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WESTERN NOTES FACULTY AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

St. Joseph, Mo. —June 9, 2003— Missouri Western State College announces recent achievements of their faculty and staff:

- Ernie Stufflebean, associate dean of student affairs, was awarded the 2002 Missouri College Personnel Association Outstanding Professional. He attended the National Association for Campus Activities Board National Convention in Nashville, and presented an educational session titled, “Student Affairs Think Tank.” He also serves as the association treasurer on the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors for the National Association for Campus Activities.
- Ellen Smither, coordinator of nontraditional student services, was selected as the recipient of the Excellence in Education Award by the Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce.
- Jill Miller, professor of criminal justice and chair of the criminal justice and legal studies department, was appointed to the Child and Family Services Review Statewide Assessment Team.

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- Danielle Carter, director of unity services, won the Missouri College Personnel Richard Caple Philanthropic Award for her office's community service work.
- Dr. Reza Hamzaee, professor of economics, won a competitive research grant of \$7,600 to continue his "A Testable Model of Successful Distance Education." He will involve some Western economics major students as research assistants. In addition, Hamzaee's 4,500-4,700-word "Iranian Economy" will be published in one of the upcoming 50 volumes of the London's Brown Reference Group Encyclopedia.

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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.