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WESTERN ANNOUNCES STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

St. Joseph, Mo.—Dec. 18, 2003— Missouri Western State College announces recent achievements of its students:

- Pierre Thomas of St. Joseph was chosen for the American Football Coaches Association Division II All-America Team.
- Western's student chapter of Delta Phi Upsilon received honors at the Region 3 conference for the American Criminal Justice Association, Lambda Alpha Epsilon (LAE) at Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg. In the lower division, Jessica Bradley of Excello, Mo. placed third in juvenile justice. In the upper division criminal law, Nick Rippey of St. Joseph placed third. In LAE knowledge Jael Haecker of Plymouth, Neb. placed first and Ashley Smith of Kansas City, Mo. placed third. In crime scene, the team of Seth Brackman of Kearney, Mo.; Jason Smith of Browning, Mo.; and Ryan Frick of Weldon Springs, Mo. placed first. The team of 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.
- Amy Dunlap Ives of Independence, Mo. won the Upper Division in Voice in the Missouri Music Teachers Association Competition, Mindy Southard of St. Joseph won first runner-up in the Lower Division College Voice and Shaun Agnew of St. Joseph was named alternate in the Artist's Division of the Music Teachers National Association.
- Amy Barnett of Liberty, Mo. received the U.S. Navy Marine Mammal Program, Animal Care and Training Internship for the summer of 2004 at the U.S. Navy base in San Diego.

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- Nathan Ferguson of Port Orchard, Wash., presented “Lessons Learned from Virtual Team Research and Classroom Experience” at the annual convention of the Association for Business Communication in Albuquerque, N.M. He co-presented with Justin Brown from William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.
- Elizabeth Aderton of Platte City, Mo., along with Dr. Shiva Nandan, associate professor of marketing, presented a paper entitled “Traditional Brands vs. Online Brands: A Comparative Assessment,” at the International Business and Economics Conference in Las Vegas. This paper has been published in the conference proceedings.
- Jillian Haynes of St. Joseph and Tara Gnuschke of Cosby, Mo. gave a poster presentation entitled “Examining the Effect of Relaxation on Heart Rate and Test Anxiety During Examinations” under the direction of Dr. Brent Walker, assistant professor of physical education, at the Missouri Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance at convention at Lake of the Ozarks. Haynes was also recognized as the Outstanding Student Major at the same conference.
- The 2003 *Griffon*, Western’s student-produced yearbook, took fourth place in the national “Best of Show” competition at the Associated Press Convention held in Dallas.

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Missouri Western State College is a four-year public institution providing a blend of traditional liberal arts and professional degree programs. The college offers student-centered, high quality instruction that focuses on experience-based learning, community service, and state-of-the-art technology. Western is located in St. Joseph, Mo. and is committed to the educational, economic, cultural and social development of the region it serves.