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FEDERAL RESERVE CHAIR JEROME POWELL KEYNOTES FORUM AT MVSU

Industry, banking and community development leaders from more than two dozen states were on the campus of Mississippi Valley State University Tuesday, Feb. 12, having candid, action-oriented dialogue regarding financial service gaps that limit economic mobility for rural people and places.

HOPE Enterprise Corporation and Credit Union hosted the two-day event, themed “Rural Places, Rural Spaces: Closing Financial Service Gaps in Persistent Poverty America”, which capped-off in the Carver A. Randle Auditorium of MVSU’s Social Science Building with a policy forum. The forum was highlighted by a keynote address from U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell.

Prior to delivering his speech Tuesday, Powell met with a group of MVSU students for a conversation about the function of the Federal Reserve. The students also had the chance to learn more about Federal Reserve careers and internships with Federal Reserve Board Chief



Human Capital Officer Tameika Pope.

“Meeting with Chairman Powell was incredibly beneficial because it provided us, as students, with a different understanding in regard to

public policy and banking,” said MVSU junior Deveon Treadway of Chicago. “I did not know some of the things that Chairman Powell shared with us, and it was a great opportunity to ask some questions about what goes on behind the scenes in our country. Out of any other place, my school was chosen, and I’m very appreciative of that.”

The forum, which featured several robust panel discussions, kicked-off with a welcome from MVSU President Dr. Jerryl Briggs.

Briggs said he’s grateful that MVSU is a part of the work that companies like HOPE are doing to raise the profile of the Mississippi Delta.

“We realize the importance of what this university means to the community and the number of graduates from this university who are doing some outstanding things,” said Briggs. “We’re on the rise—we’re being strategic in our growth; we’re being strategic in

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ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.® PRESENTS MVSU WITH FIRST INSTALLMENT OF \$100,000 ENDOWMENT



The first Greek-lettered sorority for African American women is illustrating its commitment to historically black colleges and universities with the establishment of an endowment at 32 of those institutions, including Mississippi Valley State University.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated (AKA), in partnership with the Educational Advancement Foundation (EAF), has pledged an endowment for \$100,000 to MVSU as part of the organization’s AKA-HBCU

Endowment Fund.

MVSU President Dr. Jerryl Briggs travelled to Chicago Feb. 28 to the Alpha Kappa Alpha International Headquarters in Chicago to accept the first \$50,000 installment of the award. The historic event gathered presidents from HBCUs across the nation and featured remarks from Dr. Glenda Glover as well as a tour of the iconic and recently renovated Ivy Center International Headquarters in the Hyde Park neighborhood on the South Side of Chicago.

“Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. has implemented the AKA-HBCU Endowment Fund with the goal of investing in the future

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COLEMANS SAYS BLACK HISTORY IS NECESSARY DURING MLK BLACK HISTORY CONVOCATION ADDRESS

When the Honorable Linda F. Coleman became Circuit Court Judge of the 11th Circuit Court District of Mississippi, she decided to limit her speaking engagements as her duty as a judge to avoid the appearance of impropriety.

However, Coleman rearranged her schedule to accept an invitation to serve as the 2019 keynote speaker for Mississippi Valley State University's Martin Luther King Jr. Black History Convocation.

Themed, "Celebrating the Legacy & Leadership of Our African American Forbearers," the annual event was hosted Thursday, Feb. 7, in the Walter Roberts Auditorium of MVSU's H.G. Carpenter Building.

Coleman told the Valley community that being able to serve as the speaker for such a paramount event was a necessary move for her. She also noted that Feb. 7 was the day Dr. Carter Woodson instituted the first celebration of Negro History Week (which would later become Black History Month) as well as the day that Mississippi officially ratified the 13th amendment.

"I felt it necessary to be here because prognosticators have questioned the relevance of Black History Month, so it was important that I come and participate in this event because when the relevance of black history is questioned I want to respond with an emphatic



yes," Coleman said.

