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WESTERN ANNOUNCES FACULTY AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

St. Joseph, Mo. —May 24, 2004— Missouri Western State College announces recent achievements of their faculty and staff:

- Dr. Patrick McMurry, professor of economics, has been elected vice president of the American Academy of Economic and Financial Experts, one of two national organizations dedicated to the understanding and promotion of forensic economics.
- Dr. David McMahan, assistant professor of speech communication, chaired and served as a member of a roundtable discussion entitled “Reevaluating Communication about 9-11: A Two-year Perspective” at the Central States Communication Association Convention in Cleveland. Dr. McMahan is chair of the Communication Education interest group and will serve as a program planner for the 2005 convention.
- Dr. Jeff Poet, assistant professor of mathematics, received notification that the article based on his research will be published in the Journal of Combinatorial Mathematics and Combinatorial Computing. The article is entitled “On Super Edge – Magic Labelings of Unions of Star Graphs.” Jeff’s co-authors are students Dustin Daffron, Heather Goforth, Chris Thomas and Victor Onkoba.

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- Dr. Todd Eckdahl, professor of biology, published a paper entitled “PLoS Biology: A Freely Available, Open Access Online Journal” in Cell Biology Education.
- Dr. Cynthia Jeney, assistant professor of English, had an essay entitled, “Concerns About Computers and Writing” published in the collection *Computers And Writing: The Cyborg Era*, edited by James A. Inman (2004, Lawrence Erlbaum & Associates, Inc.).

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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.