

MVSU OPEN HOUSE SET FOR MARCH 5

Mississippi Valley State University welcomes high school students and their parents to its Spring Open House on Saturday, March 5 from 9 a.m. to noon.

The event will be held in the Business Education Building auditorium on the Itta Bena campus.

“We invite students to come discover our rigorous academic programs and explore our vibrant campus community and student life,” said Ann Williams, assistant director of Admissions and Enrollment.

“As a student at MVSU, each individual can become a leader and make a difference not only at The Valley but in his or her community and indeed, the world,” Williams said.

Students attending the Open House on Saturday will check in

at the Business Education Building and enjoy a continental breakfast.

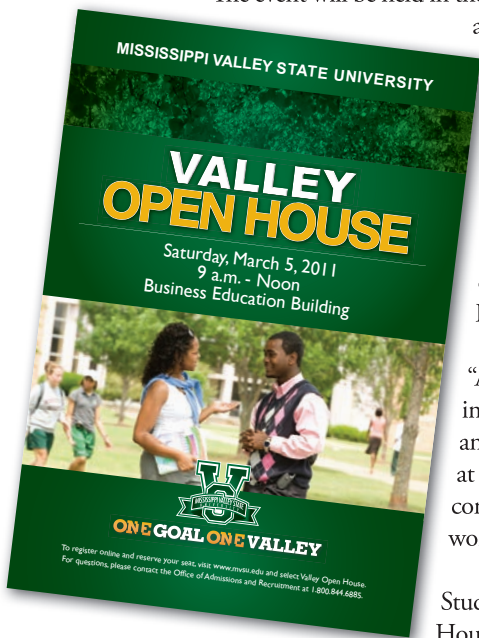
Following the posting of the colors by the MVSU ROTC Color Guard, President Donna Oliver will welcome guests. She will be joined by MVSU Student Government Association President Jamaris Moore.

Break-out sessions include students visiting the respective MVSU colleges – Professional Studies/Education or Arts and Sciences – to learn more about their intended majors. Parents will have “homeroom” sessions.

Beginning at noon, students and parents can meet with officials from the Offices of Admissions and Financial Aid for any questions regarding the enrollment process or applying for FAFSA and other financial aid issues.

All visitors will enter through the main campus entrance from U.S. Highway 82 West and park in the Business Education Building parking lot. Parking for Saturday’s event is free.

MVSU encourages individuals with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities. If you need special accommodations or have any questions about physical access or need additional information regarding Saturday’s program, please contact the Office of Admissions & Recruitment in advance of your visit at 800GO2MVSU (in state) or locally at 254-3347.



EVANS, TUCKER SELECTED FOR LEADERSHIP GREENWOOD



TUCKER

MVSU employees Isha Evans and Archie Tucker have been selected for Leadership Greenwood which is a subsidiary committee of the Greenwood – Leflore Chamber of Commerce. Both members have begun their year long exploration of Leflore County.

This program is designed to identify the top young leaders under 40 and allow them to participate in a year-long program that allows

them to get to know their community, as well as, to help them develop their communication and leadership skills.

Tucker serves as interim Executive Director of University Advancement. He and his team are responsible for fund raising among the private sector and serving as a liaison between the University and its alumni and friends. Tucker has been employed with the University for three years starting as an

Annual Fund Officer. Prior to his employment at MVSU, he served stints at Coahoma Community College and Delta State University.



EVANS

“Leadership Greenwood is a great opportunity for young professionals to become intertwined with the community,” said Tucker. “It is an avenue for the leadership team to meet various leaders on the city and county levels to get a better understanding of their role in the community.”

Tucker, a Leland native, received a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from MVSU and a Master of Business Administration degree with an emphasis in management from DSU. He is actively involved in several civic and community organizations, he serves as President of Leadership Greenwood, Vice President of TLC Daycare, Inc., Executive Board Member

MVSU MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM RECEIVES ACADEMIC ACCOLADES

Highest Cumulative GPA among All-Academic Cross Country Teams in the Nation!

The U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association announced Feb. 17 that Mississippi Valley State University has the highest cumulative GPA among All-Academic teams in the nation. MVSU reported a 3.62 cumulative GPA among the 2010 Division I All-Academic Cross Country status team, represented by Victor Bii, Daniel Kibet, Hezron Chepkwone, Victor Kiplaget and Robert Hernandez. This team captured the SWAC 2010 Men's Cross Country Championship in November. They are coached by Charles Ruth, the 2010 SWAC Cross Country Coach of the Year.

MVSU is the only SWAC team receiving such distinction and is joined by Mississippi public institutions Mississippi State University and the University of Mississippi who reported 3.48 and 3.12 GPA, respectively, among the 152 institutions representing 31 conferences.



