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WESTERN HOSTS CONSIDERING COLLEGE PROGRAM

St. Joseph, Mo. — Nov. 8, 2004 — Missouri Western State College will host a Considering College program for adults thinking about enrolling in college for the first time or coming back after an absence. The program is entitled, “How to be a Successful Nontraditional Student at MWSC.” It will be from 2 – 4 p.m. Nov. 18 in the Fred Eder Student Services/Classroom Building, room 208. To sign up for this program or for more information, contact Ellen Kisker at (816) 271-4280.

“Considering College is important because it gives the potential student a chance to see the campus in a nonthreatening manner. The folks attending meet with helpful resource staff and meet other nontrad students who are already attending this campus,” says Ellen Kisker, director of nontraditional student services. “I hope that adults will go away feeling that nontrads are a welcome segment of our student population.”

Prospective students will have an opportunity to learn about enrolling, getting financial aid, finding resources on campus, choosing a major and more. A short tour of the campus will be offered.

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Kisker said Considering College addresses nontraditional students' fears, such as competing successfully in college after being out of school, finances and trying to juggle multiple responsibilities at home and work.

Western will celebrate national Nontraditional Student Week Nov. 8 through 12, where they will also honor outstanding nontraditional students.

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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.