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WESTERN NOTES STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

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

- Matt Silvius of Turney, Mo. was named as the international John A. Courson Top Academic Scholar for Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity.
- Western's chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity took first place in their state Oratorical Contest and Step Show. They represented the state of Missouri at their regional convention in these two areas.
- Ben Vineyard of St. Joseph, a student in Bill Church's poetry class, recently sold two poems to the Kansas City Star for June publication.
- Six students of the nursing department: Tina Wiedmaier of Maysville, Mo.; Kari Rauch of Oregon, Mo.; Carrie Bower of Platte City, Mo.; Connie Burnett of St. Joseph; Renee Collins of St. Joseph; and Karen Barnes of Union Star, Mo.; presented their research with Loah Stallard, executive director of the Social Welfare Board, and Dr. Evelyn Brooks, associate professor of nursing, to the United Way of Greater St. Joseph allocations and review committee for the H.E.L.P. Fund. They also presented a research poster presentation for the Moving Research Into Practice: Chronic Disease and Missouri Women Conference at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

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- Four students from Western's Campus Activities Board (CAB), Stacey Schneider of St. Joseph; Kristen Silcott of St. Joseph; Andrew Turnage of St. Joseph; and Sylvester Brandon of St. Louis, Mo.; attended the National Convention for the National Association for Campus Activities. These four students attended educational sessions, previewed prospective entertainment/lectures that could be brought to Western, and conducted business on behalf of the CAB and Western.
- Eight unity service volunteers, LaSilvia Franklin of Florrisant, Mo.; Melissa Smith of Kansas City, Mo.; Maria Grothaus of Marshall, Mo.; Latoya Huston of Marshall, Mo.; Erinn Cohen of St. Louis, Mo.; Lindsay Fisher of St. Louis, Mo.; Tearsa Hairston of St. Louis, Mo.; and Gloria Wilson of St. Louis, Mo.; along with Angie Smith, the unity services service learning intern, of Kansas City, Mo.; won the 2003 YWCA Stop Racism Youth Challenge with "Utopia." They were recognized for their work at the YWCA Day of Commitment to Eliminate Racism breakfast.
- Nine students from the department of psychology presented three papers at the Mid-America Undergraduate Psychology Research Conference at Thomas More College in Crestview Hills, KY: Christina A. Hammond of Elwood, Kan.; LeeAnn M. Schuster of Hiawatha, Kan.; Erika S. Pontius of Kansas City, Mo.; Craig M. Moore of Keytesville, Mo.; Aron D. Gerhart of Kirksville, Mo.; Noah D. Haahr of Pleasant Hope, Mo.; Tara D. Anderson of St. Joseph; Daniel A. Harr of St. Joseph; and Samantha G. Lord of St. Joseph.

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.