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WESTERN RENAMES STREET TO HONOR JAMES MCCARTHY

St. Joseph, Mo. —June 10, 2003—Missouri Western State College renamed Northeast College Drive on campus to James McCarthy Drive at a dedication ceremony yesterday to honor Dr. James McCarthy, who served Western for 18 years as executive vice president and interim president before his retirement in 2001.

“This is a way to recognize Dr. McCarthy’s accomplishments over his many years of service at Western,” said R. Patt Lilly, president of the Western Board of Regents. “His student-centered approach is a legacy to the college.”

During his tenure, Dr. McCarthy supervised several college departments and a variety of college functions, and was the executive director of the Foundation. He was involved in the development of the instructional media center television studio, the Glenn E. Marion Memorial Clock Tower, the trail system, and the biology labs in the Missouri Department of Conservation building. He directed four capital campaigns which generated more than \$20 million.

While serving as the executive vice president, he also acted as an interim president at Northwest Missouri Community College for eight months and as Western’s interim president from July 2000 to March 2001. Dr. McCarthy was also involved in several community organizations and activities.

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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.