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STEM CELL RESEARCH DISCUSSION TO BE HELD AT WESTERN

St. Joseph, Mo. —March 18, 2005— Sandra Aust is a nurse, a breast cancer survivor and the daughter of an Alzheimer disease victim; and the topic of stem cell research is very important to her. She will discuss stem cell research at 3:30 p.m. March 22 in the Leah Spratt Multipurpose Classroom Building, Kemper Recital Hall at Missouri Western State College.

Aust, who is a member of the Missouri Coalition for Lifestyle Cures, will explain how stem cell research may one day provide lifestyle cures and treatments to ease human suffering, and how a bill in the Missouri Legislature may jeopardize that promise.

Aust is a graduate of the University of Missouri Sinclair School of Nursing and is currently a member of the school's adjunct faculty. In her career in health care, her experience includes hospital acute care nursing, research and home health care. She has worked at the University of California at Irvine Medical Center and Duke University Medical Center in Durham, N.C. She also co-authored a scientific paper published in the "Archives of Internal Medicine."

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In recent years, Aust owned her own companies in the home health care industry. She has also been an active leader in nursing alumni development activities for the Sinclair School of Nursing and several community and industry organizations. Aust has recently become active in the Missouri Coalition for Lifesaving Cures, a statewide coalition that represents individuals and businesses that support life sciences research in the state. For more information about the Missouri Coalition for Lifesaving Cures call 800-829-4133 or visit www.missouricures.com.

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