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## **AMBASSADORS HOST “JAZZY” NIGHT AT THE RITZ**

**St. Joseph, Mo.** —March 29, 2003—The Missouri Western State College Ambassadors will host the ninth annual Night at the Ritz fund-raiser April 25 at the St. Joseph Ramada Inn. This year’s event is a “Jazzy” Night at the Ritz, and will feature dinner and dancing, and entertainment by the Western Jazz Ensemble, Western’s steel drum band and a marimba trio from the college. The reception begins at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. All proceeds from the event provide scholarships for nontraditional students at Western.

“The entertainment will be outstanding; it’s a wonderful combination,” said Ellen Smither, coordinator of the nontraditional student center and liaison for the Ambassadors. “The pace will be lively and will showcase our wonderful student talent.”

Scholarship patrons may sponsor a table of eight for \$500, which also includes recognition on the program and at the dinner, and raffle tickets. Individual tickets are \$30 per person. To make reservations or to sponsor a table, call 816-271-5646 by April 18.

If the Ambassadors raise \$10,000 at the “Jazzy” Night at the Ritz, the W. Fairleigh Enright Charitable Trust will donate another \$5,000. “I am amazed at and thankful for the generosity of our community and the Fairleigh Enright Charitable Trust. Without their help, many nontraditional students would not be able to pursue their dreams,” said Smither. “With budget constraints, these scholarships are more important than ever.”

Raffle tickets are one dollar and may be purchased from any MWSC Ambassador, or by calling Smither at 816-271-4280. The grand prize for the raffle is a one-night stay at a suite at The Raphael Hotel in Kansas City, dinner for two, champagne and \$100, donated by Lester Einbender.

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Since 1989, the MWSC Ambassadors have raised over \$113,000 for nontraditional student scholarships. Ambassador members are from the campus and community, and the group hosts speakers from the college and community at their membership luncheons four times each year.

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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