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JENNIFER MCCONNELL NAMED MVC HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER



Marshall, Mo. (July 13, 2010)— Tom Fifer, vice president of operations and enrollment management and athletic director at Missouri Valley College, has announced Jennifer McConnell will serve as MVC’s head athletic trainer. She will handle the day-to-day operations of the athletic training department. Matt Rowlett, who has served as the head athletic trainer since 2004, resigned from the position in May.

McConnell is a Pinckneyville, Ill., native and a 2002 graduate of Millikin University in Decatur, Ill. She has served as an assistant athletic trainer at MVC and an instructor in the athletic training education and exercise science programs since 2008.

“I am very excited about this opportunity,” McConnell said. “The athletic training program is excellent, and I look forward to continuing to build the program.”

After completion of her bachelor’s degree, McConnell pursued her master’s degree in applied physiology & kinesiology at the University of Florida. During her tenure at UF, Jennifer served as a graduate assistant athletic trainer in the high school outreach program.

Prior to MVC, McConnell has served as head athletic trainer at Trenton High School and head athletic trainer at Santa Fe High School.

“I know that Jennifer will do an excellent job with the athletic training program,” Fifer said. “We appreciate everything that Matt has done for the athletic training program and Missouri Valley College athletics. I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.”

Missouri Valley College has also hired Adam Ybarra as assistant athletic trainer. Ybarra graduated from Kansas State University in 2007 with a bachelor's degree in athletic training. He graduated from the University of Missouri in 2009 with a master’s degree in health education promotion. During his tenure at the University of Missouri, he was a graduate assistant athletic trainer for the University of Missouri football team. Last year Ybarra performed an athletic training internship with the Carolina Panthers.

For more information on MVC’s athletic training program visit moval.edu/athletics or contact mcconnellj@moval.edu.

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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 30 majors and 7 pre-professional programs, and 15 sports and 25 varsity teams. The most popular majors include business and education, and the newest majors are nursing, graphic design, and hospitality and 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.