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## HIGH SCHOOL MALES INVITED TO VALLEY APRIL 4

In an effort to reduce the number of black male high school drop outs, MVSU is hosting its first Black Male Conference on April 4.

The Valley is inviting area high school black males to attend a conference especially designed for them. "Committed to Go the Distance -- Can You Afford To Drop Out?" will be held in the Social Science auditorium.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. The conference begins at 10 a.m. Lunch will follow at noon at the MVSU Pavilion. Dr. Roy Hudson, MVSU interim president, is the keynote speaker.

The conference is free but pre-registration is required. For more information, call 662-254-3745.

## Hope for the Delta Conference targets cancer survivors

Cancer survivors will have an opportunity to meet with survivors, caregivers, cancer specialists and medical experts during the second annual Hope for the Delta Conference on Thursday, April 3.

The Mississippi Valley State University's Office of Minority Health Disparities is hosting the event from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Social Science auditorium.

"The educational benefit of the conference is to enhance awareness of all aspects of cancer. It also provides testimonies of cancer survivors from patients, family members and experts in the field throughout the Mississippi Delta," said Marvin Russell, director of the Office of Health Disparities.

Opening remarks will be given by MVSU Interim President Roy C. Hudson and Senator David Jordan. Humor speaker and survivor Bobby Moulder will be the featured speaker during a celebration lunch.

The Hope for the Delta Conference is designed to meet the educational and informational needs of cancer patients, survivors, family members and caregivers. The day will feature presentations by cancer specialists, medical experts, allied health professionals and cancer survivors.

There is no fee to attend the workshops, however, pre-registration is required. For more information, contact Fran Mobley at 601-956-7447 or 877-538-5364.

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## INTERNATIONAL WEEK SET FOR APRIL 14-18

Rhythms of the drum, flapping of the flags and Afro-Mexican art are among the sights and sounds of the upcoming second annual MVSU International Week scheduled for April 14-18.

"Exploring Transnational Issues: Linking the Mississippi Delta to the World," is the theme for the week-long event which begins with a workshop and public concert by the Al-Andalus Ensemble. The concert is free and will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 14 in the Business Administration Auditorium.

Al-Andalus takes students on a musical journey amid the influences of Arab, Persian and North African cultures on the Spanish art of Flamenco and Western Classical music.

"We chose Al-Andalus for their cultural integration," said Dr. Kathie Stromile-Golden, director of International Programs and coordinator of the event.

"The performers will teach the audience about the language of the fan and the shawl. They can create rhythms with the drum and do palmas, a flamenco hand-clapping. We expect them to jaleo – or shout encouragement and join in the dancing," Golden said.

Members of the ensemble are Tarik and Julia Banzi and Margarita Bruce. Through their performance, the trio will cover history, culture, dance and movement, music, social sciences, language, migration, religion – including Islam, Judaism and Christianity, and geography of Spain, North Africa and the Middle East.



The An-Andalus Ensemble, composed of Tarik and Julia Banzi and Margarita Bruce, will perform during kick-off activities April 14 for the second annual MVSU International Week.

### International Week:

**Tuesday, April 15** – activities include the Opening of an International Art Exhibit featuring the work of Afro-Mexican artists and a silent auction at the Johnson Art Gallery. International Film Night begins at 6 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building.

**Wednesday, April 16** – 11 a.m. lunch at the Pavilion featuring Hot Dogs From Around the World and live music. A Global HIV/AIDS Awareness Symposium will begin at 2 p.m. H.G. Carpenter Auditorium.

**Thursday, April 17** – The colorful Parade of Flags will begin at 9 a.m., followed by a convocation featuring International Scholars and Study Abroad Students.

**Friday, April 18** – Cultural exhibits will be held from 10 a.m. to noon in the Lackey Recreation Center. The International Banquet/Fashion Revue will be held at 7 p.m., also in the Lackey Recreation Center. The Silent Auction ends. Banquet tickets are \$7.

For more information, contact the Office of International Programs, 254-3092.

## Moore Featured at Convocation



**MOORE**

Cleveland native Dr. Billy Carl Moore is the featured Honors Convocation speaker. The convocation, which recognizes and awards students achieving scholastic success in their respective studies, will be held March 26 at 10 a.m. in the H.G. Carpenter Auditorium. In July 2003, Dr. Moore became the first African-American to serve as dean of the

College of Business at Delta State University. From July 1, 2007 to Feb. 1, 2008 he served as interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs.

## Housing Requests Due by March 28

Housing requests for summer events are due in Residential life by 2 p.m. on March 28.

Bryce Lowe, director, said a large number of requests are expected. Those departments needing housing should include in the request the programs name and sponsor, beginning and ending housing dates, and the number of students and staff participating, including gender totals.

“Please be reminded that a chaperon, or like representative is required to accompany the students at all times,” Lowe said. “Residential Life’s main concern is the health, safety and well being of those students housed in the residence halls. At no time is a student participating in a summer program allowed to be left unattended in the residence hall,” he continued.

“We also strongly recommend that all Program Directors hire experienced personnel from the Department of Residential Life to supervise students in our Residence Halls this summer,” Lowe added.