Stormy Green, Miss Mississippi Valley State, presided over the event, which, in addition to Coleman's address, included singing from the MVSU Choir and a litany led by President of the University Ambassadors Deveon Treadway of Chicago.

Coleman, who was reared in historic Mound Bayou by a mother (who had to bring up Coleman and her seven siblings alone following the death of Coleman's father), said she understands full well the importance of Black History.

"There are some who say that Black History is but a part of American History. However, we know as far as American history, our black history is often not told," she explained. "We don't like to be reminded, but this history is relevant to our story. It is our responsibility to broach these subjects with our children even though it is a difficult one."

Not only did Coleman shed light on the relevance of celebrating Black History, but she also took the time to educate students in

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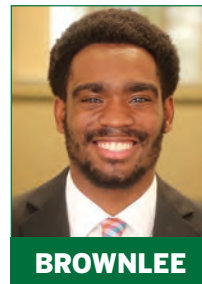
RUEBER, BROWNLEE NAMED MVSU HEADWAE HONOREES

Dr. Micah Rueber, associate professor of history and coordinator of general and university studies, and Donovan Brownlee, a junior Pre-Law/Legal studies and Government and Politics double major, have been named Mississippi Valley State University's honorees



for the 32nd Annual Higher Education Appreciation Day-Working for Academic Excellence (HEADWAE) program.

Supported by the corporate community and coordinated by the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning, HEADWAE was established by the Mississippi Legislature to recognize outstanding students and faculty in Mississippi's colleges and universities.



Rueber, who has taught at MVSU since 2012, expressed how honored he is to represent The Valley.

"I am very grateful to be chosen from among my very talented colleagues, and I really appreciate the opportunity to represent MVSU," he said.

Brownlee shared that he is honored to be nominated for the award.

"Being chosen is proving to me that I am progressing in the right direction to achieve my goals," he said. "Absolutely none of this would be possible without my strong support system. This consists of mock trial coaches, teammates, my uncle—who is like a brother to me, my

girlfriend, countless phone calls to my mom and knowing that I have two little sisters that look up to me really pushes me to reach my potential."

The 32nd Annual HEADWAE program was hosted Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2019, at the Jackson Marriott Hotel. The event's activities included honorees' recognition by political and corporate groups, educators from public and independent Mississippi Association of Colleges and Universities (MAC) member institutions and others who value and support excellence in higher education.

The honorees were also invited to tour the State Capitol where they were welcomed by legislative officials, followed by a recognition and awards luncheon program made possible by the support and generosity of Mississippi's corporate community.

MVSU MOCK TRIAL TEAM EARNS MORE AWARDS

The Mississippi Valley State University Mock Trial Team has been busy.

The team recently competed in the Third Annual Ody Owl Mock Trial Classic at the Mississippi University for Women, and in January, they competed in the Eighth Annual Argo Invitational Mock Trial Tournament at the University of West Florida.

The competition was highlighted by a couple of students who earned top individual honors in each event.

Donovan Brownlee, a junior Pre-Law/Legal Studies and Government and Politics double major from Cleveland, Ohio, won an outstanding attorney award for the Plaintiff for his role as a closing attorney in the Argo Invitational.

Jasmine Murphy of Itta Bena and Brownlee also earned individual awards at the Ody Owl Classic.

Murphy brought home another witness award, earning a perfect score. Brownlee won another outstanding attorney award, earning a perfect score for his role as a closing attorney.

In both events, the team scored well and had attorneys and witnesses to rank on the judge's ballots.

Overall in the two tournaments, the team competed against the University of Alabama,



Texas A&M, Mississippi University for Women, Middle Tennessee State University and Mississippi College.

In addition to Brownlee and Murphy, the team is also comprised of Co-Captain Kambreca Mitchell of Greenwood; Mychal Barnum of Memphis; Jada Brinson of Miami, Fla.; Nadia Crawford of Atlanta; Alexxus Ervins of Laurel; Rodarius Turner of Indianola; Chelsea Washington of Yazoo City; and Jesiah Williams of Batesville.

