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## WESTERN ANNOUNCES STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

**St. Joseph, Mo.**—April 1, 2003— Missouri Western State College announces recent achievements of their students:

- Ludwig Nelson of St. Joseph received the highest score on the 2002 Putnam Exam in the history of Western. His knowledge in mathematics has placed him in the top 32 percent of all those tested. Amy Kerling of Olathe, Kan. had test results that placed her in the top 60 percent.
- Six Western students attended the 66<sup>th</sup> annual national conference for the American Criminal Justice Association-Lambda Alpha Epsilon in Orlando, Fla. Three of the students placed in competitions that were held. Those who placed are: Shelly Fritz, sophomore from Effingham, Kan., first place lower division in juvenile justice; Jael Hacker, sophomore from Plymouth, Neb., first place lower division in LAE knowledge, first place lower division for the \$400 student scholarship competition and second place for the \$100 student paper competition; Nick Rippey, senior from St. Joseph, placed second in the upper division for the \$200 student scholarship competition. Those who were also in attendance were: senior Samantha Morrison of Knob Noster, Mo.; senior Rob Smith of Albany, Mo.; and senior Richard DeFelice of Liberty, Mo.

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- Brandi Atha of Ethel, Mo., senior English major, was one of 13 English teaching majors from throughout the state to be recognized as a Robert J. Greef Award recipient at the Missouri “Write to Learn” annual conference held at Osage Beach.
- Eight art majors had photographs accepted in the Five State Photography Competition and Exhibition in Fort Hays, Kan. Their names and artwork titles are: Mary Adams of Norborne, Mo., “Wheelbarrow;” Naomi Dunning of St. Joseph, “American Woman” and “Untitled;” Kimberly Posch of Chillicothe, Mo., “Self-Portrait;” Sandy Scott of Rock Port, Mo., “Untitled;” Rita Zimmerman of Kansas City, “Power Plant;” Sarah Fisher of Cosby, Mo., “Cowgirl;” Heather Sandstede of Hickman, Neb., “If anyone of you is without sin; John 8:7” and “She Thinks She'll Keep Her;” and Kristin Wampler of Savannah, Mo., “Mannequin Study #2.”
- Nicole Lindsey of Troy, Mo., a Griffon basketball senior athlete, was named a unanimous first-team All-MIAA choice. She led the conference and finished second in scoring and rebounding.
- Steph Jones of St. Joseph, a Griffon basketball senior athlete, earned second-team honors at the All-MIAA Tournament welcome banquet.
- Damon Bailey of San Antonio, Texas, Griffon basketball senior athlete, received first-team honors from the All-MIAA banquet. Bailey, a forward, led the MIAA in field goal percentage and averaged 18.5 points a game.

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- Larry Taylor of St. Joseph, Griffon basketball senior athlete, was awarded the Defensive Player of the Year Award from the All-MIAA banquet. Taylor, a point guard, was second in assists and fourth in steals.
- Lou Chapman of Milwaukee, Wis., Griffon basketball senior athlete, was named to the All-MIAA all-defensive team.

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.

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