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WESTERN ANNOUNCES STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

St. Joseph, Mo. — April 30, 2004— Missouri Western State College announces recent achievements of its students:

- The student chapter of Delta Phi Upsilon attended the national conference of the American Criminal Justice Association in Sacramento, Calif. Jael Haecker of Plymouth, Neb., earned first place in student scholarship for upper division students and received \$400. She also placed first in written competition on the knowledge test for upper division. Lisa Roberts of Platte City, Mo., placed first on the Juvenile Justice written test in upper division. There were 10 students who attended from Western, with over 350 competitors at the conference.
- The team of James Blevins of St. Joseph, Mo.; Liam Davis-Mead of Weston, Mo.; and Mike Mitchell of Kansas City, Mo. placed seventh and finished the highest among the teams from four-year colleges around the state at the Missouri Collegiate Mathematics Competition and the Mathematical Association of America -- Missouri Section Conference.
- Becky Whitwer of Tilden, Neb., second-year physical therapy assistant (PTA) student, has been selected as outstanding PTA student of the year by the Missouri State Physical Therapy Association.

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- Senior Rebekah Allen of Platte City, Mo., was one of 15 English teaching majors throughout the state to be recognized as a Robert J. Greef Award recipient at the state's annual communication arts conference for teachers. The conference was sponsored by the Missouri Association of Teachers of English and the Missouri Writing Projects Network. In her introduction of Allen, Dr. Maridella Carter, MATE's Greef coordinator, cited Allen's work in mission schools in India and Italy, her near perfect 3.957 GPA, and her leadership as president of Western's Student Affiliate of the National Council of Teachers of English (SNCTE).
- Western's Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) student team competed at the Midwest Regional in St. Louis and won the Rookie of the Year award. The team, supervised by Dr. Todd Mick, assistant professor of marketing, consisted of Kenny Huff and Jeff Huff, both of Wellsville, Mo., and Kyle Behrmann of St. Joseph, Mo.

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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.