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2009 Health Risk Assessments

Adult participants age 18 and older must complete a new health risk assessment (HRA) on or after Jan. 1, 2009, prior to a wellness/preventive services for adult participants residing in Mississippi are not subject to the calendar year deductible and must be provided by an AHS State Network provider in order to qualify for benefits. For a complete list of covered wellness services, please visit the Plan’s Web site at http://knowyourbenefits.dfa.state.ms.us. If you do not have internet access, you can call Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mississippi at 800-709-7881 to receive a copy of the list. Remember, if you do not complete an HRA, you will not be eligible to receive any adult wellness and preventive service benefits.

MVSU Holds Health Issues Virtual Town Hall Meeting

The Mississippi Valley State University Department of Social Work hosted the University’s first virtual town hall meeting on Dec. 1 at the J.H. White Library.

Students enrolled in the class, Methods of Social Work Practice III, used distance learning technologies to meet simultaneously with educators, political leaders and health department officials in Leflore, Holmes and Sharkey counties. The theme of the meeting was “Health Issues Affecting Children in Rural Mississippi.”

Course instructor, Dr. Catherine Singleton-Walker, and her students coordinated the event. Students selected the theme and invited representatives from the various counties, James Bartlett, a graduate assistant in the MVSU Master of Social Work (MSW) Program, moderated the meeting. Participants were able to share their thoughts and concerns in real time on how to make health care systems in Mississippi more accessible and friendly for children and families in need.

Participants from Leflore County included Mayor Sheriel Perkins, MSW, assistant professor of social work, and ordinance committee member; niece; and concerned citizen, interior design major; Joie Campbell, director of Children’s Advocacy Center in Mississippi; and Jonathan Johnson, director of the Mississippi Children’s Advocacy Center in Leflore County.

Representatives from Lower Limestone included Lachandria Tubwell and William Houzah, baccalaureate social work students; Karen Womack, district health educator, Department of Health, District V; and Jovilla Secoy, Health Network Group.

Mayor Sheriel Perkins suggested that the dialogue started in the meeting continue. MVSU officials assured participants that it will. A virtual conference, using the distance technologies, will take place early in 2009 focusing on rural child welfare workers. The meeting will include child protective services and social workers in Mississippi and North Carolina.

District III; Mayor Sheriel Perkins Greenwood; Elmus Stockstill, Sr., field representative for Congressman Bennie Thompson; and Dr. Catherine Singleton-Walker, MVSU assistant professor of social work, Holmes County participants included Priketa Fort, Corte Jordan, both MVSU baccalaureate social work students; and Ms. Bernell Saffold, principal of S.V. Marshall Elementary School in Tchula.

Representatives from Sharkey County included Lachandria Tubwell and William Houzah, baccalaureate social work students; Karen Womack, district health educator, Department of Health, District V; and Jovilla Secoy, Health Network Group.

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Dr. & Mrs. Roy C. Hudson cordially invite you to attend the annual Mississippi Valley State University Faculty and Staff Christmas Party

On Friday, December 19, 2008
7 p.m.
Ramada Inn
900 W. Park Avenue
Greenwood, Mississippi
MVSU INDUCTS 10 INTO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Mississippi Valley State University recognized 10 of its former outstanding athletes over the weekend with a banquet and pre-game ceremonies.

MVSU Interim President Roy C. Hudson and Dr. Walter Nichols, Acting President of the MVSU Athletic Hall of Fame Committee, presented plaques of commendation and the coveted MVSU Hall of Fame Green Jackets to former football, basketball and volleyball players, two former coaches and one athletic trainer.

Members of the 2008 Class include:
- Greenwood native Ms. Mary Hope Brisco Sanders played basketball at Greensboro from 1961 to 1965. She graduated with a degree in industrial technology.
- Isaiah Peterson of Mound Bayou played basketball at MVSU from 1961 to 1965. He graduated with a degree in industrial technology. His brother, the late Cottie Sanders Jr., of Greenwood, played football for MVSU from 1961 to 1965. He graduated with a degree in industrial technology.
- Joe Bridges of Hattiesburg was among the five linebackers from 1983 to 1987 known as “Tons of Fun” in front of Willie Totten and Jerry Joe Bridges of Hattiesburg was among the five linebackers from 1983 to 1987 known as “Tons of Fun” in front of Willie Totten and Jerry
- The Columbus resident Quinn of Greenville.
- Greenwood native Ms. Mary Hope Brisco Sanders played basketball at Leland High School. Representing her sister was Geri Quinn of Greenville.
- Coach John Dickerson influenced many men and women during his coaching career at Valley from 1965 to 1985. The Columbus resident, who now coaches basketball for Coahoma County High School,
- Three men were inducted posthumously into the Hall of Fame. The Brothers of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Delta Phi Chapter, presented its final payment of $12,000 to complete its $25,000 pledge to the MVSU Lester Smith Endowment Scholarship. Dr. Ray Hadum to the check from members, bowling from left, Thomas Brown, Ezzard Beane, Ron Lott, Keith Parks, Anthony Anderson, Arnold Holliman, Craig Ratliff Sr., Toby Barnett, Vinglo Franklin and Herman Hill; second row, from left Thomas Edwards, Darrell Handshy, Darrell Hawkins, Gary Dixon, Samuel Miller, Dr. Ray Hadum, Lester Smith, Vincenzo Cupidano, Ronald Moore, Michael Terrell, Mary Patricia Shelden Williams and Dusan Carter. Back row, from left Harvey Jones, Bernard Thompson, Joey Cooley, Donald Williams, Quincy Armstrong, Larry Howard, Phillip King, Michael Harvey, Derrick Wilson, Dallas Reid, assistant vice president for MVSU Development, Stanley Sinsy, Julian Anderson, Jerome Hannah and Craig Ratliff.

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EVENT CALENDAR

DECEMBER
14 – Women’s basketball at University of Texas, El Paso
15 – Men’s basketball at Arkansas State University, Jonesboro
19 – Women’s basketball hosts Paul Quinn University, Harrison HPER Complex, 5 p.m.
19 – Faculty/Staff Christmas Party, Ramada Inn, Greenwood, 7 p.m.
20 – Men’s basketball vs. UT Chattanooga, 5:30 p.m.
20 – Women’s basketball vs. UT Chattanooga, 7 p.m.
22 – Women’s basketball at Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas, 6 p.m.
23 – Christmas break begins
29-30 – Women’s basketball at Georgia State Tournament, Atlanta

JANUARY
5 – Faculty/Staff Orientation, Social Science Building, 1 p.m.
5 – Residence Halls Open for All Students
6 – Registration at Greenwood Center, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
6-8 – Registration for All Students, Charles Lackey Recreation Center, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
7 – Registration at Greenwood Center, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
9 – Classes Begin. Late Registration Fee Assessed
19 – Martin Luther King Holiday Observed

 Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Delta Phi Chapter, Fulfills Scholarship Pledge

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Also inducted into the Hall of Fame is the late Tommie Ellis, a football standout, and the late Lugen Turner, a basketball standout, and the late Lugen Turner.