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WESTERN ANNOUNCES STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

St. Joseph, Mo. —April 10, 2006—Missouri Western State University announces recent achievement of its students:

- The following students were award recipients at Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art's 32nd Annual Membership Exhibition: Mary Joann Whitesel, senior art major from St. Joseph, Mo. – third place for “Death Valley in Bloom,” 2005, photogravure; Jennifer Bruckshaw, junior art major from St. Joseph, Mo. – first place for “Striped Vessel,” 2005, handbuilt, coiled porcelain; Nellie Trigg, senior interdisciplinary study major from St. Joseph – third place for “Untitled #2,” 2005, clay; Mary Joann Whitesel, senior art major from St. Joseph – honorable mention for “One=2/1,” 2005, bronze, wood.
- Jennifer Bruckshaw, junior art major, had two ceramic works chosen for inclusion in the LaGrange National XXIV Exhibition to be held at the Lamar Dodd Art Center of LaGrange College in LaGrange, Ga. Out of 179 submissions, Bruckshaw was one of 20 total chosen works.
- The following students were selected to participate in the Barbara Sprong Leadership Challenge: Ashley Baldwin, freshman preprofessional law major from Lathrop, Mo.;

Ally Browning, senior criminal justice major from St. Joseph; Amy Chastain, junior English major from Cowgill, Mo.; Ivory Duncan, freshman criminal justice major from Kansas City, Mo.; Tia Frahm, senior elementary education major from Elizabeth, Colo.; Kathy Hopper, senior accounting major from Stewartsville, Mo.; Ella Howser, senior accounting major from Dixon, Mo.; Kyler Keith, sophomore recreation sports management major from St. Joseph; Olin Kinsey, freshman criminal justice major from Kansas City, Mo.; Brad Landrum, sophomore English education major from St. Joseph; David McDonald, junior criminal justice major from Liberty, Mo.; and Abby Pontius, junior social work major from Kansas City, Mo. This Challenge provides Western students with an opportunity to develop and enhance leadership skills so that they may assume leadership roles in college and after graduation. These students were required to attend a leadership retreat, organize a group community service project and identify and research a change initiative for Western.

- Ed Harris, senior business major from St. Joseph, Mo. and Synthia Haggard, senior elementary education major from St. Joseph attended the National Non-Traditional Students in Higher Education Conference in Manchester, N. H.

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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.