

VALLEY STUDENTS AWARDED NOAA SCHOLARSHIPS

John Bell of Indianola and Kendra Thompson of Sledge, both sophomore computer science majors, have been awarded scholarships from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

The students have received appointments to the Educational Partnership Program's Class of 2011 Undergraduate Scholarship Recipients Program. Each will receive \$35,000 for academic assistance for two academic years beginning in fall 2011 through May or June 2013, along with two summer internships.

Dr. Constance Bland, the chair of the Mathematics and Computer Science Department shared the scholarship information with the students who also participate in the MVSU Student Support Services program.

The EPP Undergraduate Scholarship Program is in its 11th year of awarding scholarships. To date, NOAA has awarded 135 EPP Undergraduate Scholarship recipients with awards totaling approximately \$35,000 each. The two year scholarship is designed to increase the number of students who undertake course work and graduate with degrees in specific scientific areas or fields integral to NOAA's mission in critical science. Undergraduate college students receive training in oceanic and atmospheric science, research, technology, mathematics and engineering.

The \$35,000 scholarships will provide academic assistance (up to \$8,000) to John and Kendra for full-time study during each nine-month academic year and two 10-week, full-time internship positions (\$650/week) during the summer at a NOAA facility. The internships occur prior to the scholar's senior



MVSU students Kendra Thompson, left, and John Bell, right, were each awarded a \$35,000 scholarship from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration which will be distributed over a period of two years. The sophomore computer science majors are congratulated by MVSU President Donna H. Oliver.

year of the award and provide "hands-on research experience" in NOAA-related scientific, research, technological and policy activities. Awards also include a housing and travel expenses for attendance and participation at a mandatory Student Scholarship Orientation Program, conference travel and an end of the summer internship presentation at the Science and Education Symposium Program.

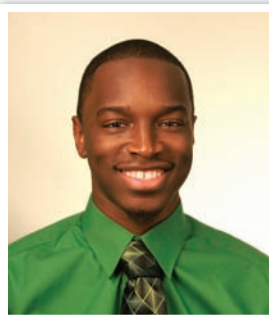
DAVID FLETCHER NAMED SIDLEY SCHOLAR

Mississippi Valley State University senior David Fletcher has been selected as a Sidley Prelaw Scholar, which includes a \$2,500 scholarship. Fletcher is the only student from Mississippi selected for the award.

The Sidley Prelaw Scholars Initiative is designed to increase diversity in law schools by subsidizing the cost of applying to law school for talented financially needy minority students.

"Sidley has a significant commitment to achieving greater ethnic and racial diversity within the legal profession and the firm. We wanted to develop a program that would widen the pipeline by helping to eliminate barriers at an earlier stage in a student's career," said Thomas A. Cole, chairman of the firm's Executive Committee. "Our Diversity Committee and staff are to be congratulated for developing this creative approach."

"From my personal experience as a graduate of a historically black university, I know that there is a need for more financial assistance for students from historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) who are hopeful of obtaining professional degrees. We believe that the Sidley Prelaw Scholars Initiative will create opportunities for



Fletcher

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MVSU STUDENTS ATTEND MODEL UNITED NATIONS

MVSU students attended a one week conference for the Model United Nations in New York City. The annual conference had more than 4,000 students from 239 colleges and universities representing continents ranging from Africa, Europe and Asia.

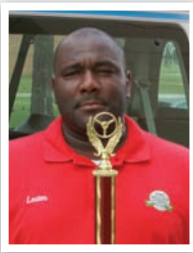
Student delegates include Jasmine Taylor, head delegate; Travis Griggs, Victoria Coefield, Tyrainne Norton, Marquez Sanders, Nathan Rhymes, Johnny Toy, Anthony Holmes, Ricardo Holliman, Kerri Forrester, Michael Reed and Edward Davis. The delegates were accompanied faculty members Dr. Morgan Ero and Bessie Hutchins and MVSU alumnae Maureen Errinne, who served as director for the African Union.

The conference "offers a diverse group of informed participants a forum for discussing global issues in a context that closely parallels the 'real world,'" says Dr. Ero.

The students serve as delegates and propose resolutions addressing regional conflicts, such as peacekeeping, human rights violations, economic and social development and the environment. This

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Adams Receives 2nd Place in Rodeo



Adams

Lester Adams, a member of the MVSU Mass Transit staff participated in the 2011 Mississippi Public Transit Association Bus Rodeo, April 8-10 held at the Golden Moon Hotel-Pearl River Resort in Choctaw. Adams placed second in the van division.

The rodeo included a written test, obstacle course and a pre-trip inspection.

“It was a good feeling to win,” said Adams. “The best advice I can give any driver is to always remain calm.”

