



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Media Relations Contacts:

Chad Jaecques, (660) 831-4172, jaecquesc@moval.edu

MVC TO INDUCT 38TH HONOREE INTO VALLEY WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME

Hall of Fame Tea set for April 28 on MVC campus.

Marshall, Mo. (April 26, 2006)—Missouri Valley College's Valley Women organization will honor three women at its annual tea at 4 p.m. on Friday, April 28 in the Ferguson Center Formal Lounge on the MVC campus. The 38th inductee into the Valley Women's Hall of Fame, the 2006 Outstanding Senior Woman, and Valley Women Scholarship recipient will be recognized.

Diana Malan, a Marshall native and MVC alumna, will be inducted into the Hall of Fame. An employee since 1982, Malan is an associate professor of music and theatre at MVC, a post she has held since 1990. She established the "swing style" choir and the MVC gospel singers, and has taken students on performance tours to Disneyworld in Orlando, Fla., the Bahamas, Chicago, and Texas. She also helps direct the theatre department musicals and two to three choir showcases each semester.

She has also served as director of career planning and placement and registrar during her Valley career. The 2004 John McCallum Teaching in Excellence Award winner wouldn't trade her busy schedule for anything.

"It's wonderful to be able to have a job that you love to do, and at the same time be able to do it in the town that you grew up in, and where your family and friends are," Malan said. "I've been here through some of the good times and some of the bad times, but one thing that has always held true—there is a spirit here that keeps things going no matter what."

Malan is proud to be part of the Women's Hall of Fame family—literally.

"I'm not sure why I've been given this award, but I am deeply honored," Malan said. "My mother, Ramona Bullington, was honored with this award 20 years ago. That's pretty special."

The Valley Women will also present Dhanishtha Kika-Bhagwager with the 2006 Outstanding Senior Woman Award. Kika-Bhagwager, an accounting major from Zimbabwe, will graduate with honors May 6.

An MVC junior woman will be awarded the Valley Women scholarship at the event. The Valley Women, an organization made up of community patrons along with faculty, staff and alumnae, began awarding the scholarship in 2003. Money for the scholarship comes from private donations and fund-raisers.

The Valley Women's Tea is free and open to the public. No reservations are required.

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 27 majors and 7 pre-professional programs, and 12 sports and 20 varsity teams. 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.

###