11 a.m. and commencement begins at 2 p.m.

Dr. Kala M. Stroup, president of the American Humanics, Inc., will provide the keynote address to graduates. Based in Kansas City, the American Humanics organization prepares undergraduate students for professional careers in the nonprofit sector. This national organization coordinates more than 70 colleges and universities academic programs and 15 national nonprofit organizations.

MVC is the landmark institution for the American Humanics program, and MVC President Bonnie Humphrey is proud of the relationship between American Humanics and MVC.

"I was introduced to Dr. Stroup early on in my career when she was the Missouri commissioner of higher education, and I enjoyed working with her," Humphrey said. "Dr. Stroup is not only well respected in the field of humanics, but in higher education as well. As MVC was the first institution offering the American Humanics program, I am very excited to bring the organization's president to campus to meet some of the members of our Valley family."

The Reverend Raymond I. Massey, pastor of the Trinity Presbyterian Church in Columbia, Mo. is the featured speaker for the baccalaureate ceremonies.

Dr. Earl Wellborn, chief academic officer, will present two students with the Charles L. Bacon Distinguished Service Award.

Including spring 2006 graduates, MVC has conferred 8,017 degrees since 1889.

MVC President Bonnie Humphrey will recognize MVC faculty and staff members at the annual faculty and staff recognition banquet at 6 p.m. on May 5 in the Ferguson Center R. Wilson Brown Room on the MVC campus.

In case of inclement weather, baccalaureate and commencement ceremonies will be held in the Ashford Gymnasium.