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WESTERN OFFERS EVENT FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

St. Joseph, Mo. — March 5, 2004 — Many high school seniors are busy this month making decisions about where to attend college next fall. Missouri Western invites students to attend an open house to talk with faculty and staff and apply for admission and financial aid on March 18 at 7 p.m. in the Leah Spratt Multipurpose Classroom Building.

“The earlier students apply for admissions and financial aid the easier it is for them to make decisions,” said Howard McCauley, director of admissions. “We are offering a variety of activities that will be very helpful for anyone considering college, and we have the individuals there to help you take that next step, whether its applying for admission or financial aid or enrolling in courses.”

According to McCauley, the event is targeted for all types of students considering college – from high school seniors to those who may be returning to college to working adults. A general information session will begin at 7 p.m. in the Kemper Recital Hall, of the Leah Spratt building followed by an opportunity for individual advisement from 8-9 p.m.

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During that time, participants will have the opportunity to speak with campus personnel, apply for admission or apply for financial aid. Individuals may complete the Free Application for Federal and State Aid (FAFSA) which is due by April 1. The FAFSA determines students' eligibility for a wide variety of grants, scholarships and loans. Participants will also have the opportunity to register for all types of classes – daytime, evening, weekend, distance education or online courses. Personnel from admissions, financial aid, nontraditional student center, student services and the registrar's office will be on hand, and there will drawings for prizes and refreshments.

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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.