



MVSU Receives \$10,000 Grant from Home Depot

Mississippi Valley State University recently participated in the Home Depot Retool Your School grant program which provides improvements to Historically Black Colleges and Universities across the nation. MVSU was among 62 finalists and the only university in the state of Mississippi to receive this award.

“We are so thankful for the leadership, hard work and commitment of Valley supporters who voted daily to help ensure we were one of the schools to receive funding,” said MVSU President Donna Oliver.

The Valley was among 10 schools awarded \$10,000. MVSU will use the money to add nearly 200 ADA uniform grants through the campus.



The University relied on the votes of alumni, students, faculty, staff and supporters to vote online this past spring.

The winners were chosen by public votes and an advisory panel that included: Jasmine Guy, actress/director; Rev. Bernice King, civil rights activist; Leon Kerry, commissioner of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Dr. Lezli Baskerville, executive director of the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education; and Monica Newman McCluney, director of the United Negro College Fund.

The Home Depot Retool Your School grant program is designed to encourage and recognize innovative environmentally-friendly projects that contribute to the campuses of historically black colleges and universities.

MVSU DEDICATES STUDENT PLAZA TO CONGRESSMAN BENNIE G. THOMPSON

Congressman Bennie Thompson was recognized for his contributions to higher education in the Mississippi Delta during a dedication ceremony at MVSU.

The Bennie G. Thompson Student Plaza on the Itta Bena campus serves as the hub for academic debates, lectures, voter registration and other social events.

“Congressman Thompson has devoted so much of his time and resources to higher education in the state of Mississippi and especially in the Delta. We felt that it is only befitting that we honor him. He is a trailblazer in



MVSU celebrates the unveiling of the Congressman Bennie G. Thompson Student Plaza.

the community and an outstanding role model for our students,” said MVSU President Donna H. Oliver. “Students come to us from around the world, and we are proud to offer them a pleasant environment in which they can fully realize the academic and cultural promise of Mississippi Valley State University,” President Oliver said.

Congressman Thompson is serving his ninth term as a United States Representative and the longest-serving African-American elected official in the state of Mississippi. He has served on the Agriculture, Budget and Small Business Committees. Also, he is currently serving as the Chairman of the Homeland Security Committee.



Dr. Oliver proclaims July 17 as Rep. Bennie Thompson Day at The Valley.

HOMECOMING 2010

Special Pull-Out Section

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Schedule of Events
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Entertainment

**Celebrating 60 years:
 The Best Is Yet To Come**

MVSU Appoints New VP of Business & Finance



Dr. Haresh Khanna has joined the administration as vice president for Business and Finance at MVSU. The University's chief financial officer comes to The Valley with more than 30 years in higher education.

Prior to joining MVSU, Dr. Khanna was a college professor, department chair and vice president for business and finance at Alabama A & M University.

During his past three decades in higher education, he had the privilege to influence and shape the lives and careers of thousands of students. Many of his former students have distinguished themselves in the corporate world, education and government. He has been active as a consultant on business matters and has served with many civic and community organizations.

Khanna started his graduate work at Utah State University where he earned a master of business administration degree and continued his studies at Mississippi State University where he earned a doctorate of business administration degree. He is a certified management accountant.

Dr. Khanna and his wife, Sarita, have two adult children, Jamie and Abhijit.

MVSU Hosts 'What SACS Means to Your Unit and the University'

Join Dr. Christopher Shults each Friday at 11 a.m. in Sutton Administration Building, Room 108, for a one-hour session on "What SACS Means for Your Unit." He will discuss what is expected of your unit as it relates to SACS Reaffirmation. Also, he will cover specific topics related to assessment planning and reporting such as the use of direct and indirect measures.

Each session will be limited to 10 attendees (1 per unit per Friday). For more information, call 662-254-3145. Reservations should be made by Thursday of each week. Attendees should bring their assessment plans and unit mission statements to the meeting.

The sessions will be held on Friday until further notice.

MVSU Parking Enforcement Begins Oct. 4

MVSU Parking decals are currently available for purchase at the cashier's window. All faculty, staff and students are required to have a parking decal affixed to the upper left of vehicle's windshield.

Decal prices for 2010-2011 are:

Students	\$20
Faculty/Staff	\$30
Reserved	\$75
Named Reserved	\$125

Enforcement for parking decals will begin on Oct. 4.

