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## HASKELL DANCERS RETURN TO WESTERN

**St. Joseph, Mo.** — Nov. 12, 2003—In celebration of Native American Month, the Haskell Dance Performers are returning to Missouri Western State College at 7 p.m. Nov. 19 in the Leah Spratt Multipurpose Classroom Building Kemper Recital Hall. The Center for Multicultural Education (CME) is sponsoring the event, which is free and open to the community.

This year's featured Haskell Dancers are Daryl and Willow Jack who are national powwow champions. The Jacks will include an overview of their dance style and regalia, an exhibition dance, a question and answer session and a friendship dance where the audience can actively participate. Daryl Jack, a Navajo from White Cone, Ariz., is a men's fancy dancer and Willow Jack, a Shoshone/Bannock from Ft. Hall, Idaho, is a jingle dress dancer.

"They (Haskell Dancers) have performed here in the past and have always given a program that's educational as well as entertaining," said Emily Kempf, CME special events intern. "They have always been well received by the community."

The Haskell Dancers are students at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kan. who are chosen from a select group of college students and considered professionals in their chosen dance styles. The Haskell Dancers travel extensively throughout the United States and compete with other dancers at various powwows.

For more information on this upcoming event, call the CME at (816) 271 – 4150.

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