

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

The deadline for applying for part-time tuition grants has passed, but since funds are still available, the deadline has been extended until June 25. No applications will be accepted after this date.

Travel funds are still available through the Faculty Development Office if you are planning to attend a conference during the summer.

If you are interested, call Dr. James Varn at extension 3080 or 3081.

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B.B. KING BLUES WORKSHOP IS JUNE 5

The Mississippi Valley State University Ninth Annual B.B. King Blues workshop is scheduled for Friday, June 5, beginning at 9 a.m. The event will culminate with Dr. King conducting his annual workshop from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the H.G. Carpenter auditorium.

The Humanities Workshop/Blues Symposium will feature candid interviews with Bobby Rush, Bill "Howling Mad" Perry and Alonzo Campbell. The symposium will be held from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the Business Education Building auditorium.

The fifth annual Musicians' Workshop featuring Bobby Rush, Bill "Howling Mad" Perry and the Clarksdale Youth Blues Band, Jesse Robinson and Eden Brent, will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the H.G. Carpenter auditorium. Dr. Alphonso Sanders, chair of the MVSU Fine Arts Department, will serve as moderator.

For more information, contact the Delta Research & Cultural Institute at 662.254.3854.



B.B. King

STEVENSON SELECTED FOR PRESTIGIOUS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE



Stevenson

Provosts and Chief Academic Officers. He was nominated for the prestigious honor by MVSU President Donna H. Oliver.

The Institute is sponsored by the American Academic Leadership Institute, the American Association of State Colleges and Universities,

and the Council of Independent Colleges. Through the year-long program, the provosts will experience two seminars in Washington, D.C., readings, experiential activities and a mentorship experience.

The program will focus on presidential areas of responsibility not typically found in the role of the chief academic officer, such as fundraising, comprehensive campaigns, endowment development and management, board development and board relations.

Working with Dr. Oliver, Dr. Stevenson will propose and carry out activities and initiatives to gain hands-on experience in the conduct of the day-to-day activities covered in the content areas of the program. These initiatives and projects will be customized and fit the individual needs of the university.

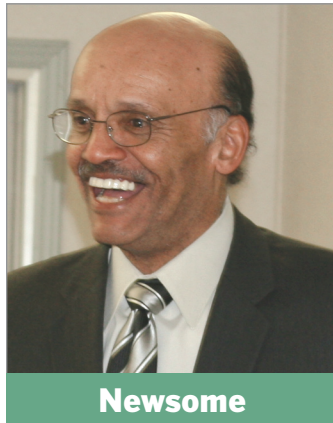
FROM THE OFFICE OF ALUMNI RELATIONS:

Just a reminder that each Friday is "Green and White Day" and as a result, we would like to encourage people to either wear green and white or some form of Valley paraphernalia. Show that University spirit!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

The annual MVSU National Alumni Association Convention will be held on the Itta Bena campus during July 23-25.

NEWSOME ELECTED UNITED WAY PRESIDENT



Newsome

Dr. Moses Newsome, Vice President for Research, Planning, Community and Economic Development at MVSU, has been elected president of the United Way of Leflore County for the 2009-10. His term began May 19 during the United Way's annual meeting. Others with Valley ties serving as officers in the United Way of Leflore County include MVSU professor Elizabeth Evans and alumnae Jean Cadney, executive committee.

The United Way of Leflore County is a non-profit organization supporting 10 agencies, including the American Red Cross, Beacon Harbor, Boy Scouts, Boys & Girls Club of Leflore County, Community Food Pantry, Girl Scouts of the South, Greenwood Interfaith Ministries Community Kitchen, Fuller Center for Housing, Leflore County 4-H Clubs and the Salvation Army. United Way conducts business through its 35 board members and a large number of volunteers.

FACULTY TRAINING FOR RENAISSANCE LEARNING PROGRAMS



Pruitt

The two fastest growing student populations in American higher education are adult learners and online learners. With that in mind, MVSU will have a workshop to address issues regarding current trends with these populations.

Dr. Nathan Greeno, consultant for MVSU Renaissance Learning Programs will be conducting this faculty workshop on Tuesday, June 9 from 10 a.m. – Noon. It will be held in the Business Education Building, Classroom 218.

This workshop is for faculty members who may have an interest in teaching in the Renaissance Learning Programs as they are developed throughout the curriculum.

This workshop will address topics such as:

- Adult learning theory
- Online integration of adult theory
- The nature of adult students
- The RLP and how to utilize the materials
- Maintaining academic integrity
- Retaining adult students

The information that can be gleaned from this workshop can be utilized by all faculty whether teaching in the RLP or in the traditional classroom setting.

Please RSVP to Dr. Glenell Pruitt at 3603 by Friday, June 5, of your intention to attend.