Dr. Sanders Receives Mississippi Arts Commission Grant

MVSU Department of Fine Arts Chair Alphonso Sanders has been awarded a \$4,400 grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission. This grant is a portion of the \$1.64 million in grants the Commission will award in 2010-2011 and will be used to promote and advance Sanders' musical artistry and educational experience. The grants are made possible by continued funding from the Mississippi State Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.

"The artists across Mississippi continue to use their talents to showcase the value of the arts to the state. Their creation of art and participation in local events and activities helps to insure the economic success of their community and the state as a whole. The Mississippi Arts Commission is proud to support their efforts," said Malcolm White, Executive Director of MAC.

Dr. Sanders, a resident of Cleveland, has been involved in music education for more than 25 years as an educator, clinician, adjudicator and performer. He received degrees in music from MVSU, Valdosta State



University, and the University of Mississippi. In addition to chairing the Fine Arts Department, Dr. Sanders serves as director of the MVSU B.B. King Recording Studio. He continues to perform and lecture throughout Mississippi as well as across America and many places abroad.

As a Fulbright Scholar, Sanders studied abroad in China visiting 12 major cities, exploring the culture of Chinese music and visual arts. In 2009, he produced and recorded "Mississippi Influences," which included many Mississippi musicians. His most recent recording project, titled "Twice as Nice down in Mississippi," is a duo collaboration with Mississippi blues artist Bill "Howl-n-Madd" Perry. Together, they won in the solo/duo category at the 2010 International Blues Challenge.

The Mississippi Arts Commission is a state agency serving residents of the state by providing grants that support programs to enhance communities; assist artists and arts organizations; promote the arts in education and celebrate Mississippi's cultural heritage.

EVENT CALENDAR

September

28- Homeland Security Workshop, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m., Business Education Auditorium.

October

12 - Fall Career Fair, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Jacob Aron Student Union

14 - Deadline for United Way pledges. Contact Office of Human Resources.

Editor's Note: Please see the Homecoming Activity Schedule included in this Communique.

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Jacob Aron Student Union
Tuesday, October 12, 2010
10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

For more information contact:
Career Services Center
H.G. Carpenter Building
662-254-3441
careerservices@mvsu.edu

www.MVSU.EDU

FALL CONVOCATION



Dr. Adley addresses the audience during the Fall Convocation.



The Class of 2014 await their chance to be inducted into the MVSU family.



President Oliver officially inducts the Class of 2014 with a candle lighting and the unveiling of the Freshmen Class Banner.

MVSU United Way Campaign Needs You

MVSU faculty and staff are encouraged to participate in the 2010 United Way campaign currently under way.

“As one of the largest employers in Leflore County, MVSU has an increasingly important leadership role in helping to maintain and strengthen our area,” said Margaret Clark, MVSU United Way Committee Chair.

“While individual fundraising is important and assists many organizations in supporting the people they serve, no single agency can have the kind of impact that United Way does on priorities that reach across the entire community. United Way raises funds to support programs that address specific community needs,” Clark said.



She encourages each faculty and staff member to consider playing a critical role in helping a family whose home has been burned or a neighbor who cannot afford food.

“More than 90 percent of the money raised stays in Leflore County,” said Clark.

Pledge forms are available in the Office of Human Resources located on the 3rd Floor, Sutton Administration Building. Deadline for contributing is Oct. 14. The MVSU campaign concludes on Oct. 15, she said.

Higher Education Leaders Gather at Valley for Safety Training

The Mississippi Office of Homeland Security will host the fourth annual Higher Education Leaders Preparedness Conference at Mississippi Valley State University on Tuesday, Sept. 28. More than 200 University and community college presidents, vice presidents, deans, police chiefs, security directors and other campus personnel involved in campus safety policy and practice are expected to attend.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. in the Business Education Building Auditorium with the opening session beginning at 10 a.m.

The focus of this year’s program is institutional development of Homeland Security-related programming, assisted course approval through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and collaborating for external funds.

MVSU personnel interested in attending should contact their department supervisor.

PEOPLE TO KNOW

ROBERT SANDERS



Position/Title: Chief of Police

Responsible for: Campus safety and supervising the University police department

Hometown: Shaw

Hobbies: basketball and public speaking

Philosophy on Life: Treat others the way you want to be treated.

Quote to Remember: What goes around comes around.

