MVC Hospitality Students to get Hands on Experience

Pfoodman Holdings, a foodservice management and restaurant company, was awarded the contract to operate the J. Huston Tavern in Arrow Rock, Mo. In a unique partnership, MVC and Pfoodman began a degree program in hospitality and tourism management (HTM) in 2009. HTM students will be required to complete an internship at the Tavern. A major focus of the HTM program is to teach students how the hospitality industry can contribute to the sustainability of local communities through the development of tourism and the use of local products and talent. The Tavern is the ideal venue for students to put this knowledge to use in a practical setting. Shellee Peuster, long-time Pfoodman employee, directs the HTM program and will manage the restaurant operation. The year 2011 will mark the Tavern’s 177th anniversary of continuous service to the public. The tavern is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Tavern provides full meal service from Easter to Christmas Eve each year.

Spring Viking Views

The spring 2011 issue of the Viking Views will arrive soon. Be sure to check the issue out for information about the new and exciting things happening at Missouri Valley College.

MVC Approved for First Ever Graduate Program

The Higher Learning Commission has approved MVC’s proposal to begin offering its first graduate program next fall. At the HLC meeting on Feb. 21, 2011, the Institutional Actions Council voted to extend MVC’s accreditation to include the Master of Arts in Community Counseling. With this final notification the process is complete, the MACC program is fully accredited. Classes will begin in June and August. For more information on the program go to www.moval.edu/graduate.

Upcoming Events

“Journey Stories” a traveling Smithsonian exhibit premiers from 4-8 p.m., March 3 at Murrell Library. The exhibit will be on display through the month of March. The exhibit explores how the development of transportation technology was largely inspired by the human drive for freedom. Journey Stories is free and open to the public during Library hours.

Spring Break is March 14-18. All campus offices will be closed March 17 and 18.

Senior Day will be held April 5.

The President’s Society Gala is April 9. For information on becoming a member of the President’s Society contact Eric at (660) 831-4168 or sappingtonge@moval.edu.

The Maastricht Institute of Entrepreneurship is April 11-13.

Alumni Association News

The Alumni Association is accepting nominations for the 2011 Outstanding Alumni and Outstanding Young Alumni awards. To nominate someone go to http://www.moval.edu/alumni/outstanding_alumni.php.

A New York/New Jersey Alumni Social will be held March 4, 2011. For more details contact whitej@moval.edu.