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WESTERN ALUMNUS RECEIVES AWARD

St. Joseph, Mo. —May 16, 2003—The Missouri Academy of Science presented Dr. Harry J. Sauer Jr., alumnus of the St. Joseph Junior College, with its Most Distinguished Scientist Award on April 18 at its annual meeting. The meeting was held at Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg.

Dr. Sauer is a professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering at the University of Missouri-Rolla, and has been a faculty member since 1957. He has served as the dean of graduate studies and as associate chairman for mechanical engineering. Dr. Sauer is a member of several professional societies and has served on the Governor's Commission on Energy Conservation and on the Title III Building Technology Advisory Committee for Missouri. He currently serves on the board of directors of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) and on the Board of the Missouri Society of Professional Engineers. He has written more than 150 technical publications, including five engineering textbooks.

He holds an associate of science degree from the junior college, bachelor's and master's degrees from UMR, and a PhD from Kansas State University, Manhattan.

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The Most Distinguished Scientist Award recognizes an academy member who has attained major state, national or international recognition as a scholar, teacher and scientist. Dr. Sauer has gained this recognition in the areas of heat transfer, thermodynamics, air conditioning and thermophysical properties. He is one of the pioneers of using microcomputers for teaching thermodynamics and heat transfer in the area.

The Missouri Academy of Science was founded in 1934 to promote cooperation among the scientific interests of Missouri. Currently 49 Missouri colleges and universities are members as well as many industries and other private businesses. There are more than 800 individual members.

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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