The coaches for the Mock Trial Team are Neysha Sanders, Esq. Assistant Professor of Legal Studies. Attorney Sanders coordinates the Pre-Law/Legal Studies Program, serves as University Pre-Law advisor and is a member of

Sanders and Sanders Law Firm and Dr. Larry W. Chappell, Professor of Political Science and Coordinator of the Government and Politics Program. The Volunteer coach is Attorney Teisha Stoner.

The program is sponsored by The Department of Social Sciences, The Office of Academic Affairs, The Office of University Advancement, The Office of Sponsored Programs, The Office of the President and the Leflore County Office of Supervisors.

The team capped off its season during the Jackson Regional Mock Trial Tournament, hosted Feb. 15-17 at the Mississippi College School of Law in Jackson.

BALDWINS GIVES PRESENTATION AS MVSU'S HUMANITIES TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Mississippi Humanities Council Executive Director Stuart Rockoff visited MVSU Thursday, Feb. 21, to honor MVSU's 2018 Humanities Teacher Recipient Dr. Jo A. Baldwin. Baldwin's family and friends joined the campus community in the Cliff E. Williams Auditorium of MVSU's Business Education Building for the event which was highlighted by Baldwin's professional presentation entitled, "Students Introduction and the Social Trinity." Affectionately known by the campus community as "Dr. Jo", Baldwin is an English professor and director of the writing center at MVSU, where she teaches composition, literature, and creative writing and serves as Associate Editor of Fiction for "Valley Voices: A Literary Review." She is a published writer of mainly short stories and book reviews.



VALLEY STUDENTS, FACULTY ATTEND EMERGING RESEARCHERS NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN STEM

Mississippi Valley State University students and faculty members recently attended the Emerging Researchers National (ERN) Conference in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) in Washington D.C. Feb. 21-23.

Six MVSU student scholars attended the conference, designed to help undergraduate and graduate students enhance their science communication skills and to better understand how to prepare for science careers in a global workforce.

Two MVSU students, Kyanie Waters and Autezia Sellers, also received the opportunity to present research they have done to this national audience.

During the visit, students were also extended the opportunity to attend a career fair and learn about graduate and internship opportunities available to them.

The ERN STEM Conference is hosted by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), Education and Human Resources Programs (EHR) and the National Science Foundation (NSF) Division of Human Resource Development (HRD), within the Directorate for Education and Human Resources (EHR). The conference is aimed



Pictured, from left, are MVSU Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Evan, Dr. Earlean Anderson, Dr. Rachel Beecham, and students Nuriya Bonner, Autezia Sellers, Tajuan Beckworth, Sabrina Phillips, Kyanie Waters, LaJalen Fultz, and Sieria Stewart

at college and university undergraduate and graduate students who participate in programs funded by the NSF HRD Unit, including

underrepresented minorities and persons with disabilities.

MVSU'S MISS BLACK AND GOLD ADVANCES TO REGIONALS



A Mississippi Valley State University fraternity queen has been selected to represent the chapter during the regional competition.

MVSU's Zeta Phi Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. will be represented in the 2019 Southern Region Miss Black and Gold Pageant by Kiviyon T. Jones of Greenville.

In January, Jones competed in and won the Mississippi Alpha's Network competition, which included winners from all universities in the state of Mississippi.

She will now compete against winners from Alabama, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee for the Southern Region crown.

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MVSU OSLE ATTENDS 2019 DIVERSITY CONFERENCE

Mississippi Valley State University Office of Student Leadership and Engagement (OSLE) recently traveled to Mississippi State University for the 2019 Diversity Conference

MVSU OSLE Director Pamela Hilton and four students attended the conference, hosted Jan. 31-Feb. 1, as part of MSU President's Commission on the Status of Minorities which strives to facilitate interculturalism and promote diversity and inclusion at the University. The Commission advocates for the well-being, development, and advancement of all minorities and encourages a climate that enriches the campus experience for all.

