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## **WESTERN'S CENTER FOR MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR AWARD**

**St. Joseph, Mo.** —Dec. 8, 2005—The Center for Multicultural Education at Missouri Western State University is accepting nominations for the Drum Major for Justice Award. This award is given to members of the Western and St. Joseph communities who are committed to social justice, multicultural education, service and academic excellence.

One student, one member of the St. Joseph community, and one Western employee will be chosen as the 2006 recipients of the award. The ceremony will take place Jan. 16 at the Drum Major for Justice Luncheon which honors the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Rev. Bill Hedge, Dr. Stacia Bensyl and LaTasha Thaxton were honored with the Drum Major for Justice Award last year. Joyce Star, Victoria “Y” Wacek and Michael Johnson were the 2004 recipients.

The deadline to make nominations is Dec. 16. Nominations may be sent to Tay D. Triggs, Multicultural Education Director, Missouri Western State University, 4525 Downs Drive, Blum 210, St. Joseph, MO 64507 or by email at [ttriggs@missouriwestern.edu](mailto:ttriggs@missouriwestern.edu).

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