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WESTERN ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIPS

St. Joseph, Mo. —July 7, 2006—Missouri Western State University announced the following scholarship awards to students:

- Jesse Spellmeyer, Castle Rock, Wash., senior government major was awarded the Max W. and Emma Lee Grooms Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to a student athlete showing satisfactory academic progress, with preference given to a fifth-year athlete.
- Shane Neel, Festus, Mo., was awarded the Lt. Kent M. Kiepe Memorial Scholarship, established in memory of Lt. Kiepe, Western graduate. This scholarship is available to a student who demonstrates citizenship and leadership, and a GPA of 3.0.
- Demarius Bolds, Cahokia, Ill., senior recreation sport management major was the John J. Little Memorial Athletic Scholarship, and the Baker Education Trust Scholarship. The Little Scholarship was established by friends and family of the former employee and alumnus of Western. Recipients must be a senior or a fifth-year student, participate in a men's or women's basketball program and have a GPA of 2.5. The Baker Scholarship requires students to be from northwest Missouri.

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- Jason Warren, St. Joseph, senior recreation management major was awarded the Baker Education Trust Scholarship, which requires that students be from northwest Missouri; and the Pat Simmons Memorial Men's Basketball Scholarship awarded to a men's basketball player who has completed his athletic eligibility and needs a fifth year of study to receive his degree.
- Thaddeus Marr, Grandview, Mo., senior criminal justice major was awarded the Thomas Thies Baseball Scholarship, awarded to a student who demonstrates participation and leadership in baseball, has 2.5 GPA, and exhibits no drug or alcohol use. Student must provide a recommendation from the athletic director, baseball coach, and faculty member. Marr also received the Kiwanis/Bob Schiesl Memorial Scholarship established by the St. Joseph Kiwanis Club in honor of Schiesl. Recipient must be on baseball team, exhibit an interest in history, have a 2.7 GPA, and be from Missouri.
- Lisa Cross, Blue Springs, Mo., senior speech communication major was awarded the Warren L. Riepen Golf Scholarship, established by friends and family in memory of Riepen, golf professional and supporter of the Western golf team. Student must be a member of the golf team with a minimum GPA of 2.5.
- Stephanie Whittington, St. Joseph, senior elementary education major, was awarded the Kiwanis Club Community Scholarship established by the Kiwanis Club of St. Joseph and awarded to a junior or senior degree-seeking student who shows a strong desire to succeed, a sincere interest in community involvement. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required.
- Emily Howat, St. Joseph, senior business major; and Courtney Jackson, Kewanee, Ill., senior business major, were awarded the Koenig Family Scholarship in memory of Sydney Koenig. Scholarships are awarded to full-time sophomore or junior student athletes majoring in a business field. Two references and a minimum GPA of 3.0 are required.

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Matt Landess, St. Joseph, senior business major was awarded the Waldren Family Scholarship, given in memory of Joan Banks-Waldren. Student must be full time, majoring in business, accounting or finance. Preference is given to student athletes with a GPA of 3.0, and who reside in the Kansas City metropolitan area, with special preference given to graduates from Hickman Mills or Grandview High Schools. A minimum of two references is required.

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Missouri Western State University is a four-year public institution providing a blend of traditional liberal arts and professional degree programs. The university 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.