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## **WESTERN PSI CHI INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS; NAMED MODEL CHAPTER**

**St. Joseph, Mo.** — Nov. 1, 2004 — Missouri Western State College's Psi Chi, a national honor society in psychology, inducted six new members and celebrated the chapter's 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary Oct. 27.

The students initiated into the chapter were Melonie Decker of St. Joseph; Joe Fehlker of Festus, Mo.; Jael Haecker of Plymouth, Neb.; Jessica McHolland of Brookline Station, Mo.; Sharon Myers of Troy, Kan.; and Danyel Seipel of Hiawatha, Kan. To be eligible for membership in Psi Chi, students must rank in the top 35 percent of their class and have at least a B average in psychology courses.

A dinner celebrating the chapter's anniversary preceded the initiation ceremony. At the dinner it was announced that the Western chapter was informed by the National Psi Chi Office that it had earned the Model Chapter Award for the third consecutive year. Only 35 chapters received this designation for 2003-04.

Dr. Andrew Johnson, '91, chair of the psychology department at Park University in Parkville, Mo. was the featured speaker. His presentation was entitled "Fifteen Years of Perspective."

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At the ceremony, the 2004-05 chapter officers were also installed: Jennifer Rippy of Sweet Springs, Mo., president; Nicole Goetz of Bridgeton, Mo., vice-president; Emily Kempf of Marshall, Mo., secretary; and Jennifer Roether of St. Joseph, treasurer. Jill Nesslage, 2004 psychology graduate from St. Joseph and 2003-04 Psi Chi president, was the installation officer.

Psi Chi was founded in 1929 at the Ninth International Congress for Psychology held at Yale University. Currently, there are more than 1,000 chapters in colleges and universities throughout the nation. The purpose of the society is to encourage, stimulate, and maintain excellence in scholarship and to advance the science of psychology.

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