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## WESTERN PRESENTS 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LAS HONORS CONVOCATION

**St. Joseph, Mo.** — March 24, 2004—The Missouri Western State College School of Liberal Arts and Sciences will hold their 20<sup>th</sup> annual Liberal Arts and Sciences Honors Convocation at 4 p.m. April 25 in the Thompson E. Potter Fine Arts Theatre. The community is invited to attend.

The 128 students who have earned scholastic key awards or special academic departmental awards will be honored at the convocation. Dr. John Tapia, professor of speech communication, will address the audience with a presentation entitled, “Build as if You’ll Live Forever, Live as if You’ll Die Tomorrow: It’s Up to You.” A reception for the honorees will follow.

Scholastic key awards are given to those who have declared a major in the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences and have maintained the required grade point average: 4.0 for freshmen, 3.8 for sophomores and 3.75 for upperclassmen. Special academic departmental awards are reserved for outstanding seniors who have met the academic and related criteria required by individual departments.

The School of Liberal Arts and Sciences is composed of the following academic departments: art; biology; chemistry; communication studies and theater; computer science, math and physics; economics; English, foreign language and journalism; government, social work and sociology; history, philosophy and government; music; and psychology.

For more information contact Dr. Ian Roberts at (816) 271-5810.

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