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## WESTERN DEAN HONORED

**St. Joseph, Mo.** —April 11, 2005—Dr. Paul Shang, dean of student development at Missouri Western State College, was recently honored at the 81<sup>st</sup> annual convention of the American College Personnel Association (ACPA) as a diamond honoree.

“The Western strategic plan states that we aspire to be a national leader in excellence in student development,” said Dr. David Arnold, dean of academic and student affairs. “Dr. Shang, our dean, is being recognized for doing just that.”

The ACPA Educational Leadership Foundation founded the diamond honoree program in 1999 to honor members for their outstanding and sustained contributions to higher education and to student affairs specifically.

Before joining Western earlier this year, Dr. Shang was the director of student and enrollment services at Penn State Worthington Scranton of Dunmore, Penn., and had served as director of student affairs there. He has held director positions in student affairs divisions at Colorado State University and the University of Iowa.

He was also a past president of the American College Personnel Association (ACPA). He was a member of the editorial board of the ACPA “Journal of College

Student Development” for seven years, and is a recipient of the Colorado State University Distinguished Administrative Professional Award.

Dr. Shang earned a bachelor of art degree in government and philosophy, and master of arts and doctorate degrees in philosophy from Florida State University, Tallahassee.

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