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MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE ATHLETIC TRAINING EDUCATION PROGRAM WELCOMES BACK AN ALUMNA

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Saturday, August 1, 2009, marks the beginning of a new chapter in the history of the Missouri Valley College ATEP and the Athletic Training Department. This is the day where Jennifer Taylor (formerly Jennifer Jeffress), a 2007 graduate, returns to her alma mater. She brought her husband with her, Lee Taylor, a 2008 graduate. Ms. Taylor is replacing the vacancy left by Ms. Carrie Harmon (class of 1999).

Ms. Taylor's duties will include being the Athletic Trainer for the Missouri Valley College women's volleyball, men's wrestling, and baseball teams, teaching in the School of Nursing and Health Sciences, and being an Approved Clinical Instructor within the Missouri Valley College ATEP.

"Jennifer (who is still referred to as JJ) will be a great addition to the academic and clinical sides of the Missouri Valley College Athletic Training Program," ATEP Director Dr. Karla Bruntzel described. "She is extremely versatile and can instruct any class in the ATEP or Exercise Science majors. She will serve as a positive role model for the Athletic Training Students and challenge them at the same time.

While at Missouri Valley College, Ms. Taylor was an Athletic Training Student for the men's soccer, baseball, football, and men's wrestling teams. She also was a founding member of the Missouri Valley College Athletic Training Student Organization and spent the spring break of her junior year in New Orleans helping residents rebuilt after hurricane Katrina. After graduating Missouri Valley College in May 2007 with a double major in Athletic Training and Exercise Science, Ms. Taylor received a graduate assistantship at the University of Tennessee. While at Tennessee she was an Athletic Trainer for the women's athletic department primarily with the women's tennis program. She received her Master's of Science in Biomechanics from the University of Tennessee in May 2009.

"The Missouri Valley College athletic department is also pleased to hire one of our own" described Mike Machholz Assistant Athletic Director and Head Men's Wrestling Coach. "Her experience in division I athletics will be a great help with all of the sports she will be covering for Missouri Valley College. Additionally, she has been around men's wrestling when she was an undergraduate and is aware of the unique issues that wrestling encounters. She has great energy and will be a positive addition to our athletic training staff."

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Jennifer McConnell adds, “JJ has a lot of good ideas and has already made an impact on the visual aesthetics of the training room and the thinking of the Athletic Training Students. Since she came from the Missouri Valley College ATEP she already knows the process and can jump in with only a few directions.”

Ms. Taylor resides in Boonville with her husband Lee; who was just appointed the Strength and Conditioning coach for Missouri Valley College.

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