The two-day conference provided student participants from MVSU with knowledge on issues such as: Strategic Diversity Leadership and Social Innovation, Change and Transformation in Higher Education, Women in the Workplace, Understanding Social Inequality and Inequity, and Improving the Quality of Care for LGBTQ Individuals.

Sophomore Business Administration major Lache Dietz of Minneapolis said that the conference was very beneficial in helping her to understand what she wants her future to look like. For Dietz, the highlight of the event was the opportunity to engage in dialogue with the keynote speaker who opened her eyes to avenues to successfully achieve her life goals.



Pictured, from left, are sophomore Lachae Dietz of Minneapolis; sophomore Jerome Rodgers of Chicago, Ill.; sophomore Malik Woods of Chicago; and sophomore Shale Ryan of Decatur, Ga.

Malik Woods, a sophomore Art major from Chicago stated that he loved the opportunity to engage with people from several college communities to discuss subjects prevalent not only in college, but all manners of life.

Woods most enjoyed the roundtable discussion on Women in the Workplace. He found this session interesting because he learned how women feel in the workplace as it pertains to education, harassment and particularly dress etiquette.

Woods is an advocate for women expressing themselves through dress, however for African American women, he feels their style of dress is often misinterpreted.

He said the session was particularly enlightening because he has never had the opportunity to hear the female perspective first-hand.

STATE LEGISLATORS MEET WITH MVSU SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS AND FACULTY AT THE CAPITOL

Mississippi Valley State University undergraduate and graduate social work students and faculty recently met with state legislators as part of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Advocacy Day at the State Capitol in Jackson.

Senator David Jordan and House Representative Robert Clark met with the students and faculty during Advocacy Day, designed to promote the engagement of social work education programs to work for changes in policy and legislation to improve social conditions and social justice at the state legislative level.

During the visit, MVSU students and faculty had the honor of being introduced and



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“My experience at the Miss Black and Gold District pageant was like no other,” said Jones. “I met and bonded with other Miss Black and Golds from different schools. They were all so sweet and that made my experience even better. Being in a friendly environment took so much stress of competing off of my shoulders. I went in with pride and confidence in myself and brought home the title for Zeta Phi.”

Jones is the daughter of Trina Jones and James Murray. She is a senior environmental health and biology major at MVSU.

In addition to being Zeta Phi Chapter Miss Black and Gold, she also serves as Miss Senior for the 2018-19 Royal Court.

Her campus activities include membership in the Environmental Health Club and the Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Research Club.

Jones is also a spring 2018 initiate of the Epsilon Pi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. for which she currently serves as vice-president.

our partnerships, and we're ensuring that this university will be viable and sustainable for the next 100 plus years."

During the event, Hope Enterprise Corporation/ HOPE Credit Union CEO Bill Bynum also formally introduced the Historically Black Colleges & Universities- Community Development Financial Institutions (HBCU-CDFI) Mobility Strategy Guide.

HOPE, along with the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta and the HBCU Community Development Action Coalition worked with MVSU and Jackson State University to assess community and economic development needs and opportunities in neighborhoods adjacent to their campuses. The results were compiled in the strategy guide, which details lessons, best practices, and resources identified through the process that can be adopted by other HBCUs and CDFIs seeking to collaborate towards upward economic mobility for HBCU communities and stakeholders.

"We still believe that education is the most direct way for one to climb the economic ladder," Bynum said.

During his keynote address, Powell used the platform to address challenges of persistent poverty, found in many rural areas like the Mississippi Delta.

He said that education and workforce developments, entrepreneurship and access to financial services are all remedies that can help address challenges of rural poverty.

"MVSU's mission, providing young people an affordable college education, is itself a very powerful ending poverty program. For its graduates, of course, but also for other communities that are touched by the university," he said.

Recounting MVSU's humble beginnings as a vocational college, Powell said that through it all MVSU has continued to produce teachers who "enrich, inspire, and spark the imagination of children" in the Mississippi Delta.