WELCOME ABOARD



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Office Assistant
Athletics/Admissions*



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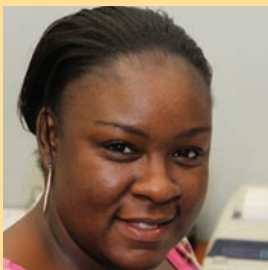
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HOMECOMING

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS: THE BEST IS YET TO COME

SEPTEMBER 26 - OCTOBER 2

Comedians B-Phlat and Tony Roberts Headline SGA Talent Show

Among the dozens of activities planned as part of The Valley's 2010 Homecoming is the annual SGA Talent Show featuring comedians B-Phlat and Tony Roberts.

The show will be held on Friday, Oct. 1 beginning at 8 p.m. in the H.G. Carpenter Auditorium. Tickets are \$10.

Comedienne B-Phlat has been spreading her own unique blend of brassy, urban humor with appearances on HBO's Def Comedy Jam, Showtime's Comics Without Borders, and STARZ Channel's Martin Lawrence Presents the 1st Amendment Comedy Show.

Her comedy goes beyond laughs, as she strays from the norms of man-bashing and profanity and instead uses her hysterical routines to honestly examine her life, urging other women to both improve and empower themselves.

The St. Louis native born Beverly Nelson developed her tenacity

and wit at an early age as a means to stand out as the only girl in family of four brothers. In order to escape the testosterone, B-Phlat says moved to Philadelphia for grad school in 1992. It was here that her career launched three years later in 1995, when her friends signed her up for a talent show without her knowing. She hasn't looked back since, continuing to draw her growing audiences into her funny tales of life, love, and happiness.

B-Phlat's extensive list of television appearances also includes The Travel Channel's Show Me St. Louis with Cedric the Entertainer, Byron Allen's Comics Unleashed, Showtime at the Apollo, and BET's One Mic Stand and Baldwin Hills. She also co-hosted with Kenny "Baby Face" Edmond's Where Music Meets Film, at the Sundance Film Festival, landed a spot on BET's Comic View for five years running, and appeared on VH1 on numerous occasions, as both a clip show commentator and a celebrity panelist on The Love Lounge.

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Tony Roberts



B-Phlat



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SEPTEMBER 26 - OCTOBER 2

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

Homecoming Worship Service 9 am
Guest Minister: Rev. Marjorie Walker, Samuel Chapel United Methodist Church
H. G. Carpenter Auditorium

Gospel Concert 6 pm
H. G. Carpenter Auditorium

2010 Homecoming "KICK-OFF BLAST" Pep Rally 9 pm
Rice Totten Stadium/Charles "Chuck" Prophet Football Field

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH (Tacky Dress Day)

Music on the Plaza 11 am - 2 pm
Congressman Bennie G. Thompson Plaza

Womanless/Manless Pageant 7 pm
H.G. Carpenter Auditorium

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH (Professional Dress Day)

Lunch @ Pavilion 11 am - 4 pm
Student Pavilion

Crowning of Royal Princes & Princesses 3 pm
Jacob Aron Student Union - Royal Room

SGA Battle of the Classes Competition 6 pm
Student Union/Stewart Hall Field

Bonfire 9 pm
Industrial Technology Building Field

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH (Old School Dress Day)

Homecoming "Hump Day" Carnival 11 am - 4 pm
Student Pavilion

Campus Community Service All Day MVSU Campus
Sponsored by the Community Service/Service Learning Department and SGA

Xtreme Modeling Team's POWER Fashion Show 7 pm
H.G. Carpenter Auditorium

Block Party 9 pm
Jacob Aron Student Union Parking Lot

Midnight Breakfast 12 am
H.M. Ivy Cafeteria

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH (Twin Dress Day)

MVSU Day in Washington County 9 am
Washington County Convention Center, Greenville, Miss.
Sponsored by the MVSU Office of Admissions & Recruitment

Community Service 9 am | Leland, MS
Sponsored by the MVSU Community Service/Service Learning Department

Former Queens Reception 11 am
H.M. Ivy Cafeteria - Dining Hall IV

Coronation of Miss Kiara S. Williams & Mr. Billy Benson, Jr.
Miss MVSU 2010-2011 and Mr. MVSU 2010-2011
7 pm Leflore County Civic Center Arena, Greenwood, MS

Coronation Ball Immediately following Coronation
Leflore County Civic Center-Ball Room

