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SIX WESTERN STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN STUDENT CONFERENCE

St. Joseph, Mo. —Nov. 9, 2005—Six Missouri Western State University students recently participated in the region three Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP) in Abilene, Texas. Out of 17 colleges and universities, Western computer science student teams placed in five categories.

The students who participated in the event include: Norman Beers, a freshman from St. Joseph; Danyel Becker, a freshman from St. Joseph; Brian Jacobs, a junior computer information systems major from St. Joseph; Brian Parrish, a senior computer information systems and computer science major from Smithville, Mo.; Amy Porter, a senior computer information systems major from Turney, Mo., and Robb Winkie, a senior computer information systems major from Breckenridge, Mo.

The categories that students placed in were:

- Visual Basic – Parrish and Winkie, 1st place.
- C++ - Parish and Winkie, 3rd place.
- C++ - Jacobs and Beers, honorable mention.
- Microsoft Integration –Parrish, 2nd place.
- Microsoft Integration – Winkie and Beers, honorable mention.

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These students are eligible to compete in the national AITP competition in Dallas in the spring.

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Missouri Western State University is a four-year public institution providing a blend of traditional liberal arts and professional degree programs. The university 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.