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## WESTERN ANNOUNCES FINAL CANDIDATES IN ATHLETIC DIRECTOR SEARCH

**St. Joseph, Mo.** —May 2, 2003—Two final candidates for the position of athletic director at Missouri Western State College will visit the college next week. Dr. Darlene Bailey will be interviewed on May 5, and Mark Linder on May 6. The community will have two opportunities to meet with both candidates.

On May 5, the community is invited to a forum and reception to meet Dr. Bailey. The public forum, including a presentation and question and answer session, will be held at 3:30 p.m. in the Leah Spratt Multipurpose Classroom Building, room 214. The reception will be held from 4:15 p.m. to 5 p.m. in room 216 of the same building. Dr. Bailey is the associate director of athletics at Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield. She earned a bachelor's degree in history from William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., a master's in sports administration and a doctorate in higher education administration from Ohio University.

On May 6, the community will also have two opportunities to talk with Mr. Linder. The public forum, which includes a presentation and question and answer session, will be held at 3:30 p.m. in the Leah Spratt Multipurpose Classroom Building, room 214. The reception will be held from 4:15 p.m. to 5 p.m. in room 216 of the same building. Mr. Linder currently serves as the interim athletic director at Western. He had served as assistant director of athletics at Western since 2001. Mr. Linder earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry and a master's in athletic administration from Wayne State College, Wayne, Neb.

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The selected candidate will succeed former athletic director Pete Chapman, who died in January.

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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