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WESTERN NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR BARBARA SPRONG LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE

St. Joseph, Mo.—Dec. 4, 2003— Applications are now available for Missouri Western State College's Barbara Sprong Leadership Challenge for full-time students. The Leadership Challenge provides students an opportunity to develop and enhance their skills so they may assume leadership roles in college and after graduation. The program includes a weekend retreat, six sessions and a service opportunity. It is designed to accommodate 24 students.

All full-time Western students who have a 2.5 cumulative grade point average are eligible to apply for the Leadership Challenge. Students who complete the program without any absences will receive one hour of credit through the division of continuing education. Participants are required to submit a 200-300 word essay on an individual they know or admire, describing the leadership qualities demonstrated by that person and how these qualities contributed to his/her success.

Applications may be picked up in the Nelle Blum Student Union, room 228, and are due by noon in that office Jan. 20. Selected participants will be announced Jan. 23.

Participants must agree to attend the weekend retreat Feb. 27-28 and all sessions of the Leadership Challenge. Ten hours of service at an assigned location must be completed between March 12 – April 5, and participants will create a display board about that volunteer experience. Six sessions will be held from 7-8:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 2 through April 8 with no sessions during spring break. The program concludes with a recognition event on April 8.

The Leadership Challenge program is named in honor of Barbara Sprong, a former member and president of the Western Board of Regents who continues to be a leader in the St. Joseph community.

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