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## **EIGHT WESTERN STUDENTS INDUCTED INTO HONOR SOCIETY IN ECONOMICS**

**St. Joseph, Mo.** —April 25, 2005—Eight Missouri Western State College students were inducted recently into the Omicron of Missouri chapter of Omicron Delta Epsilon, an international honor society in economics.

They include Brian Taylor of Jefferson City, Mo.; Marcus Shobe of Kansas City, Mo.; Nicole Wright of Milan, Mo.; Robert Hughs of St. Joseph; Cole Kiner of St. Joseph; Jeremy David Simmons of St. Joseph; Joshua Marc Smith of St. Joseph; and Kevin Plummer of Savannah, Mo.

The minimum requirements for admission are completion of 12 semester hours of economics courses, attainment of at least a B average in economics courses and attainment of a B average in all classes. Students do not have to be economics majors, but must have a genuine interest in economics.

The initiation ceremony was part of a banquet sponsored by the Western department of economics. The keynote speaker was Ashley Hodgson, a research associate with the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City.

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