He continued by highlighting the crucial role that MVSU and other HBCUs play in their communities, noting that for much of the 20th century, HBCUs were the primary means for Black men and women to obtain the education needed for middle class or professional jobs.

Powell also highlighted the fact that larger percentages of HBCU students compared with students at predominantly white institutions (PWIs) come from low-income families and are the first in their families to attend college.

"This university and other HBCUs support intellectual leadership, creativity and innovation. I want to honor (MVSU) for your proud history



and your continued commitment to a better future for your students and the region where many of your students were born and will build their lives and raise their families," he said.

According to Powell, data at the national level shows a strong economy with unemployment low and economic output growing at a steady pace.

"But we know prosperity has not been felt as much in some areas, including many rural places," he said. "Poverty remains a challenge in many rural communities. Unemployment and mortality rates remain high in these communities...many of these disparities have existed for generations and, in some places, have roots in discrimination."

Powell argued that education benefits both the student and the community. He said that while it is true that some young people leave their hometowns to seek greater opportunities, many young families are drawn back home by family and social ties. He then used MVSU graduate Timothy Lampkin as an example.

After relocating to Mobile, Ala., Lampkin returned to his hometown of Clarksdale to launch several businesses, including Higher Purpose Co., a non-profit organization committed to helping people of color start and grow their own businesses.

"As with Tim and his clients, entrepreneurship opportunities can motivate residents who have left rural communities to return home. Successful communities find ways to help residents turn skills into profitable small businesses," he said.

Powell closed by reiterating the importance of access to financial services—the focus of the forum.

"Access to safe and affordable financial services is vital, especially among families with limited wealth—whether they're looking to finance an education, start a business or simply manage the ups and downs of life," Powell said.

"Family income and savings represent the largest source of students' funding of an

education. However, more than half of students and their families also 'borrow' to finance their studies. Racial wealth disparities make black students more likely than white students to borrow for their education," he added.

Pointing out most banks' reliance on credit scores when evaluating loan requests, Powell also noted the fact that high poverty regions tend to have a large percentage of people with "no" or low credit scores.

"This combination of low wealth and low credit scores limits access to credit or causes borrowers to turn to higher cost sources of credits. Fortunately, CDFIs are helping potential borrowers improve their credit and providing them with safe and affordable credits," he said.

Before his final remarks, Powell reiterated his argument that people in rural communities who are struggling with persistent poverty need access to high quality education from pre-school through college, support for their aspirations to own their own business, and access to safe and affordable credit.

"I will conclude by applauding both MVSU and HOPE for their long-term contribution towards bettering the lives of the people in Itta Bena and similar rural communities," he said.

Bynum expressed gratitude to the Valley community for its role in making the event a success.

"We thank Mississippi Valley State University for providing the perfect venue for this conversation about economic mobility—making sure that everyone has the opportunity to climb the economic ladder," he said.

"Quite frankly I can think of very few institutions who play a more important role in accomplishing this than Mississippi Valley State University, here in the heart of one of the most economically distressed parts of the United States...They are producing leaders and people who are going to spread out around the country and make sure that students like them have opportunities."

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of our young people and the sustainability of our treasured HBCUs,” said Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. International President, Dr. Glenda Glover. “Our organization has pledged to donate a total of \$10 million towards the endowment, and we are honored to provide MVSU the first \$50,000 during our February event as we celebrate Black History Month and the legacies of all HBCUs.”

“We are grateful to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and their International President Dr. Glenda Glover for their generosity and commitment to HBCUs,” said Briggs. “This endowment will help in

assisting MVSU students who have financial constraints to remain in school. I enjoyed attending the HBCU President’s Reception, and again, we are so thankful.”

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated (AKA) is an international service organization that was founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. in 1908. It is the oldest Greek-letter organization established by African-American college-educated women.

Alpha Kappa Alpha is comprised of nearly 300,000 members in more than 1000 graduate and undergraduate chapters in the United States, Liberia, the Bahamas, the

U.S. Virgin Islands, Germany, South Korea, Bermuda, Japan, Canada, South Africa and the Middle East.

