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WESTERN ANNOUNCES STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

St. Joseph, Mo. —May 4, 2005— Missouri Western State College announces recent achievements of its students:

- Senior Jael Haecker, a psychology major from Plymouth, Neb., was named Area 5 Bacchus and Gamma Peer Education Outstanding Student for 2004-2005 at the annual Meeting of the Minds Conference in Kansas City, Mo. sponsored by Missouri Partners in Prevention.
- Jenny Olson of Sweet Springs, Mo. won second place for Organization Writing for Yearbook in the National Columbia Scholastic Press Association Gold Circle Awards Competition 2005 presented in New York City. Olson is a junior majoring in English/journalism and copy editor of the Griffon Yearbook.
- The Griffon Yearbook won 15 awards in seven categories at the 2005 Missouri College Media Association conference held in Kansas City, Mo. First place winners were Diamikia White of Kansas City Mo. and Mika Snodgrass of Lathrop, Mo., portrait design and sports design; and Gretchen Kunkle of

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St. Joseph, Mo., personality design. Snodgrass also received second place overall for Theme Development. Valissa Kraus of King City, Mo. won third place in Feature Photography. Jake Grzenda of Olathe, Kan. and Melissa Scarce of St. Joseph, Mo. won third place in Student Life Design. Jeremy Weikel of St. Joseph, Mo. won third place in Sports Photography. Johntell Young of Kansas City, Mo. won third place in Feature Photography. White and Snodgrass also received honorable mention in the categories of Portrait Design and Sports Design.

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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.