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## ADULT BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAMS RECEIVE AWARDS

**St. Joseph, Mo.** —August 11, 2003—Missouri Western State College’s Adult Basic Education programs at Crossroads Regional Correctional Center in Cameron, Mo., and Western Regional Diagnostic and Correctional Center (WRDCC) in St. Joseph were each honored recently with a Diamond Award, the highest rating possible, from the Missouri Department of Corrections.

The Department of Corrections visited 26 institutions in the state for a Quality in Education Review and rated the programs. The St. Joseph and Cameron programs were two of six institutions to receive the Diamond rating.

A teacher from each program was also named Education Employee of the Year by the Department of Corrections: Gayle Creighton of Crossroads, and Rebecca McKaig of WRDCC.

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