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with Preeminence Awards. The event gets under way at 7 p.m. Tickets for the black-tie affair are \$75.

For ticket information, please contact the University Cashier at (662) 254-3313, or for information, contact the Office of Public Relations at (662) 254-3578.

INTERNATIONAL WEEK, Continued from page 3

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.

Other events:

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 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.

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58th FOUNDER'S WEEK OBSERVANCE

"New Beginnings—Endless Opportunities"
April 21-26, 2008

MONDAY, APRIL 21
Founder's Breakfast
Mr. Blake Wilson
President, Mississippi
Economic Council
H. M. Ivy Cafeteria,
Dining Hall IV
7:30 a.m.
\$10 per person

TUESDAY, APRIL 22
Alumni Forum
An Educator's Perspective:
*Had It Not Been For
Valley...*
Business Education
Building Auditorium
10 a.m.
Open to the public

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23
MVSU Symphonic-Wind
Band Spring Concert
H. G. Carpenter
Auditorium
7:30 p.m.
Open to the public

THURSDAY, APRIL 24
Founder's Day Convocation
Mr. Charles Victor McTeer
Attorney and Co-founder
of the McTeer Foundation
H. G. Carpenter
Auditorium
10 a.m.
Open to the public

FRIDAY, APRIL 25
Ninth Annual James
Herbert White Preeminence
Awards and Scholarship
Gala
Hosted by Ms. Erin

Pickens, News Anchor,
WJTV - TV 12, Jackson,
Miss., and the Rev. Herin
Wilson
Silent Auction, 5:30 p.m.
Preeminence Awards and
Scholarship Gala
7 p.m.
Robert W. Harrison HPER
Complex
Black-tie optional, \$75 per
person

EVENING ENTERTAINER
The Chi-Lites
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Group Hall of Fame in
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including romantic ballads
such as "Have You Seen
Her" and "Oh Girl." The
group continues to tour
throughout the world,
singing their powerful R&B
hits.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26
Valley Fest, an afternoon of
fun, food and games
Quadrangle of campus
Noon to 5 PM

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Chi-Lites

GALA TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Rhythm and blues will permeate the Harrison HPER Complex on April 25 when Mississippi Valley State University holds the 9th annual James Herbert White Preeminence Awards and Scholarship Gala.

The evening event will feature 2005 Vocal Group Hall of Fame inductees, The Chi-Lites.

Inducted into the Vocal Group Hall of Fame in 2005, The Chi-Lites hail from Chicago. During the 1970s, they racked up 11 Top 10 R&B singles, including romantic ballads such as "Have You Seen Her" and "Oh Girl." The group continues to tour throughout the world, singing their powerful R&B hits.

The men will take the stage during MVSU's biggest fundraising event of the year. A silent auction will begin at 5:30 p.m. and features autographed sports memorabilia, art, jewelry and other items.

During the gala, MVSU Interim President Roy C. Hudson will recognize outstanding university supporters

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Faculty and Staff may purchase tickets through payroll deduction. Call Fiscal Affairs at 662-254-3301 for more information.

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Founders Breakfast Features Wilson



WILSON

During the annual Founder's Breakfast, attendees will hear Blake Wilson, president of the Mississippi Economic Council.

Wilson is only the third executive of the State Chamber of Commerce in 50 years. He came to MEC in 1999 from the Florida Chamber of Commerce where he served as executive vice president. While at Florida, he developed the most sophisticated grassroots member legislative action program in the nation. Under his direction, MEC has become the fastest growing state chamber of commerce in the nation.

Previously, Blake was executive director of Associated Builders & Contractors' Delaware Chamber and spent nearly 10 years with the Delaware Chamber of Commerce. Before entering the association business he spent nine years as a newspaper editor and reporter.

His expertise is building an involved membership capable of winning positive legislative change to stimulate investment, entrepreneurship and opportunity.

Blake lives in Brandon with his wife, Ann, a public school teacher, and son Andrew. Their eldest son, Nicholas, is a graduate student at Mississippi State University and daughter, Ellie, is attending Mississippi College.

McTEER TO SPEAK AT CONVOCATION



McTEER

The Founder's Convocation speaker on April 24 will be attorney and philanthropist Charles Victor McTeer, one of MVSU's ardent supporters.

A trial lawyer with extensive litigation experience, Mr. McTeer has practiced law in Mississippi since 1972. In 1995, he received the "Chief Justice Award" from the Chief Justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court recognizing his service to the legal profession and the people of the State of Mississippi. He is co-founder of the McTeer Foundation which provides financial assistance to students throughout Mississippi and served as a member of the Mid South Commission to Build Philanthropy.

MVSU HONDA TEAM COMPETES IN ORLANDO



The MVSU Honda Team competed in the Strong 64 Honda Classic in Orlando recently. Team members include, front row, from left, Latoya Dixon, (captain) Melissa Hamilton, Dominique Gardner, Shadricia Day and Adrian Stephney; back row, Ivory Johnson, Dr. Louis J. Hall, coach; Kalan Hampton, Ilyas Zeynalov, Barbara J.P. Washington, coach; Robert Taylor and Michael Colston. In March, the team defeated last year's national champions, Tennessee State, in the finals.

Dr. Matthews Named AP Test Reader

Dr. Daphne Matthews has been selected to serve as an Advanced Placement Test Reader this summer for The English Literature session in Louisville, Ky., during June 4-12, 2008. She was also recognized as a William Winter Scholar at the Natchez Literary and Cinema Celebration.

Washington Recognized by Sigma Tau Delta



WASHINGTON

Professor Barbara Washington from the Department of English and Foreign Languages has received on March 8 a plaque of recognition from Sigma Tau Delta, The International English Honor Society for her 30 years of excellent service as the sponsor for the Tau Lambda chapter at Mississippi Valley State University.

Farmer, Osborne Attend Africana Studies Conference

Professors Bettye Farmer and Mamie Osborne attended the First Annual Africana Studies Conference at Jackson State University, March 9-10, 2008. The conference recognized a forty-year retrospective of Margaret Walker's legacy and the Black Studies Movement. This conference attracted professors and scholars in the humanities nationwide.

VALLEY PLAYERS PRESENTED SPRING PRODUCTION



The Valley Players of the Department of Mass Communication presented its spring production on April 3. Performing in "Contributions!" were front row, from left, Robert Mooore, Barbara Baymon, Cedric Cox; standing from left, Blanche Smith, Le'Andria Williams, Shabraka Foster, Deshannon Smith, Velicia Stanley, Janae Brown, Carissa Dunbar and Arena Chambers.

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- 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 28th Social Work Conference
- 12 – The 13th 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.
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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

DON'T MISS INTERNATIONAL WEEK ACTIVITIES SET FOR APRIL 14-18

Mark your calendars now for 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.

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PeOple To KnOw



Machelle J. Stockstill

Position/Title: Office Manager

Responsible for: Arranging travel, meetings and appointments; respond to inquiries in person or via telephone, mail, fax or email, file system management in paper

and electronic format; control and maintain the office budgets.

Hometown: Coffeerville

Hobbies: Spending time with family, scrap booking, reading, shopping and solving crossword puzzles.

Philosophy on Life: "All great achievements require time."
-Maya Angelou

Quote to Remember: "We may encounter many defeats but we must not be defeated."

-Maya Angelou