For his efforts, he received a \$300 cash prize and an opportunity to represent Mississippi at the National Community Transportation Association of America Rodeo in Indianapolis on June 4-10. The trip will be funded by a Rural Transit Assistance Program scholarship from the Public Transit Division of the Mississippi Department of Transportation.

Sociology Major Gains Admission to MSU Graduate Program in Sociology

Teddie Eden has been admitted to the graduate program in Sociology at Mississippi State University. She will matriculate through the master of arts in sociology program and plans to complete the doctorate of philosophy at MSU. Recently, she was informed that she has received an assistantship offer.



Eden

“My long-term goal is to obtain a Ph.D. in sociology, concentrating on fields such as women’s rights, gender roles and sexual politics,” said Eden.

She was born in Ontario, Canada and moved to Mississippi in 2007, on a scholarship, leaving her family behind to experience a new culture. The international student has an appetite to learn more about the world in which she lives in with the intent to make a difference, says her professor.

“Dr. (Chandrouti) Persaud is awesome; she is so excited about this stuff, and you just have to get excited with her and just learn the material,” added Eden.

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Current and Former Students Honor Veteran Music Educator Orlando Moss



Moss

The MVSU Concert Choir Alumni invite the MVSU community to the retirement celebration honoring Orlando Moss on Saturday, May 7 at 6 p.m. at the Leflore County Civic Center, 200 Highway 7 South. The black tie event will honor Mr. Moss and his nearly 50 years of music education.

For more information, e-mail Vera Cotten at vcotton@gmail.com.



Community For All Ages Team

Members of the Itta Bena Community For All Ages team, front row, from left include Daphabian Fant and Mabel Robinson; second row, from left, Jannette Adams, MVSU Director of Sponsored Programs; Mary Alice Moore, Sandra Lewis, Ruthie Robinson, Walter Parker, Mayor; and Charlotte Purnell; third row, from left, Thebna Collins, Eloise Brooks, Kaifler Holston, Kizmet Cleveland, Alice Hilliard and Gladys Fant; back row, from left, Euniqua Davis, Janesiya Brooks, Shawnteria Ward, ElJohnthan Holston, Tavarus Carter and Shirley Clay. The team was recognized for contributing many hours of volunteer work in cooperation with the MVSU Health Community Initiative Grant with the City of Itta Bena. The program is dedicated to reducing obesity and diabetes in the community.

EVENT CALENDAR

May

7 – Commencement, 10 a.m., R.W. Harrison HPER Complex

10 – Strategic Planning Committee Meeting, 4 p.m., Business Conference Room

13 – Mississippi Department of Health In-service Training, 9 a.m., Pavilion

21 – Leflore County High School Graduation, 12 p.m., R.W. Harrison HPER Complex

June

2 – Residual ACT, 8 a.m., O.P. Lowe Education Building, Room 108

4 – Scholastic Aptitude Test, 7:30 a.m., Social Science Building Auditorium

6 – Writing Proficiency Test, 1 p.m., Social Science Building Auditorium

11 – PRAXIS Series Exam, 7:30 a.m., Social Science Building Auditorium

11 – National ACT, 8 a.m., Social Science Building Auditorium

25-26 – UCA Cheer Camp, 8 a.m., R.W. Harrison HPER Complex

27 – HIV Testing Day, 10 a.m., Student Union - Vendor's Square



RETIREES AND YEARS OF SERVICE LUNCHEON

Seven retiring MVSU employees were recognized during the annual Retirees and Years of Service luncheon held May 4:

They include:

Dr. Gordon Daniels, *Social Sciences*;

Mr. John H. Johnson, *Mass Transit*

Mr. Frank Lacy, *Postal Service*;

Mr. Orlando Moss, *Music and Fine Arts*;

Mrs. Evelyn W. Staniel, *Residential Life*;

Mrs. Jessie B. Tramiel, *First Year Experience*;

Dr. Raymond Williams, *Mathematics, Computer
& Information Science*.

Also receiving recognition were MVSU employees who celebrated 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years of employment. Each were presented plaques by Provost Anna Hammond. They include:

10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Dr. Chukwuma S. Ahanonu, *Education*

Mr. Louis Beverly, *University Police*

Mrs. Ruth Jackson Braxton, *HEP*

Mr. Tommy D. Brooks, *Facilities Management*

Mrs. Kathy R. Brownlow, *College of Undergraduate Studies*

Ms. Lynda H. Conoway, *Business & Finance*

Dr. Kathie Stromile Golden, *International Programs*

Mrs. Barbara Gosa, *Mass Communications*

Lieutenant Alex Granderson, *University Police*

Ms. Lula M. James, *Academic Affairs*

Ms. Auguster L. Keys, *Business & Finance*

Mrs. Jacqueline Jackson Larry, *Education*

Mrs. Severia C. McCall, *Student Counseling*

Ms. Abbie Petty, *Facilities Management*

Ms. Audrey Pickett, *Business & Finance*

Mr. Steven L. Pitchford, *Information Technology*

Dr. Chresteen F. Seals, *Greenville Center*

Mr. Douglas W. Shanks, *Athletics-Baseball*

Mr. Willie H. Totten, *Development/HPER*

Ms. Beatrice V. Williams, *Residential Life*



MVSU held its annual retirees and years of service luncheon to honor this group with over 190 years of dedicated service to the University. Retirees this year, from left include Dr. Gordon Daniels, Mrs. Jessie Tramiel and Mr. John Johnson.

