Press Release

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MESABI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES
BRAND NEW SCHOLARSHIP

Mesabi Alumni Association is pleased to announce the establishment of a new scholarship program called the "VJC Payback Scholarship". The scholarship was conceived last summer at Virginia's Roosevelt High School's class of 1960’s 50th reunion. While reflecting on their high school days, several classmates also recalled the excellent start they received in pursuit of their higher education at what was then known as Virginia Junior College, the precursor to Mesabi Range College. Their recollections often turned to the many outstanding professors who taught at the college and the overall quality of the education they received. Upon leaving VJC, the graduates found the solid beginning served them well at the colleges and universities of their choice.

It was in this spirit that the payback program came to be. This fall the Alumni Association will be making the initial grant of a $2,500 scholarship to be given to a second year (sophomore) student meeting the criteria of the program.
VJC PAYBACK SCHOLARSHIP

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This scholarship is a tuition grant of $2,500 ($1,250 each semester) to an outstanding freshman who enrolls for the sophomore year as a full-time student at Mesabi Range Community & Technical College. This scholarship is provided by alumni of what was then known as Virginia Junior College. The underlying reason for the scholarship is in recognition of the pivotal role the College played in getting those alumni launched on their higher education experience and to assist current students on their journey.

Scholarship application guidelines:

1. The application must be typed.

2. The applicant must presently be a freshman and enrolled as a full-time student for the sophomore year at Mesabi Range Community & Technical College.

3. The grant shall be used for tuition and/or books at Mesabi Range Community & Technical College.

4. The applicant shall have a minimum GPA of 3.0.

5. The award will be based on scholastic ability and community involvement.

6. Failure to follow directions could void your application.

As a minimum, the applicant shall provide the following information on the back of this form. The personal statement shall be typed on a separate sheet of paper. The scholarship award committee will use the following information to assess your qualifications and financial needs:

- Name, address, and telephone number
- High school attended and date of graduation
- Academic area of concentration
- Post Mesabi plans
- List of awards, achievements, and scholarships
- List of school, community, and leadership activities
- Total members in family including yourself
- Total college credits earned to date at Mesabi
- Total college credits earned elsewhere
- Current grade transcript(s) with cumulative GPA
- Personal statement of why you feel you should be considered for this grant
NAME: 

STREET ADDRESS: 

CITY: __________________ STATE: __________ ZIP: __________________

PHONE: ___________________ E-MAIL: ____________________________

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED: __________________________

DATE OF GRADUATION: __________________

MESABI MAJOR/PROGRAM: __________________________

POST MESABI PLANS: ____________________________

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS: __________________________

SCHOOL, COMMUNITY, AND LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES: __________________________

TOTAL MEMBERS IN FAMILY INCLUDING YOURSELF: __________

HOW DO YOU EXPECT TO FINANCE YOUR EDUCATION: __________________________

MESABI CREDITS COMPLETED: __________________________

TOTAL CREDITS EARNED ELSEWHERE: __________________________

CURRENT STATUS: □ FRESHMAN □ SOPHOMORE □ OTHER

IF OTHER, EXPLAIN __________________________________________

Attach grade transcripts and your personal statement why you should be considered for this scholarship.

SIGNATURE: ___________________ DATE: __________

Deadline Date: March 15, 2011

Applications should be submitted to: Brenda Kochevar
Enrollment Services
Virginia Campus – Room S137
Or mail to: Mesabi Range Alumni Association
1001 Chestnut Street West
Virginia, MN 55792