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WESTERN FOUNDATION ALLOCATES \$520,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

St. Joseph, Mo. —Aug. 4, 2003—This fall, Western students will benefit from the generosity of those who made a contribution to the Missouri Western State College Foundation. The Foundation recently announced it has allocated \$520,000 for student scholarships for the 2003-2004 academic year.

“In spite of market declines, the Foundation has established that maintaining scholarship support is its first priority,” said Dr. James Roever, Foundation executive director.

Melissa Reed, a junior nursing major who was a scholarship recipient, said the award will help her move one step closer to her goal – a career in pediatric nursing. She has received several Foundation scholarships while at Western, and said they were very beneficial in helping her advance her education.

Donors who want to support Foundation scholarships have several options available. They may contribute to any of the existing named scholarship funds, contribute to the Western Advantage Scholarship Fund, or establish a named scholarship.

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According to Dr. Roever, the Western Advantage Scholarship Fund, established last fall, is an excellent way to give to student scholarships. Donations to this new general scholarship fund may also be used as memorials or to honor someone. All gifts to the Western Advantage Scholarship Fund will be recognized in the Foundation's Annual Report. The Foundation is working to achieve the initial fund goal of \$50,000. Once it is achieved, scholarships will be awarded to students meeting established guidelines.

Individuals who contribute \$10,000 over a two-year period can establish a named scholarship. This is an opportunity for a person or family to establish scholarships to support a specific purpose or to honor someone, says Dr. Roever.

Peggy Iffert established a named scholarship in the nursing department several years ago. "I had a very rewarding career and I wanted to help someone else," said Iffert, a retired nurse. She set aside funds each year she worked, and established the scholarship when she retired. "I hope other nurses will feel that way about it, too, and support nursing students."

For more information about giving or available scholarships contact the Foundation office at 816-271-5647 or at www.mwsc.edu/foundation.

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