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WESTERN REPORTS RESULTS OF EMPLOYEE PERSONAL IMPACT SURVEY

St. Joseph, Mo. – May 30, 2003 – Dr. Jeanne Daffron, dean of the school of professional studies at Missouri Western State College, believes it is everyone's responsibility to contribute time, abilities and resources to enhance the lives of people in the community. She is only one of 200 faculty, staff and administrators at Western who volunteer in St. Joseph and surrounding communities, according to the results of the College's 2003 Personal Impact Survey.

According to the survey, Western employees logged 4,662 hours of service each month in the past year, which equates to an average number of 22.5 hours for each respondent. The Independent Sector website notes that the value of volunteer labor in 2002 was \$16.54, which equates to \$77,109 of service to the community by Western employees. In addition to volunteer hours, 94 employees serve as board members or officers on community organizations.

“Being a good citizen in the community is highly valued at Western,” said Dr. Daffron, who will begin her term as chair of the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce next January. “The College encourages and supports community involvement of all employees.”

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Dr. Daffron also serves on boards for Junior Achievement, Northwest Missouri Area Health Education Center, Leadership Northwest Missouri and Great Things Happen: Greater St. Joseph Community Plan, and she is a member of several community committees.

“I am blessed to work with so many individuals who are so committed to making our community an even better place to live, work and play. Regardless of your interests, there is plenty to do,” said Dr. Daffron.

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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.