Led by International President Glenda Glover, Ph.D., JD, CPA, Alpha Kappa Alpha is often hailed as “America’s premier Greek-letter organization for African-American women.”

For more information on Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and its programs, visit www.AKA1908.com.

For more information on the Educational Advancement Foundation, visit www.AKAEAF.org.

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recognized on the Senate floor by Senator Jordan as they looked on from the gallery of the Senate Chamber.

In the meeting, Senator Jordan discussed appropriations for Mississippi Historically Black Colleges and Universities with focus on MVSU. Jordan pledged his continued support to do what is necessary to ensure MVSU’s continues success.

Representative Clark also discussed his intention to propose legislation that would require social workers in all schools in Mississippi.

Social Work faculty members in attendance included: Dr. Cynthia Honore’-Collins, Dr. Moses Newsome, Dr. Candace Carter, Dr. Cora Jackson, Dr. Vincent Venturini, Diane Boston, Chetara Epps and Latosha Ceasar.



Greenwood native Jermaine Whitehead, a defensive back with the Cleveland Browns, spoke with young men during the Greenville Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. “I Have A Dream Youth Male Summit” held at MVSU Saturday, Feb. 16th.

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MVSU TO HOST ANNUAL SPRING HIGH SCHOOL DAY MARCH 29

Mississippi Valley State University officials have been hard at work gearing up for the Annual Spring High School Day which brings thousands of prospective students and parents to learn more about all things Valley.

This year's event is slated for Friday, March 29, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in MVSU's R.W. Harrison Sports Complex.

"High School Day invites students, parents, and high school counselors to the campus to give them a glimpse of what campus life is like," said Michael Taylor, executive director of enrollment management and MVSU's Greenville Higher Education Center. "The most important aspect of what they will be presented are the academic components of what we offer, followed by the aspects of campus life that help balance the academics."

During the event, students and their parents will have the opportunity to speak with academic departments about courses, academic requirements and the classroom environment.



In addition, the Mean Green Marching Machine Band will provide entertainment and students and residential life representatives to speak to prospective students about life on campus.

Once the period of formal information and greeting of students ends, students will be given the opportunity to explore The Valley for themselves.

"There will be tours of the campus for students and parents," Taylor said. "This will give

the students an opportunity to look at our classrooms, residence halls, athletic facilities, student union, administrative offices and other aspects of the campus they'd like to experience."

"Students will be experiencing virtually all of the services that the school has to offer," he added.

Taylor said student will also be given the opportunity to take advantage of on-site admissions during the event.

"Students can register with admissions the day of the event. That is our ultimate goal—to have convinced them after this experience that Mississippi Valley is the right place for them to pursue higher education."

Interested students can pre-register for MVSU's High School Day by visiting www.mvsu.edu and clicking on the Spring High School Day banner at the top of the page.

For more questions or more information, call (662) 254-3127.

MVSU ANNUAL CAREER FAIR SET FOR MARCH 19

Finding a rewarding career path is one of the major goals of college students.

Mississippi Valley State University's Career Services is making that task a little easier with its Annual Career Fair.



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On Tuesday, March 19, students at MVSU will have the opportunity to engage with the business community during the fair, hosted from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the concourse level of the R.W. Harrison Sports Complex.

The event is free and also open to alumni and community members.

Essie Bryant, MVSU's director of career services, anticipates that more than 50 companies will have registered by the time the event takes place.

"At this time, we have 42 companies registered and we're anticipating more," said Bryant. "The career fair is an opportunity for employers to come to campus and meet our students face-to-face and share information and opportunities

available with their company."

In addition to the fair, students will have the chance to register for mock interviews conducted by the employers.

The mock interviews give our students the chance to talk with employers to get a real-life feel for the interview process," Bryant explained. "This event is important to our campus and our students because employers are major stakeholders in the institution's output."

In conjunction with the career Fair, the Career Services Center will also be partnering with JC Penney to host a College Suit-Up event from 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. Sunday, March 17, at the store located in the Greenwood Shopping Mall.

