CHAMPIONSHIP WEEKEND AT MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE

Marshall, Mo. (November 21, 2013)- Missouri Valley College will be the site for two National tournament games Saturday as the football team hosts Northwestern (Iowa) College in the opening round of the NAIA Football Championship Series and the men’s soccer team hosts University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma in the opening round of the NAIA Men’s Soccer National Championship.

The Viking football team finished with an 8-2 regular season record and its third-straight Heart of America Athletic Conference regular season championship with an 8-1 mark. Saturday will mark the third-straight trip to the NAIA Football Championship Series, and the sixth trip under Head Coach Paul Troth. Troth owns a 6-5 record in the NAIA Football Championship Series including three semifinal appearances in 2006, 2007 and 2012.

Northwestern is making its tenth trip to the NAIA FCS, and is making a second-straight appearance in the postseason. The Red Raiders finished the season with an 8-2 overall record and a 7-2 mark in the Great Plains Athletic Conference. The Vikings and Red Raiders have played in the FCS before, in the 2006 quarterfinals with MVC coming away with a 33-26 victory.

The MVC men’s soccer team will host an opening round match in the Men’s Soccer National Championship. The Vikings are making their fourth-straight appearance in the National tournament, and will be searching for their first postseason victory in program history. The men’s soccer team finished the regular season with a 12-4-4 overall record and a 3-2-2 mark in the HAAC.
The Vikings will host University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, who finished with a 15-4-0 record in the regular season including a 9-1 mark in the Sooner Athletic Conference, winning the regular season title. USAO will be playing in its fifth postseason tournament, and previously beat Missouri Valley in the 2011 opening round by a 2-0 score.

The Viking football game will kickoff at 12:00 p.m. at Gregg-Mitchell Field. Tickets are $12 for adults and $5 for students that show a valid student I.D. Tickets for the football game will go on sale at 10:30 a.m. and can be purchased at the ticket booth located at the northwest corner of the field.

The Viking soccer game is scheduled for a 4:00 p.m. start time at Gregg-Mitchell Field. Tickets are $7 for adults and $3 for students with a valid student I.D. Tickets can be purchased at the ticket booth located at the northwest corner of the field beginning at 3:15 p.m.

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.