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WESTERN ANNOUNCES STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

St. Joseph, Mo. —March 7, 2006—Missouri Western State University announces recent achievements of its students:

- Senior computer science majors Norman Beers from St. Joseph, Brian Parrish from Smithville, Mo., and Robb Winkie from Breckenridge, Mo.; and junior computer science major Brian Jacobs from St. Joseph, received the Region 3 Hero Award at the Association of Information Technology (AITP) Region 3 Conference in Abilene, Texas. This award is the top award in the region.
- Brad Dixon, junior business major from Brookfield, Mo., was appointed by the Gay, Lesbian, Bixesual, Transgender, Ally Network as a Network Representative for Region IV of the National Orientation Directors Association (NODA). Brad will be working with three other representatives across Region IV, which includes Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Texas, and Oklahoma. The combined effort of all the representatives is to produce informative events, programs, and presentations for the NODA Region IV conference.
- Western Chamber Singers were selected to sing at the Missouri Music Educators Convention in Tan-Tar-A resort in Osage Beach, Mo. The ensemble

was selected through a rigorous audition process by adjudicators from outside Missouri.

- Aaron Caw, senior economics major from St. Joseph, Mo., placed 8th for Western in the Eastern Economics Association online simulation “Beat the Market” called “Monopolistic Competition.” Caw was responsible for making five simulated business decisions in each period of the competition.
- Bob Hughs, senior economics and finance major from St. Joseph, Mo., has an internship with State Rep. Ed Wildberger this semester in Jefferson City, Mo.
- Brad Landrum, from St. Joseph; Emily Steele, from Chillicothe; and Allyson Wiegman from Henderson, Iowa made a presentation in Kansas City, Mo. At the meeting of the Missouri-Kansas chapter of the National Lewis and Clark Trails Heritage Foundation. Dr. Elizabeth Latosi-Sawin, professor of English, introduced the integrated interdisciplinary learning behind Western’s unique Outdoor Semester, while the students showed slides of their journey on the northern Great Plains, read from their journals, and answered questions from the audience. In honor of this creative faculty/student learning community, the Trails Foundation presented them with a commemorative book of Lewis and Clark artifacts collected specifically for the bicentennial (1804 – 1806). The book will be donated to Western’s library.

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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.

