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## INTERNATIONAL HEALTH CARE SPECIALISTS VISIT WESTERN

**St. Joseph, Mo.** — May 10, 2005 — Five Ukrainian health care professionals visited Missouri Western State College during their participation in the International Visitor Leadership Program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State that took place May 4-7. The main goal of the program, entitled “U.S. Health Care and Preventative Medicine,” was to provide these medical experts with an opportunity to learn more about public health issues and the health systems in the United States.

Dr. Judith Grimes, dean of student services at Western and member of the board of directors of the Greater Kansas City International Visitors Council said that Western has hosted numerous groups sponsored by the International Visitors Program.

“Most (groups) have met with students and even attended classes and led discussions in the classes,” Dr. Grimes said. “Learning about the world through these face-to-face meetings is certainly a plus for all of us.”

The Ukrainian doctors participating were Dr. Oleg Golyanovskyy, deputy director of the Kiev Reproductive Health Care Center; Svitlana Komar, head of infections department of the Kiev Pediatric Hospital; Dr. Petro Levchenko, deputy head of the Department of Mother and Child Health Care Services at the Cherkasy Oblast State

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Administration; Olga Ostapenko, chief specialist of obstetrics/gynecology at the Donetsk Oblast State Administration; and Dr. Nadiia Zhylka, deputy head of the Department for Mother and Child Health at the Ministry of Public Health, Ukraine.

As representatives of the Ukrainian government and health care system, the doctors met with both public and private health care organizations and discussed health care management and preventative treatment strategies.

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