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WESTERN HOSTS SYMPOSIUM

St. Joseph, Mo. —July 17, 2006—Missouri Western State University will host a symposium for its Summer Research Institute from 1 – 3 p.m. July 28 in the Nelle Blum Union first floor lounge, where students from eight research teams will present the results of their research. The event is free and open to the community.

Dr. Joseph Bragin, Western's new provost and vice president of academic and student affairs, will also speak.

The Institute, in its sixth year, offers both Western students and high school students an opportunity to work on small research teams with professors in several disciplines. This year, the teams conducted their research for eight weeks, and projects included developing a video game for an economics course, filming a documentary, designing a lunar base, synthetic biology research and more. Departments involved in projects include biology, chemistry, communication studies/theatre, construction engineering technology, criminal justice/legal studies, economics, electronics engineering technology, and mathematics.

Dr. Ben Caldwell, associate professor of chemistry, is the director of the institute.

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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.

