COLLEGE RECEIVES FINAL APPROVAL TO OFFER ONLINE DEGREES

The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association has given MVC final approval to offer two online degrees. In August, the college received recommended approval to offer a Bachelor of Arts in psychology and a Bachelor of Arts in business administration completely online. Peter Gochis, MVC associate academic dean for online and regional services, is planning to begin offering these degree programs in fall 2012. The program structure includes two eight-week courses at a time. The two degrees were selected because these degrees are currently among the most sought-after baccalaureate degrees on campus. The bachelor's degree in psychology will provide MVC's first graduate program, a Master of Arts in Community Counseling, with an additional pool of potential students. As a part of offering these degrees online, upper-level courses will be regularly offered online, allowing students who have already received a bachelor's degree the opportunity to address any academic prerequisites necessary for admission into a master’s program.

MVC STUDENTS PERFORM AT THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION

Twenty-one Missouri Valley College music students performed at the Governor’s Mansion Preservation Gala on Dec. 8 at the Governor’s Mansion in Jefferson City, Mo. The students performed selections from MVC’s Celebration of Christmas show. The group was led by Associate Professor of Theatre and Music Diana Malan. The Preservation Gala is an annual fundraiser put on by Missouri Mansion Preservation, Inc. The not-for-profit corporation is dedicated to raising money for the restoration of the Governor’s Mansion. Since its founding, the organization has raised $1.4 million in donations and furnishings.

SOCCER ATHLETES RECEIVE ALL-AMERICAN HONORS

Three Missouri Valley College men's soccer players were selected by the NAIA Men’s Soccer All-America Selection Committee as 2011 NAIA All-Americans.

MVC Senior Forward Eduardo Da Silva (Santa Catarina, Brazil) was named to the NAIA All-American Second Team. Da Silva finished the 2011 season with three assists and 17 goals in 17 games played.

Senior Defender David Flores (Tegucigalpa, Honduras) received NAIA All-American Honorable Mentions honors. In 2011, Flores played in 17 games and had five assists and one goal.

Sophomore Midfielder Miguel Jimenez (Madrid, Spain) also earned NAIA All-American Honorable Mention recognition. Jimenez finished the season with four goals and six assists in 14 games.