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WESTERN HOSTS FORMAL CONVOCATION TO RECOGNIZE UNIVERSITY DESIGNATION

St. Joseph, Mo. —Aug. 15, 2005— Missouri Western will host a formal academic convocation to recognize university designation at 11 a.m. Aug. 31. The ceremony, which will include a formal processional and recessional, academic regalia and speakers, is free and open to the campus and community. The new seal for the university will also be unveiled, and several new ceremonial accessories will be used for the first time.

Former Western presidents Dr. M.O. Looney and Dr. Janet Gorman Murphy McCarthy have been invited to the convocation and other celebration activities.

In honor of university designation, Western has purchased a ceremonial mace, a presidential medallion and banners to be used at all formal university events such as convocations and commencements. The accessories were donated by Dr. Joseph (Joe) Friedman, a 1939 alumnus of the St. Joseph Junior College.

The mace, almost four feet tall, is topped by the university's newly designed seal, and Griffon and clock tower etchings are engraved on bronze plates. Five plates on the staff contain the former names of the institution: St. Joseph Junior College, Missouri Western Junior College, Missouri Western College, Missouri Western State College, and Missouri Western State University.

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A presidential medallion contains the seal and the university's six values: service, quality, enthusiasm, freedom, respect and courage. Large banners for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the College of Professional Studies were also purchased.

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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.