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## **WESTERN'S DELTA PHI UPSILON EARNS HONORS AT CONFERENCE**

**St. Joseph, Mo.** —Nov. 10, 2003—Missouri Western State College's student chapter of Delta Phi Upsilon received honors at the Region 3 conference for the American Criminal Justice Association, Lambda Alpha Epsilon (LAE) in October at Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg.

Ten Western students, along with advisor Jill Miller, attended the workshops on blood splatters and types of death and competed in written tests in five areas including crime scene investigation, physical agility and firearms. Participants were separated into three divisions: lower for students who have earned under 70 credit hours, upper for those earning over 70 credits and professional for participants employed in the professional field.

In the lower division sophomore Jessica Bradley of Excello, Mo., placed third in juvenile justice.

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In the upper division criminal law, senior Nick Rippey of St. Joseph placed third. In LAE knowledge junior Jael Haecker of Plymouth, Neb., placed first and junior Ashley Smith of Kansas City, Mo., placed third. In crime scene, the team of junior Seth Brackman of Kearney, Mo., junior Jason Smith of Browning, Mo., and sophomore Ryan Frick of Weldon Springs, Mo., placed first. The team of junior Shelley Fritz of Independence, Mo, Haecker, and Rippey placed third in the crime scene category. In physical agility for men ages 18 to 25, Brackman placed second.

Advisor Jill Miller earned first place in juvenile justice and third place in corrections in the professional division.

Chapters from Missouri, Kansas, Wyoming, Colorado and Nebraska were represented, with over 100 total participants.

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