For more information, contact Lowe at 254-3590 or e-mail [bklowe@mvsu.edu](mailto:bklowe@mvsu.edu).

## VALLEY PLAYERS PRESENT SPRING PRODUCTION

The Valley Players of the Department of Communication will present its spring production on April 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Royal Room of the Student Union.

“Contributions!” will be performed by Crystal Atkins, Janae Brown, Arena M. Chambers, Cedric G. Cox, Carissa L. Dunbar, Shabraka S. Foster, Robert A. Moore,

Blanche P. Smith, Deshannon L. Smith, Latasha Stanley, Velicia Stanley and Le’Andria D. Williams.

The play, a Readers Theater Presentation, is adapted and directed by Barbara Baymon, speech instructor and director of the theater.

## WAX ATTENDS REGIONAL HEALTH MEETING

Dr. Benjamin Wax attended a Regional Conversation meeting for the National Partnership for Action to End Health Disparities Feb. 6-8.

Wax, director of Valley Fitness and assistant professor in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, was among Region IV participants from Mississippi, South Carolina, North Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky and Alabama. The group developed a blueprint as a guideline for future regional actions and in building a national plan for eliminating health disparities.

While at the conference, Wax discussed preventative health. “I would like to create a program and a plan that empowers, ensures and mandates individuals to seek preventative care,” he said.

Wax believes that the issues and health disparities plaguing the Delta include diabetes, cardiovascular disease and obesity, which is the precursor causing all of these major challenges.

The tenets of the program included increased awareness of health disparities, strengthened leadership at all levels, improved patient-provider communication, improved cultural and linguistic competency and improved coordination and utilization of research and outcome evaluations. The Office of Minority Health’s goal with this program is to improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of collective efforts to end health disparities.

Assisting Dr. Wax in research prior to the conference were Valley staff members Demetrice Dotson, Jolene Brennan, and Emma O’Connor.

In addition, Dr. Wax has been invited to participate in a one-day summit held by Jackson State and the Mississippi Department of Health.

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## MARCH

- 21-24 – Easter Break Holiday, No Classes
- 26 – Honors Convocation, H.G. Carpenter Auditorium, 10 a.m.
- 28 – MVSU Women In Science and Technology Conference (WIST), Social Science Auditorium

## APRIL

- 3 – Hope for the Delta Conference, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., Social Science auditorium.
- 3 – Valley Players present “Contributions,” a Readers Theater Presentation, 6:30 p.m., Royal Room of the Student Union.
- 4 – High School Black Male Conference, 8:30 a.m., Social Science auditorium. Call 254-3745 for more information.
- 9 – Academic Advisement begins for Fall 2008
- 10 – Undergraduate Research Day
- 11 – Spring High School Day, 8 a.m., Harrison HPER Complex
- 10-11 – MVSU 28<sup>th</sup> Social Work Conference
- 12 – The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual MVSU Piano Festival, 8 a.m., Walter Sillers Fine Arts Center
- 14 – MVSU International Week: Al-Andalus Ensemble, free concert, 7:30 p.m., Business Administration auditorium.
- 15 – MVSU International Week: International Art Exhibit and a silent auction, Johnson Art Gallery; International Film Night, 6 p.m., Fine Arts Building, 254-3092.
  - Online Registration begins for the 2008 Fall Semester
- 16 – MVSU International Week: 11 a.m. lunch, Pavilion featuring Hot Dogs From Around the World and live music; Global HIV/AIDs Awareness Symposium, 2 p.m. H.G. Carpenter Auditorium, 254-3092.
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- 21 – Founder’s Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. H.M. Ivy Cafeteria, Dining Hall IV, \$10
- 22 – Alumni Forum, 10 a.m. Business Education Building auditorium
- 23 – MVSU Symphonic-Wind Band Spring Concert, 7:30 Carpenter
  - Administrative Professional Day, 11 a.m., Recreation Center; \$10

## TEACHER/ADMINISTRATOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE PLANNED FOR APRIL 5

The MVSU College of Education is sponsoring a professional development conference, “Embracing Change: Using Standards to Improve Student Achievement,” on April 5 in the MVSU Business Education Building.

Featured speaker will be Dr. Linda Bradford, dean of the College of Education and vice president for Academic Affairs at Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Concurrent sessions will be held throughout the morning. Topics include: classroom management, improving teacher/administrator quality; classroom instruction, differentiated instruction; increasing rigor; inclusion; support tools for evaluating academic achievement; writing assessment; revised language arts/math framework; family/community involvement; Webb’s Depth of Knowledge; and integrating technology.

The registration fee is \$75. For continuing education units, a fee of \$20 will be charged. Application deadline is March 25.

Registration will be held from 8:15 to 8:45 with opening session 8:45 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Morning concurrent sessions will be held from 9 – 9:50, 10 – 10:50 and 11 – 11:50. A luncheon will be held from Noon to 1:15 followed by the wrap-up session from 1:20 to 2 p.m.

For additional information, contact Dr. Patricia Brooks, MVSU College of Education Assistant Dean at 662-254-3616.

For registration forms, contact Jordan Goins at 662-254-3719.

## PeOple To KnOw



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**Quote to Remember:** “Dear God, I was not deserving of Your Son, but I was in need.”