GREENVILLE ALUMNI CHECK PRESENTATION

Members of the Greenville Alumni Chapter of MVSU presented a check for \$21,500 to the University. Pictured from left, are Archie Tucker, interim Executive Director of University Advancement; Betty Watkins, the Honorable Laverne Simpson, Dr. Donna H. Oliver, MVSU President; Willie Sullivan, President, Greenville Alumni Chapter; Rose Hayes, James Hayes, Donald Sims, interim Athletic Director; and Karl Morgan, MVSU Football Coach.



MVSU WELCOMES VISITING FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR *Professor Anna Kudiyarova, Fulbright Scholar at Columbia University's Psychoanalytic Center and Founder and Past-President of the Daryn University in Kazakhstan, was a featured lecturer at MVSU during Feb. 21-23. Professor Kudiyarova, a prolific scholar, has more than 44 published articles and textbooks. She has organized and/or presented at numerous conferences and workshops both in her native country and abroad.*

BLACK HISTORY CONVOCATION FEATURES JOHN MARSHALL



The son of the late Justice Thurgood Marshall, John W. Marshall delivered the keynote address during the annual Black History Convocation at Mississippi Valley State University held Feb. 24 on the Itta Bena campus.

Marshall served as Secretary of Public Safety in the Cabinet of Virginia Governor Tim Kaine from 2006 to 2010, and Governor Mark Warner from 2002 to 2006.

Prior to becoming Virginia Secretary of Public Safety in January 2002, he served in the Virginia State Police, from 1980 to 1994, where he was assigned as a State Trooper, Narcotics Division Special Agent, Training Academy Instructor, and Field Operations Sergeant. He served as United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Virginia. In 1999, he was appointed as the first African-American Director of the United States Marshals Service by President Bill Clinton, serving in that post until 2001.

His educational background includes a Bachelor of Arts in government from Georgetown University, and a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in administration of justice from Virginia Commonwealth University. He is also a graduate of the Federal Executive Institute and the Henry Toll Fellowship program.

He is the son of Thurgood Marshall, the first African-American U.S. Supreme Court Justice, and a Filipino-Hawaiian mother, Cecilia Suyat Marshall. He is also the brother of Thurgood Marshall, Jr., former Secretary to the Cabinet in the Clinton administration.

EVENT CALENDAR

March

1 – ADA Awareness Day, 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., Student Union – Vendor's Square

2 – Property Managers Meeting, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Sutton Auditorium 108

3 – Student Recital, 11 a.m., Walter Sillers Fine Arts – Little Theater

5 – No Child Left Behind 2011 Summer Reading Institute Orientation, 12 p.m. – 2 p.m., Dining Hall IV

8 - Strategic Planning Committee Meeting, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m., Business Ed. Conference

10 - Counselors' Workshop, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., Business Education Bldg. *Lunch in Dining Hall IV immediately following workshop

23 – Know Your Status Day – HIV/AIDS Testing, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Student Union – Vendor's Square

25 – Women in Science and Technology Conference, 8 a.m. – 2p.m., Sutton Administration Bldg.

25 - High School Day, 9 a.m. – 1p.m., R.W. Harrison Complex

31 – Student Recital, 11 a.m., Walter Sillers Fine Arts – Little Theater

April

6 – What Does SACS Mean to You Open Forum, 11 a.m., Sutton Auditorium 108

7 – Sexual Assault Awareness Month, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Jacob Aron Student Union

MVSU, BERKLEE COLLEGE HOST MUSIC BUSINESS AND COPYRIGHT BASICS WORKSHOP



John Kellogg, Berklee College of Music Assistant Chair, nationally recognized entertainment attorney and author, shared his vast experience and knowledge in the multimedia workshop “Take Care of Your Music Business and Copyrights, the Most Valuable Asset in the Music Industry.”

Kellogg has represented recording artists Levert, The O’Jays, Eddie Levert, Sr., LSG, Stat Quo of Shady/Aftermath Records and G-Dep of Bad Boy Records. He serves as a member of the management team for late R&B recording star Gerald Levert, whom he represented throughout his career. He is the author of numerous legal articles and editorials, and the popular book *Take Care of Your Music Business, The Legal and Business Aspects You Need to Know to Grow In the Music Business*. Kellogg has been profiled in *Billboard*, *Ebony*, and *Black Issues* magazines. He is the first African-American elected president of the Music and Entertainment Industry Educators Association. In 2009, Kellogg was among *Ebony*’s Power 150 list of African-American Organization Leaders. Kellogg was a vocalist with the group Cameo on the *Cardiac Arrest* album.

Kellogg’s visit is part of the Berklee, Mississippi Music Exchange, sharing educational opportunities, music, and culture between the premier college for contemporary music education, the Mississippi Delta, and other areas of the state. Since 2008, the Berklee Mississippi Music Exchange has granted young Mississippi musicians full scholarships to attend Berklee’s five-week summer session, brought Berklee students and professors to the Delta for performances and tours of civil rights and blues sites, and hosted Mississippi blues musicians as visiting artists at Berklee. Continuing scholarships for returning to Berklee have been awarded to some of the teens at the end of the summer session. Scholarship auditions for summer 2011 will be held this spring. Visit Berklee.edu for more information.



