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LIGHTS, CAMERA, VIKINGS!—MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE TO CELEBRATE HOMECOMING 2013

MVC 2013 Homecoming festivities set for Oct. 18 and 19 on the MVC campus.

Marshall, Mo. (July 22, 2013)—The Missouri Valley College community will celebrate Homecoming festivities Oct. 18 and 19 on the MVC campus. The 2013 Homecoming theme is Lights, Camera, Vikings!

Activities include the 44th annual torch run, homecoming bonfire, alumni banquet, homecoming parade, pre-game tailgate, MVC Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony, 50-Plus Club breakfast and a schedule of Viking athletic events.

“We look forward to welcoming our alumni home and celebrating MVC,” said Jennifer Hiller, director of alumni relations. “The theme this year, Lights, Camera, Vikings, will be an exciting way to put a “spotlight” on our alumni and celebrate producing superstars for 124 years. The theme also serves as a catalyst for the College’s upcoming 125th birthday celebration in 2014.”

Four alumni will be recognized at the alumni banquet on Friday, Oct. 18 in the R. Wilson Brown Room in the Ferguson Center: Outstanding Alumni Award recipients Judge Fa’auuga To’oto’o’81 of Oahu, Hawaii; Barry Randolph ’81 of Marshall, Mo.; Walter Hicklin ’61 of Gravois Mills, Mo., and the Outstanding Young Alumni Award recipient Ameya Pawar ’05 of Chicago, Ill. The anniversary classes of 1963, 1973, 1983, 1993 and 2003 will also be recognized.


A native of Nu’uuli, American Samoa, and a graduate of Leone High School, Fa’auuga To’oto’o received his undergraduate degree from Missouri Valley College and obtained his law degree from St. Louis University School of Law.

To’oto’o was sworn in as a Circuit Court judge for the State of Hawaii on October 7, 2010 making him the first judge of Samoan ancestry to be appointed to that position. To’oto’o previously served as a District Court judge of the First Circuit and as Deputy Prosecutor for the City and County of Honolulu.

In addition to his professional successes To’oto’o is a servant to the local community volunteering with organizations such as Hawaii’i Youth Challenge Academy, Mo’okini He’iau Foundation, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Waimanalo Community Fairs and Waianae Christmas Parade. He is Chair of Nu’u Ministries, which sponsors the Lumana’i Awards in recognition of outstanding high school seniors of Samoan decent who have made significant contributions to their schools.

Barry Randolph graduated from MVC summa cum laude with a degree in accounting. At MVC, Randolph played baseball and basketball and was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.
Randolph’s career in the banking industry spans over 33 years. He currently serves as the chief executive officer at Wood and Huston Bank. Randolph has volunteered with Missouri Valley College on several fundraisers including the current student center campaign for the Malcolm Center for Student Life. Randolph served as the liaison for the Bank and the College during the renovations at Gregg-Mitchell Field in 2009.

Randolph serves on the First Presbyterian Church session board and is a member of the Missouri Bankers Association, American Bankers Association, the Marshall Rotary Club and a lifetime member of the Optimist Club.

**Walter Hicklin** graduated from Missouri Valley College with a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics. He obtained his Master of Science in mathematics from the University of Central Missouri, and an Education Specialist degree in higher education administration from UCM. At MVC, Hicklin was selected as Mr. Viking and served as president of V-Club. He was named to Who’s Who in Colleges and Universities, earned academic all-American and all-conference football honors and was a national track & field qualifier in the long jump.

After graduation, Hicklin began his teaching and coaching career in the Lee’s Summit R-VI school district, beginning as a math teacher and football coach, and later becoming head of the math department, head football coach, athletic director and assistant principal. Some honors garnered during his 14 years at Lee’s Summit include four conference football championships and being named *Kansas City Suburban Football Coach of the Year* three times.

Hicklin left Lee’s Summit to become the head football coach and mathematics professor at Central Missouri State University (now the University of Central Missouri). He served as the head football coach for five years and head track and field coach for one year. He retired in 2006 as vice president emeritus of student affairs after having served the university for 31 years. Hicklin has been recognized for his innovative retention programs and has been involved with Missouri Boys State program for 37 years. In 2011, Hicklin was inducted into the Missouri Boys State Hall of Fame.

In 2001, Hicklin was inducted into the Missouri Valley College Athletic Hall of Fame.

He has served as president of the Johnson County United Way, Warrensburg Rotary Club and Warrensburg R-6 school board. Hicklin also serves as a deacon and elder for the First Presbyterian Church and previously sat on the Central Missouri Community Credit Union board of directors.

**Ameya Pawar** graduated from Missouri Valley College with a Bachelor of Arts in religion/philosophy. Pawar holds an M.S. in threat and response management from the University of Chicago and an M.P.A. in public administration from the Illinois Institute of Technology and is enrolled in a third master’s degree program at the University of Chicago in the school of social service administration. Pawar currently serves as alderman in the city of Chicago in the 47th Ward and is the first Asian-American and Indian-American alderman in Chicago history.

Prior to his election, Pawar was on staff at Northwestern University in the office of emergency management. While working at Northwestern, he and two of his colleagues were awarded a contract from Taylor and Francis, a publisher of academic books, to write a textbook based on their work in emergency management. The textbook is based on a model called Social Intelligence that the three
developed at the University of Chicago’s MSTRM program. Pawar and his co-authors have presented their work at annual FEMA conferences and other national conferences since 2008.

Pawar has received a number of awards and honors. In 2009, he was a US State Department Scholar. He has been named to the Crains Chicago Business 40 under 40 list, recognized by the New Leaders Council as an emerging leader under 40 and he was one of 200 invitees to the Google ORD camp. The purpose of ORD Camp is to bring together the technical community in the Midwest and beyond to create new connections and collaborations. In 2012, he was named an Edgar Fellow by the University of Illinois.

Pawar is also active in his community — he sits on the board of directors on the 47th Ward’s Common Pantry and the state-wide advocacy organization, the Illinois Center for Violence Prevention

More information will be released as it is available. Visit www.moval.edu/homecoming for updates.

ABOUT MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE
Known for its dynamic, richly diverse, and friendly educational environment, Missouri Valley College offers many opportunities to grow in mind, body, and spirit. Grounded in the liberal arts, undergraduate studies empower students to master interdisciplinary skills needed to succeed in a knowledge-based global society. MVC offers over 40 academic programs, study abroad program, extracurricular activities, and 13 sports. The most popular majors include education and business, and the newest majors are nursing, graphic design, dance, and hospitality/tourism management. Above all, Valley is committed to student success. For more information, call (660) 831-4000 or visit www.moval.edu.

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