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## **WESTERN PROFESSOR AND STUDENT HELP TRANSLATE WEBSITE INTO SPANISH**

**St. Joseph, Mo.** —April 21, 2006—Victor Onkoba, a senior Spanish major from St. Joseph, Mo., and Dr. Alicia de Gregorio, associate professor of Spanish at Missouri Western State University, worked on a project for several months to offer help and information to the Spanish-speaking population in St. Joseph.

Last year, the nursing department and Dr. Evelyn Brooks, professor of nursing, received a grant from the March of Dimes to upgrade their website of resources for young adults, and the grant included translating the website into Spanish.

Dr. de Gregorio has been the overseer of the project for the past six months. “This project will be very beneficial to the growing Spanish-speaking population of the St. Joseph area. It will provide practical information as to which community resources are available to young females, who might be in many cases adjusting to a new, foreign environment,” she said.

Website information includes resources for child care, housing, transportation, food, health and education. There are also links to various organizations such as the March of Dimes and the Center for Disease Control.

The website features a PowerPoint presentation that covers the importance of making healthy choices. The website can be found at

[www.wi.missouriwestern.edu/Research/Health\\_Wellness/mods.html](http://www.wi.missouriwestern.edu/Research/Health_Wellness/mods.html).

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