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ALPHA KAPPA PSI INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS

St. Joseph, Mo. —Nov. 21, 2006—The Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity at Missouri Western State University inducted 13 new members and elected officers at a ceremony this month.

New members are LaKeitra Brown, of Belton, Mo.; Tyler Humbard, of Gower, Mo.; Blair Bullock, of Lathrop, Mo.; Jake Brooke, of St. Joseph; Mary Fimple, of St. Joseph; Brian Piepergerdes, of St. Joseph; Erica Ricker, of St. Joseph; Mindy Speer, of St. Joseph; Tiffany Thomas, of St. Joseph; Seth Voelkel, of St. Joseph; Jennifer Cammann, of St. Peters, Mo.; and Erin Ward, of Winston, Mo.

New officers are president, Rebecca Kuehn, of St. Joseph; executive vice president, Vanessa Morris, of Lansing, Kan.; vice president of membership, Ashley Wheeler, of St. Joseph; vice president of alumni, Jennifer Magness, of Savannah, Mo.; secretary, Voelkel; vice president of finance, Tim Shafer, of Utica, Mo.; master of rituals, Tyler Humbard; warden, Brooke; historian, Jennifer Cammann; webmaster, Levi White, of Huntsville, Mo.; interchapter liaison, Erica Ricker. Their terms will begin in January.

The business fraternity, founded on campus in 2000, is actively involved in a number of service projects, professional growth events and social activities.

Just this past semester, the fraternity hosted a certified public accountant (CPA) to speak about the CPA exam and process, toured a manufacturing facility, and plan to sponsor another professional workshop this semester. They also host a faculty appreciation lunch for the business department faculty members each semester.

The group has made service to the campus and service to the community one of their core values. The fraternity's current president, Ashley Falter, of Westphalia, Mo., said they have supported Habitat for Humanity and at least once each semester, fraternity members spend a day working on a Habitat House.

This fall, they took on a new service, and volunteered at the Noyes Home. Members played volleyball and baseball with the residents. "It was fun; we had a blast. The members enjoy doing service," Falter said.

The fraternity also helped sponsor a winter coat drive and donated the coats to the Salvation Army.

Falter said she originally joined the group as a sophomore because she wanted to become more involved on campus. She has enjoyed the activities and making new friends, but she said the networking opportunity with Alpha Kappa Psi alumni was a huge benefit for her. An alumna at a local company helped her line up an accounting internship there this semester.

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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.