MVSU OFFERS SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY CAMP FOR SIXTH GRADERS

Rising sixth grade students will have an opportunity to learn about science and computer applications during a special camp June 15-26 at Mississippi Valley State University.

The camp is free and open to the first 20 students who submit a completed application.

The two-week session is through MVSU's Information Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers Using Catfish and Their Environment as a Model (ITEST-CEMO) Program, funded through a grant by the National Science Foundation.

The ITEST-CEMO summer component will introduce students to 3-D animation using the computer program, Alice.

In addition, students will visit a national fishery service laboratory at the Stennis Space Center and interact with scientists and administrators who are utilizing technology which have future implications in the leading industry in the Delta area—catfish farming. Students will also be exposed to remote sensing technology at the Stennis Space Center

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EVENT CALENDAR

JUNE

- 3 – Staff Council Awareness Day, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Royal Room
- 4 – Federal Rural Health Grantwriting workshop, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m., Bus. Edu. Bldg.
- 5 – B.B. King Blues Workshop, 2 p.m., H.G. Carpenter
- 6 – Football Coaching Clinic, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Bus. Edu. Bldg
- 15 – 26 – Science and Technology Camp

JULY

- 23- 25 - MVSU National Alumni Association Conference, Bus. Edu. Bldg.

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





The 57th Commencement Photo Gallery



1. Dr. Donna H. Oliver, right, President, presents The Honorable Percy Watson, left, chairman of the Mississippi House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee, with a plaque for serving as the 57th Commencement speaker. 2. Dr. Oliver and the executive staff welcome Rep. Watson and Board of Trustees member, C.D. Smith Jr. 3. Graduate students wait in anticipation to receive their second degree. 4. A Golden graduate looks over the program for the 57th commencement. 5. Graduates wait to be seated as the final group enter the R.W. Harrison complex. 6. Dr. Joseph Martin Stevenson, left, Provost/Sr. VP, Dr. Oliver, center, and Dr. Anna M. Hammond, right, Chief of Staff, are thrilled to participate in their first commencement at MVSU. 7. Over 5,000 people attended the commencement to see friends and family members on their special day. 8. Faculty members look on with pride as the commencement closes another chapter of Valley Scholars. 9. Dr. Garfield Burke served as the faculty marshal.



SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY CAMP

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“This will be an exciting experience for the sixth graders,” said Dr. Louis Hall, project director and MVSU assistant professor.

“They will be exposed to technology and science in hands-on activities. Hopefully, this will motivate them into choosing a science career,” he said.

Students will be housed in supervised residence halls on the Itta Bena campus, Monday through Friday of each week. The students will depart on Friday evening and return Sunday afternoon for the second portion of the camp.

During class activities, students will design Web sites and present their science findings in Powerpoint presentations.

“They will be looking at water quality, pesticides and how these chemicals interact with the environment. The students will present their findings to their peers and parents at the conclusion of the camp,” Hall said.

Applications can be obtained calling 662-254-3036 or by e-mailing mmays@mvsu.edu .

MVSU HOSTS RURAL HEALTH GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP ON JUNE 4

Mississippi Valley State University hosted a Federal Rural Health Grantwriting Workshop on Thursday, June 4 in the Business Education Building auditorium on the Itta Bena campus.

The Federal Office of Rural Health Policy is interested in providing technical assistance on applying for federal grants. The goal of this collaboration is to empower communities to take full advantage of available funding opportunities and to learn effective ways to write a successful grant application.

This workshop featured:

- Information on ORHP community based funding opportunities

- Grantwriting tips to help you succeed
- Encouragement and support in applying for federal grants
- An interactive activity to help you understand how your application will be reviewed

Target Audience:

The majority of ORHP’s community based grant programs are targeted towards non-profit organizations or public entities located in rural areas. For-profit organizations are welcome to attend and potentially collaborate with other organizations, but cannot be the lead applicant on a project. Listed below are organizations strongly encouraged to attend:

- Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)
- Non-profit organizations or public entities located in a rural county or census tract (<http://datawarehouse.hrsa.gov/RuralAdvisor/>)
- Community organizations that focus on issues of minority populations
- Federally-recognized Tribal organizations
- Migrant health organizations

PEOPLE TO KNOW

PRESTON D. ROBINSON



Position/Title: Test Prep. Coordinator

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Philosophy on Life: Watch your Thoughts, they become words. Watch your words, they become actions. Watch your actions, they become habits. Watch your Habits, they become character. Watch your Character, for it becomes your Destiny.

Quote to Remember: “No Man Is An Island.”

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PRESIDENTIAL Inauguration

DONNA H. OLIVER, PH.D.

SAVE THE DATE

 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2009