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WESTERN INTERN'S EXPERIENCE LEADS TO GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP

St. Joseph, Mo. —May 1, 2006—For Jenny Jones, her internship in the center for multicultural education (CME) at Missouri Western State University paid big dividends. Jones, a graphic design major who will graduate next month, recently learned that she was awarded a graduate assistantship at Illinois State University (ISU) in Bloomington-Normal.

In July, Jones, a native of Kansas City, Mo., will begin her assistantship in the student affairs office in leadership and community service at ISU as she studies for her master's in college student personnel administration. The assistantship will pay her tuition and a monthly stipend.

Jones said that her interviewers for the assistantship were impressed with her broad range of experience in Western's CME office. "I've been doing a lot as an undergraduate that I will do as a graduate student," she said. "Student affairs (at Western) provides a strong foundation for great student leaders."

As a volunteer in the CME for one and a half years, and then as a paid intern for three years, Jones has planned many events and programs, arranged speakers, made presentations, coordinated community service projects, and worked on budgets. She said in her new position at ISU, she will be working with student organizations on community service events and leadership programs. "I'm very excited about it. I can't wait to move on to the next phase in my life."

Jones' career plans include working in the student affairs field at a higher education institution with a focus on diversity education and leadership.

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Missouri Western State University is a four-year public institution providing a blend of traditional liberal arts and professional degree programs. The university 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.