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## WESTERN ANNOUNCES STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

**St. Joseph, Mo.** —June 8, 2005— Missouri Western State College announces recent achievements of its students:

- Shannon Swanson of Smithville, Mo. and Megan Campbell of Amazonia, Mo., both graphic design majors, recently had work accepted into the American Institute of Graphic Arts Student Group Exhibition. The exhibition was held in the Staples Gallery at Wichita State University.
- Biology students Amanda Benefield of St. Joseph, Aaron Bunker of St. Joseph, Sara Freel of Plattsmouth, Neb., Willie Gilbert of St. Joseph, Steven Hart of Maryville, Mo., and Bart Phillips of Shiloh, Ill., presented their research at the Tri-Beta Biological Honor Society district convention at Reis Biological Station at St. Louis University. Hart won first place in the oral presentation competition and Freel won first place in the poster competition. Both will have their travel expenses paid to the Tri-Beta national convention next spring at the Florida Institute of Technology.
- Ten student papers were competitively selected for the Central States Communication Association Convention: “Clothing and the Perception of Personality Traits,” Kim Bunten of Bowling Green, Mo.; “Summary of College Freshmen Stress Level and Gender,” and “Summary of Roman Women and Their Role in Roman Society,” Melissa Jackson of Platte City, Mo.; “The Generation Gap and Gender Differences in the Work Place,” Hannorah Harrah of St. Joseph; “Just How Influential is Rush Limbaugh,” Amanda Stapleton of St. Joseph; “Television Media Coverage and

Presidential Character: Bush vs. Kerry,” Megan Boone of New Cambria, Mo., and Randall Siddens of Marceline, Mo.; “Gender and its Relationship to Service Standards: Preferential Differences in Buying Behavior,” Danielle Shoemaker of Marceline, Mo.; “Weak Approach = Weak Retail Sales: The Effects of Oral Communication Apprehension on Meeting Sales Goals,” Amy D. Hankins of St. Joseph; “Communication Effectiveness in the Workplace: The Effectiveness of Communication within Organizational Hierarchies,” Crystal Hickey of St. Joseph.

- Social work student Joan Beck of St. Joseph, and Dr. Monica Nandan, associate professor of social work, presented a workshop entitled “In the Current Socio-Eco-Political Climate, is the Glass Half-Empty or Half-Full for Helping Professionals?” at the state conference of the National Association of Social Workers – Missouri Chapter, at Lake Ozark, Mo.

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