15 YEARS OF SERVICE

Mr. David Clay, *Facilities Management*

Ms. Gloria Conley, *Admissions & Recruitment*

Mrs. LaTonya Jones, *College of Undergraduate Studies*

Mr. Bryce Lowe, *Residential Life*

Ms. Cassandra Newsome, *NSF/HBCU-UP*

20 YEARS OF SERVICE

Mrs. Earlean Anderson, *USDA*

Mr. Edgar Bland, *Information Technology*

Ms. Joyce Dixon, *Business & Finance*

Ms. Linda Hughes, *Business & Finance*

25 YEARS OF SERVICE

Mr. R.H. Hicks, *HEP*

Mr. Donald Ray Sims, *Athletics Administration*

30 YEARS OF SERVICE

Mrs. Caloron Byrd, *Business & Finance*

Dr. Lawrence Goldman, *Music & Fine Arts*

Mrs. Clara Lipsey, *Upward Bound*

Dr. Raymond Williams, *Mathematics, Computer &
Information Science*

Mrs. Wanda Young, *Public Broadcasting & Communications*

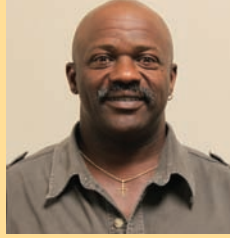
35 YEARS OF SERVICE

Mr. Darrell L. James, *Mathematics, Computer &
Information Sciences*

WELCOME ABOARD



Sterling Steward Jr.
*Sr. Associate Athletics
Director for Compliance*



Elizen Dean Jr.
*Custodian
Facilities Management*



Dorothy J. Hope
*Computer Lab Technician
James Herbert White Library*



Brittney Dorsey
*Records Evaluator
Student Records*

MVSU Employee Receives Pesticide Certification

Bobby Binion and Tracey Webb attended the Mississippi Mosquito & Vector Control Association Annual Workshop on April 13 – 14 in Brandon. At the end of the workshop, participants are given the opportunity to take the test for commercial certification.

Binion took the Public Health Pest Control test and passed. He is now a certified commercial pesticide applicator through the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce Bureau of Plant Industry.

Binion is the supervisor of grounds maintenance for Facilities Management.

Sociology Major Gains Admission to MSU *continued from page 2*

“The sociology master of arts and doctoral program at MSU is highly competitive. It is a great accomplishment for Miss Eden to gain admission into that program,” said Dr. Persaud, coordinator of the sociology program.

Eden has traveled to Cuba, the Dominican Republic and much of the United States, which is where her “obsession” with sociology – learning about societies and how people live – truly began, she explained.

Sidley Scholar *continued from page 1*

graduates at HBCUs and for financially needy students from other institutions,” said Stanley Stallworth. Stallworth is the firm-wide co-chair of the firm’s Diversity Committee, which is responsible for implementing the firm’s policies and initiatives relating to diversity and inclusion.

In addition to the scholarship, the firm will pay for Fletcher’s tuition for an approved LSAT preparatory course, registration fees for the upcoming LSAT and LSDAS and up to seven law school application fees and reports.

In addition, Fletcher will receive coaching on how to complete a successful law school application; and prelaw school instruction on the structure of the American legal system, as well as an introduction to the substance of the required common law first-year courses.

United Nations

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enables a better understanding of the overall function of the United Nations, as well as builds skills in diplomacy and compromise.

The primary goal of the conference is to further the participants’ understanding of the United Nations and contemporary problems through experience-based learning opportunities. By providing avenues for the simulation of the activities, students learn how to become better global citizens and the next generation of global leaders.

The conference’s opening and closing ceremonies were held at the United Nations headquarters in New York.

MVSU represented the Federal Republic of Equatorial Guinea in West Africa. “Our students will have the rare opportunity to build lasting and valuable relationships with delegates from all over the world, enhance their writing and oratory skills and meet with members of the diplomatic corps and ambassadors of the member countries of the United Nations,” added Dr. Ero.

Over the years, delegates from the University have represented the countries of Angola, Swaziland, Nigeria and Cyprus.

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