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WESTERN NONTRADITIONAL STUDENTS HONORED

St. Joseph, Mo. —Dec. 16, 2005—Forty-two Missouri Western State University students were honored during the Association of Nontraditional Students on Higher Education's (ANTSHE) National Nontraditional Student Week.

According to Ellen Kisker, director of nontraditional student services, nominees must have an outstanding academic record, or be performing outstanding service on campus or in the community.

“The call was put out to faculty and staff to nominate their outstanding nontraditional students and each member of the faculty or staff was asked to write a bit about the student,” said Kisker. A reception was held on Nov. 9 so that all students could be recognized for their achievements.

The following students were named outstanding nontraditional students:

Agency, Mo.

Dawn Baker, senior history major, and **Kimberly Wood**, senior criminal justice major

Braymer, Mo.

Stephanie Turner, sophomore elementary education major

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Elwood, Kan.

Fredreckia Johnson, senior criminal justice major

Faucett, Mo.

Charlyne Burns, senior social studies and math education major

Gower, Mo.

Brandy Sarsi, senior nursing major

Guilford, Mo.

Miranda Pedersen, senior nursing major

Kansas City, Mo.

Julie McKeague, senior mathematics major

King City, Mo.

Lyn Oshel, senior psychology and nursing major

Lathrop, Mo.

Julie Garside, senior, and **Mary McGinness**, senior psychology major

Morrill, Mo.

Elizabeth Ploeger, senior physical therapy assistant major

Mound City, Mo.

Ghazala Saleem, junior nursing and psychology major

Osborn, Mo.

Sandi Berg, freshman

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Plattsburg, Mo.

Kami Hartzell, freshman elementary education major

St. Joseph, Mo.

Nancy Charlene Allsbury, sophomore; **Leslie Balcazar**, senior nursing major; **Charles Baxter**, senior management major; **Tom Beach**, senior criminal justice major; **Ladonna Bensyl**, sophomore elementary education major; **Jamie Bomgardner**, senior nursing major; **Suzan Brown**, junior legal assistant major; **Misty Draeger**, senior English major; **Rick Evans**, senior nursing major; **Synthia Haggard**, senior elementary education major; **Ed Harris**, junior government major; **Rebecca Harrison**, freshman elementary education major; **Wanda Hayes**, freshman nursing major; **Kim Hosman**, sophomore accounting major; **Thomas Brad Landrum**, freshman psychology major; **Vicki Newton**, junior physical education major; **Cathy Norgard**, junior nursing major; **James Pickerel**, sophomore criminal justice major; **Peg Pella**, senior English major; **Kim Schutte**, senior English major; **Sheryl Sherman**, sophomore biology major; **Dianna Shipferling**, senior history major; **Yvette Simmons**, sophomore criminal justice major; **David Snook**, junior criminal justice major; **Lacreaca Tolliver**, senior nursing major; **Eva Williams**, junior psychology major, and **Marcella Wilroy**, senior elementary education major.

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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.