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## WESTERN'S ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT HOLDS OPEN HOUSE

**St. Joseph, Mo.** — Oct. 14, 2004 — Missouri Western State College engineering technology department will hold an open house from 10 a.m. to noon Nov. 4 in the Truman E. Wilson Professional Studies Building. The event is free and open to the community.

The purpose of the engineering technology open house is to showcase Western's engineering technology department and its facilities, including laboratories, to prospective students and area high school counselors, according to Dr. Virendra Varma, professor and chair of engineering technology.

The department of engineering technology offers several degrees including construction and engineering technology, electronics engineering technology, manufacturing engineering technology, and electronics and computer engineering technology.

The four-year bachelor's programs in construction and electronics are nationally accredited by the Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology.

"The event is highly significant because students and counselors get an opportunity to visit classrooms, look at laboratories and talk to faculty," Dr. Varma said.

For additional information contact Dr. Varma at 816-271-4562 or at [varma@mwsc.edu](mailto:varma@mwsc.edu).

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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.*