TWO VIKINGS EARN WEEKLY CONFERENCE HONOR

Marshall, Mo. (November 25, 2013)- Two Missouri Valley College student-athletes have earned weekly conference honors from the Heart of America Athletic Conference. Senior Forward Gabi Morales (Bakersfield, Calif.) was named the HAAC Women’s Basketball Player of the Week, and Sophomore Gabi Musallam (San Diego, Calif.) was named the HAAC Wrestler of the Week.

Morales led the Vikings in two victories over NAIA Division II ranked teams last week. She scored 27 points and grabbed eight rebounds with three blocked shots in an 88-80 win over No. 10 College of the Ozarks. On Saturday, Morales finished with 23 points and 14 rebounds in an 82-70 win over No. 12 St. Ambrose (Iowa). The Vikings are on a five game winning streak, the longest for the program in nearly seven years. This is the first weekly conference award for Morales as a Viking.

The Vikings have a game this Tuesday at Stephens College in Columbia, Mo. Earlier this month, the Vikings beat Stephens 78-19.

Musallam won his first weekly conference award after taking first place in the Joe Parisi Open at Lindenwood University on Saturday in the 285 pound weight class. Mussallam, the No. 10 ranked wrestler in the 285 pound weight class, went undefeated in the tournament, facing opponents from both the NCAA and NAIA. He recorded two pins en route to the individual title, including one over Dan Lovik of Minnesota State-Mankato in the first period and Mike Wright of Hannibal-LaGrange University in the first period. In the championship match, Musallam defeated Evan McGee of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College in a 10-4 decision.
Musallam and the No. 3 men’s wrestling team will be in action at the St. Cloud Open in St. Cloud, Minn., on Dec. 14.

For a complete list of this week’s conference honorees, visit www.haacsports.com.

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, honors program, extracurricular activities, and 13 sports. The most popular majors include education and business, and some new majors are ag-business, nursing, graphic design, and health information systems (associate degree). Above all, Valley is committed to student success. For more information, call (660) 831-4000 or visit www.moval.edu.