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WESTERN HOSTS CONSIDERING COLLEGE PROGRAM

St. Joseph, Mo. — May 2, 2005 — For many adults, thinking about going back to college or going for the first time can be overwhelming and intimidating. In an effort to calm their fears and answer their questions, the nontraditional student center at Missouri Western State College will host a Considering College seminar for those adults thinking about enrolling in college for the first time or coming back after an absence. The seminar will be from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. May 19 in Fred Eder Hall, room 202. To sign up for the program or for more information, contact Ellen Kisker, director of the nontraditional student center, at 816-271-4280. Preregistration is encouraged.

“Considering College is important because it gives the potential student a chance to see the campus in a nonthreatening manner. The folks attending will meet with helpful resource staff and will meet other nontraditional students who are already attending this campus,” says Kisker. “I hope that adults will go away feeling that nontraditional students are a welcome segment of our student population.”

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Prospective students will have an opportunity to learn about enrolling, getting financial aid, finding resources on campus, choosing a major and more. A short tour of the campus will be offered.

Kisker said Considering College addresses nontraditional students' fears, such as competing successfully in college after being out of school, finances and trying to juggle multiple responsibilities at home and work.

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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.