MVSU Alumnus Christopher Lynn needs your help to land a spot on BET’s Sunday Best. Scroll down to the Christopher video on www.hallelujahfm.com and vote as much as possible. Voting ends on Friday, March 4.

ALUMNI OF THE MONTH



Vincent H. Copeland, D.D.S.

Current Town - Collierville, Tenn.

Years Attended MVSU - 1976 -1980

Major/ Minor - Biology/ Chemistry

Advanced Degree/Institution - Doctor of Dental Surgery—Meharry Medical College
General Practice Residency—Alvin C. York Veterans Administration Hospital and Meharry Hubbard Hospital

Veterans Administration Hospital and Meharry Hubbard Hospital

Membership-Collegiate Organization(s) - Life Member of the Meharry Medical College National Alumni Association, Life Member of the MVSU National Alumni Association, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Centenary United Methodist Church, American Dental Association, Tennessee Dental Association, National Dental Association

Current Job Title - General Dentist/ President of Dental Health Corporation of Memphis

Company/Industry - Dental Health Corporation of Memphis
Dr. V.H. Copeland, D.D.S. Tunica

Major Accomplishments - Established a loan repayment program at the Memphis and Tunica offices, through the National Health Service Corp. The program allows recent dental school graduates to work and payback dental school loans through the Tunica County School Dental Outreach Program.

Professional and Community Involvement - Workforce Investment Network Summer Employment Program—Memphis City Schools, Tunica County School Dental Outreach Program, participates in community and church health fairs and mentoring programs for high school and college students.

Honors/ Awards - Tunica County—4th Annual Minority Owned Commercial Service Award, African American Male Image Award (Business) sponsored by Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity (Tau Iota Chapter)—Memphis, Tenn., inducted into the MVSU Hall of Fame in Medicine by the MVSU National Alumni Association.

Family - Dr. Copeland is married to the former Helen Pinkston, also a graduate of MVSU. They are the proud parents of four daughters: Jasmine, Alexis, Kayla and Valeah.

7 – HIV/AIDS Drive

9 – MVSU Hall of Fame Induction, 6 p.m. -8:30 p.m., Lackey Rec. Center

12 - Strategic Planning Committee Meeting, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m., Business Ed. Conference

12 – Spring Theater Production, 6:30 p.m., Jacob Aron Student Union – Royal Room

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14 – Alcohol Awareness Month, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Jacob Aron Student Union

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21 – National Stress Awareness Month, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Jacob Aron Student Union

21 - NSEH Joint Monthly Seminar, 11 a.m., Science & Technology Auditorium

27 – Spring Concert, 7:30 p.m., H.G. Carpenter Auditorium

30 – PRAXIS Series Exam, 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Social Science Auditorium

May

4 – National Mental Health Awareness Month, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Jacob Aron Student Union

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For more calendar events, check out This Week @ The Valley on www.mvsu.edu.

PEOPLE TO KNOW

JO ANN LAWSON



Position/Title: Administrative Assistant –Men’s College

Responsible for: Office Management Activities

Hometown: San Diego, CA

Hobbies: reading, walking and traveling

Philosophy on Life: “The past is already gone, and the future is yet to come. There is only one moment for me to live – the present moment.”

Quote to Remember: “Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere.”

Leadership Greenwood

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for the Greenwood-Leflore County Chamber of Commerce, and chairman of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr and Black History Convocations and Founder’s Week.

“We are responsible for a community-oriented project in which we provide a service in Leflore County in which all citizens will benefit,” said Tucker.

Most recently, Tucker was named to the Greenwood Commonwealth’s “Top 30 Under 40” list and will be featured in an upcoming publication. Also named was Dr. Zachary Faison, special assistant to President Oliver and Yolanda Jones, director of counseling services.

Evans, a 2000 graduate of The Valley, works as a career counselor in career services. “As a career counselor, I help students to develop and cultivate their potential by providing career development assessments and implementing personal action plans,” she said. “Students benefit from annual events such as Career Fair, Graduate & Professional Schools Day, Youth Motivation Task Force and Black Executive Exchange Program.”

Evans has a compassion and dedication for serving others. Her professional career started in Chicago at Threshold’s Psychiatric Rehabilitation Center, one of Illinois oldest and largest providers of Mental Health.

She returned to her native state, Mississippi, during an unfortunate time of devastation after Hurricane Katrina. Evans answered the call of service and began work as a hurricane recovery case manager and counselor for The Catholic Charities of Jackson and served on the Long Term Hurricane Recovery Committee devoting herself to advocating for many Hurricane Katrina survivors. After leaving The Catholic Charities, she was employed by Central Mississippi Planning and Development District working in the Area Agency on Aging.

Mrs. Evans is the daughter of Mr. James Davis and the late Mrs. Deloris Davis. She is married to Alonzo Evans and they reside in Greenwood. Spending time with family and close friends is a very important part of her life. Isha’s Spiritual growth and development is nurtured at New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of Reverend Dr. Calvin Collins.

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