During the event, current MVSU students (with a valid ID), faculty, staff and alumni will receive an additional 40-percent off career apparel.

"I am excited about this event, and it's a great opportunity to build relationships with members of the university and community," said Jamie Underwood, general manager of Greenwood's JC Penney.

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"This event helps students dress for success without breaking the bank and prepares them for their next interview or a new job," said Bryant.

For questions or more information, contact Bryant at (662) 254-3851 or elbryant@mvsu.edu.

“VALLEY VOICES: A LITERARY REVIEW” TO BE FEATURED IN THE 2019 “BEST AMERICAN POETRY”

A six-page long poem by Dr. Sonia Sanchez—an internationally known poet and scholar—has been selected to appear in the 2019 “Best American Poetry” anthology.

Sanchez’s poem was first published in the spring 2018 issue of Mississippi Valley State University’s “Valley Voices,” a special issue on women poets edited by MVSU English Chair and Professor John Zheng.

“It’s an honor that work we published will appear in the Best American Poetry anthology,”

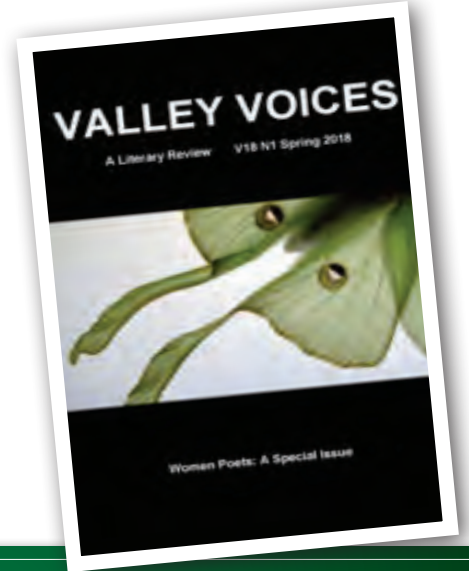


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said Zheng. “We congratulate Dr. Sanchez for her winning such a great honor.”

“Valley Voices: A Literary Review” is literary journal that has represented MVSU nationally. For almost two decades, it has published fine works by writers nationwide and from other countries including Canada, India, England, Mexico, Russia, and Japan.

“This is the second time that Valley Voices has been selected,” said Zheng. “We are confident that our journal will sail toward its excellence with more honors to win that will not only show the quality of our journal but also symbolize the pathway to preeminence of Mississippi Valley State University as an HBCU.”



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attendance on the significance of participating in civic service.

“There is no excuse for an African American to walk into any courtroom in this state or any other state and not want to participate in the jury process,” she said.

Following her keynote address, Coleman was presented with a plaque by Dr. Elizabeth Evans, interim vice president of academic affairs.

“I am delighted that we are able to put this event on each year,” said organizer Portia Collins, MVSU’s special events manager. “I think it’s so important to pause and take a moment to reflect on African-American History. Furthermore, it is always my hope that this Convocation will be a catalyst for thoughtful discussions surrounding race and ethnicity.”

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Two Minutes with...

Josta Totten

Intramural, Recreation and Fitness Coordinator

Tell us a little about yourself and your background.

My name is Josta Totten. I am 23 years old. I am the daughter of Willie and Yvette Totten. I have a sister, Trasity Totten, who is a sophomore at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. I am a 2013 graduate of Greenwood High School. After graduating from high school, I received a basketball scholarship to attend Coahoma Community College. In 2015, I graduated from there with an associate's degree. That fall, I received and accepted a basketball scholarship to Alabama A & M University. From there, I graduated with honors with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 2017. Now, I am working toward a master's degree in Sports Administration at

Mississippi Valley State University.

How do you approach providing service?

I am dedicated and energetic.

Where are we most likely to find you when you are not at work?

When I am not at my part-time job at Jimmy Jazz, I just like to hang out with my friends.

What is something we would be surprised to learn about you?

Not only am I left-handed, but also I was born with an extra finger on each hand.



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