

## **Missouri Valley College Softball Wins First Ever Game at NAIA National Championship**

**Decatur, AL.** - Missouri Valley College defeated Northwood University (TX) 7-4 in the final game of pool play at the 2009 NAIA Softball National Championships in Decatur, AL.

The Vikings behind the pitching of Alana Bentz (Sr. Ventura, CA) and Janie Jungermann (Fr. Flint Hill, MO.) defeated Northwood University 7-4. After finding it difficult to produce any runs in the two previous outings, the Vikings pounded out seven runs on twelve hits. They were lead by Edna Gutierrez (Jr. Oxnard, CA), Heather Sliger (Sr. Santa Paula, CA) both 2-for-3 and Kimberly Fuller (Sr. Honolulu, HI) 2-for-4.

Alana Bentz (3-0) was the winning pitcher for Missouri Valley. She went four innings, allowing four earned runs on seven hits, two walks and no strikeouts. In relief, Janie Jungermann (10-9) got her first save. She pitched three innings, allowing no earned runs on two hits, no walks and three strikeouts.

This was the final game for an outstanding group of graduating seniors lead by; Lindsay Stapp (Washington, MO), Esperanza Reyes (Oxnard, CA), Kristine Escujuri (Glendora, CA), Alana Bentz (Ventura, CA), Kimberly Fuller (Honolulu, HI), Heather Sliger (Santa Paula, CA), and Tatum Hathcock (Ava, MO).

Missouri Valley College finishes the 2009 season with a 34-23 overall record.

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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 28 majors, 7 pre-professional programs, associate degree programs, and certificate programs. The legendary Viking athletic program consists of 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](http://www.moval.edu)