



# News Release

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## AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE PRESENTED TO WESTERN ARTS AND SCIENCES STUDENTS

**St. Joseph, Mo.** —April 25, 2005—Departmental awards for excellence recently were presented to Missouri Western State College students at the 21<sup>st</sup> annual Liberal Arts and Sciences Honors Convocation.

The special academic departmental awards are reserved for outstanding seniors in each of the Liberal Arts and Sciences departments, in accordance with criteria required by the department assigning the award.

Honorees included:

### **Agency, Mo.**

Kelly Hamp, James R. Jordan History Honors Award

### **Amazonia, Mo.**

Sarah G. McCush, Outstanding Graduate in Mathematics

### **Boulder, Colo.**

Therese Hand, General Studies Honors Award in Computer Science and Mathematics

### **Bowling Green, Mo.**

Kimberly Bunten, Public Relations Emphasis Award for Academic Excellence

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**Cameron, Mo.**

Rebekah Needham, Outstanding Graduate in Spanish Award and General Studies Honors Award; Meri Thompson, James R. Jordan History Honors Award

**Crete, Neb.**

Chelsea Howlett, General Studies Honors Award in Art

**Falls City, Neb.**

Daniel Pfister, Edgar C. Little Chemistry Award and General Studies Honors Award

**Forest City, Mo.**

Stefanie Lyle, Mary Lee Doherty Award in English

**Guaynabo, Puerto Rico**

Gabriela Lucia Fernandez, Outstanding Graduating Senior – Piano Pedagogy

**Kansas City, Kan.**

Sharyn Webb, Amy Singleton Art Award

**Kansas City, Mo.**

Jill Lathrum, Outstanding Graduate in Computer Information Systems; Shereesa Thompson, General Studies Honors Award in Interdisciplinary Studies

**Kingston, Mo.**

Joseph Davis, General Studies Honors Award in English

**Linn, Mo.**

Cindy Peters, General Studies Honors Award in Chemistry

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**Nebraska City, Neb.**

Suzann M. Lechner, Political Science Honors Award in Government and History

**Pleasant Valley, Mo.**

Brandon Todd, Allied Arts Council Trails West! Award and General Studies Honors Award

**Robinson, Kan.**

Barry Korthanke, General Studies Honors Award in Mathematics

**St. Joseph, Mo.**

Ben Anderson, Outstanding Graduate in Computer Science; Kelli Gardner Bell, Sandy Jacobs Literary Studies Award; Jennifer Bruce, Henry W. Pilgram Social Work Honors Award; Aaron Bunker, John R. Yancey Biology Award; Elizabeth Douglas, Outstanding Graduating Senior in Vocal Music Education Award; Emily Guinn, Louise Lacy Award in English; Will Kariker, Political Science Honors Award in Government; Lance Leonard, General Studies Honors Award in Government; Nicholas Roger Limle, Outstanding Graduate in Economics; Samantha Lord, General Studies Honors Award in English and Public Relations; Jennifer L. Roether, Willis H. McCann Award in Personnel Psychology

**Savannah, Mo.**

Lisa Christmas, Henry W. Pilgram Social Work Honors Award; Kristen Wampler, Art Department Honors Award

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**Sedalia, Mo.**

Natalie Bailey, General Studies Honors Award in Government and History

**Shiloh, Ill.**

Bart Phillips, Donald Robbins Tri Beta Scholar of the Year Award in Biology

**Smithville, Mo.**

Shannon Swanson, General Studies Honors Award in Art

**Sweet Springs, Mo.**

Jennifer L. Rippy, Willis H. McCann Award in General Psychology

**Wellington, Mo.**

Kellen Perry, General Studies Honors Award in English

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