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WESTERN ANNOUNCES STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

St. Joseph, Mo. —July 12, 2005— Missouri Western State College announces recent achievements of its students:

- Jackson Sobbing, biology major from Parkville, Mo., and Dr. David Ashley, professor of biology, co-authored presentations with John Schulz of the Missouri Department of Conservation, Alex J. Bremudez and Joshua J. Millspaugh of the University of Missouri-Columbia, entitled “Randomization Methodology for Examining Vertebrate Blood Smears to Determine Haematozoan Infection Intensity,” and “Preliminary Studies on the Occurrence of Avian Haematozoa in Missouri Mourning Doves (*Zenaida macroura*)” at the Missouri Academy of Science meeting in Jefferson City, Mo.
- Judy Knadler of Easton, Mo., along with Dr. David Ashley, professor of biology, and Dr. Jason Baker, associate professor of biology, co-authored a poster entitled “Additional Studies on Microbes Identified from Missouri Cave Waters,” at the Missouri Academy of Science meeting in Jefferson City, Mo.
- Psychology majors Emily Kempf of Marshall, Mo., and Jennifer Rippey of St. Joseph, presented a poster, “Enacted Diversity and Group Performance over Time,” in the Psi Chi Honor Society session at the Midwestern Psychological Association meeting in Chicago.
- Psychology majors Christin Hanna of Savannah, Mo., and Margaret Neumann of Lohman, Mo., presented a poster, “Group Identification and Performance Feedback,” in the Psi Chi Honor Society session at the Midwestern Psychological Association meeting in Chicago.

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- Psychology majors Jennifer Roether of St. Joseph, and Erin Wilson of Overland Park, Kan., presented a poster, “Integrative Complexity in Learning Communities,” in the Psi Chi Honor Society session at the Midwestern Psychological Association meeting in Chicago.
- Psychology major Brynn Holloway of St. Joseph, presented a poster, “Digit Ration and Gender Differences in Cognitive Performance of College Students,” in the Psi Chi Honor Society session at the Midwestern Psychological Association meeting in Chicago.

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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.