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## WESTERN'S PSI CHI NAMED MODEL CHAPTER

**St. Joseph, Mo.** —Sept. 10, 2003—Missouri Western State College's chapter of Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in psychology, received the Model Chapter Award from the national office for the second consecutive year.

“Our chapter is very proud of receiving this honor from the national office,” said Psi Chi President Caroline Flanagan. “This award is the result of many Psi Chi members who presented research, maintained high academic standards and worked hard on various service projects. In addition to dedication and hard work of the students in this club, our faculty advisor Dr. Phil Wann provides much support and leadership that allows for much of our success.”

The Model Chapter Award includes a certificate and \$100 for each winning chapter. The award is given to all chapters that meet the criteria which include participation in at least one service project, participation in regional conventions or undergraduate research conferences and participation in the Psi Chi awards program. The chapter must also conduct at least one induction during the year.

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Western's Psi Chi members participated in three service projects last year. They raised funds for the Dream Factory and were involved in the Healthy Buddies Mentoring Program and the Alzheimer's Walk. Three members of Psi Chi presented at the Mid-America Students Psychology Conference in Cincinnati. One member also co-authored a paper at the American Psychological Association Convention in Toronto.

Each year five to 10 students are usually inducted into Western's Psi Chi. There are currently 10 members: Nicole Renee Goetz, Bridgeton, Mo.; Joan E. Gillahan, Cameron, Mo.; Caroline Flanagan, Helena, Mo.; Lindsay Rae Fuller, Liberty, Mo.; Kasey J. Starr, Meriden, Kan.; Tabitha L. Larson, Omaha, Neb.; and Tara D. Anderson, Travis W. Bonham, Brynn Erin Holloway and Dawn M. Miller, all of St. Joseph. New member inductions will be held later in the semester.

Last year, Western's Psi Chi was one of 40 chapters out of approximately 1,000 that received the Model Chapter Award. The award is given at the beginning of each academic year for the previous year's activities.

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