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WESTERN HIRES DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI SERVICES

St. Joseph, Mo. —Aug. 10, 2006—Colleen Kowich has been hired as director of alumni services at Missouri Western State University. She will begin her duties Aug. 14.

“There are many Western alumni who have been tremendously successful and are examples of students who have benefited from the quality of the university’s faculty and programs,” said Dan Nicoson, vice president for institutional advancement. “Ms. Kowich has demonstrated her ability to develop the relations between a university and its alumni, and we look forward to having her as part of our team.”

“I want to help the alumni association help the university fulfill its goals and its mission,” said Kowich. “I am looking forward to moving the alumni association to the next level.” She noted that her goals include involving Western students in the alumni association, and continuing activities to keep alumni connected to the university.

Capitalizing on Western’s recent university designation, Western is focusing on building a national alumni network, noted Nicoson. “Expanding the network of alumni connected to Western is our top priority.”

Kowich has served as director of alumni relations at Saint Leo University, Saint Leo, Fla.; and alumni volunteer coordinator and acting director of alumni relations at Adrian College, Adrian, Mich. She earned a bachelor of arts in English from Adrian College and a master of arts in education, student personnel services, from Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Va.

Kowich replaces Julie Fiedler, who relocated to Iowa in July.

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