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WESTERN PRESENTS ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL STUDIES HONORS CONVOCATION

St. Joseph, Mo. — March 26, 2004— The Missouri Western State College School of Professional Studies will hold their annual Honors Convocation at 2 p.m. April 4 in the Thompson E. Potter Fine Arts Theatre. The community is invited to attend. A reception for all guests will immediately follow the ceremony.

The event will honor 133 students who have qualified for scholastic key and outstanding graduate awards. Obie Austin, a 1995 Western graduate, will provide the address for this year's convocation entitled, "The Power of Perseverance." Austin graduated with a bachelor of science in nursing and earned a master of science in nursing in 1999 from the University of Missouri-Kansas City where he is currently employed as a nurse practitioner.

The scholastic key award for majors in the school of professional studies requires students to maintain a required grade point average: 4.0 for freshmen, 3.8 for sophomores and 3.75 for juniors.

Outstanding graduate awards are given to seniors in each of the professional studies departments who have met specific criteria set by each academic department.

The school of professional studies is comprised of the following academic departments: business; criminal justice and legal studies; education; engineering technology; health, physical education and recreation; military science; and nursing.

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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.