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1ST (Green & White Spirit Dress Day)

Golf Tournament 8 am
Greenville Municipal Golf Course

Campus Parade 2 pm
Parade Marshall: Robert L. Sanders, Chief of Campus Police
MVSU Campus

Doug T. Porter Scholarship Banquet 7 pm - 10 pm | Tickets: \$50.00
Washington County Convention Center, Greenville, Miss.
Sponsored by the MVSU Office of Advancement

SGA Talent Show 8 pm | Tickets: \$10.00
Comedians B-Phlat and Tony Roberts
H. G. Carpenter Auditorium

SGA Dance/Party 10 pm | \$5.00 With MVSU ID & \$7.00 Without MVSU ID
Charles Lackey Recreation Center - Gym
Sponsored by the MVSU Student Government Association, Inc.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2ND (Valley Apparel Dress Day)

"King of the Grill" Tailgate Challenge 5 am
Greenville-Weston High School, Greenville, Miss.

2010 Homecoming Parade 9:30 am
Parade Marshall: Dr. Bettye Neely, President of IHL Board
Downtown, Greenville, Miss.

Football Game 2 pm
Mississippi Valley State University "Delta Devils" vs. Prairie View A & M "Panthers"
Greenville-Weston High School

NPHC Greek Show/Comedy Show 8 pm - 11 pm | Tickets: \$7.00
Children in Advance; \$10.00 MVSU Students in Advance; \$15.00 Non-Students
in Advance; At Door: \$ 20.00 For All. Washington County Convention Center, Greenville,
Miss.

2010 Official "Green & White" After Party Immediately following Greek Show
Washington Co

All activities and events are coordinated by the Mississippi Valley State University 2010 Homecoming Committee, through the Division of Student Affairs, Enrollment Management & Diversity, Dr. Johnny D. Jones, Vice President.

This schedule is a publication of the Office of Student Activities, located in the Jacob Aron Student Union, (662) 254-3526.

DISCLAIMER: All events and entertainers are subject to change due to availability. **All activities and events are free, unless otherwise noted.**



2010 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

4 at Alabama State

Montgomery, Ala.
Cramton Bowl
7 pm

11 at South Carolina State

Orangeburg, S.C.
Oliver C. Dawson Stadium
6 pm

18 Alcorn State

Chicago, Ill.
Soldier Field
4 pm

25 at Jackson State

Jackson, Miss.
Veterans Memorial Stadium
7 pm

OCTOBER

2 PRAIRIE VIEW A&M

(Homecoming)
Greenville, Miss.
GWHS/Charles Kerg Field
2 pm

9 at Southern

Baton Rouge, La.
A.W. Mumford Stadium
6:30 pm

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23 GRAMBLING STATE

Greenville, Miss.
GWHS/Charles Kerg Field
2 pm

30 at Texas Southern

Houston, Texas
Durley Stadium
4 pm

NOVEMBER

6 at Arkansas-Pine Bluff

Pine Bluff, Ark.
Golden Lion Stadium
1 pm

13 ALABAMA A&M

Greenville, Miss.
GWHS/Charles Kerg Field
1 pm

DECEMBER

11 SWAC Championship

Birmingham, Ala.
Legion Field
1 pm

Comedians Headline

Talent Show *continue from front page*

Tony T. Roberts is coined by his peers as the “comedian’s comedian.” His hard hitting, energetic, style of comedy has catapulted him into the top ranks of the comedy circuit.

Born and raised in Detroit, Roberts graduated from Henry Ford High School and then went into the Army where he spent 10 years of service, earning him another moniker, “Sergeant of Comedy.”

After leaving the service, and going from job to job, Perry, a good friend of Tony’s, dared him to get on stage and try is hand at stand-up comedy. Mark Ridley’s Comedy Castle in Royal Oak, Michigan is where Tony first graced the stage, but Tony recalls that night being anything but graceful.

A favorite of club owners for his improvisational skills and quick wit, Tony has tour the nation with his stand-up comedy in all the major night clubs across the county. Tony has also toured nationally with the stage plays, *If these Hips Could Talk* and *Ain’t Nothing like Family*. He has also toured internationally with his stand-up comedy, one of his more notable accomplishments was a 2009 nomination from the UK for Best International Comic.

Roberts and his wife reside in Los Angeles with their three children.

For more information, contact the Office of Student Activities at 254-3526.

