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## **WESTERN ANNOUNCES FACULTY AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS**

**St. Joseph, Mo.** — Nov. 6, 2006—Missouri Western State University announces recent achievements of its faculty and staff:

- Mary Jo Gay, associate professor of nursing, completed degree requirements for the Ph.D. in nursing from the University of Missouri – Kansas City.
- Dr. Cosette Hardwick, assistant professor of biology, has been appointed president-elect of the Central Consortium of Clinical Educators of physical therapy and physical therapy assistant programs.
- Dr. Nancy Edwards, professor of education, was appointed to National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) executive board by virtue of her election as chair-elect of the Coalition of Organizations for the Professional Preparation of Educators (COPPE). In addition, each specialty group appoints only one representative in the nation to NCATE and Dr. Edwards remained the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) appointee to NCATE.
- Marsha Dolan, associate professor of nursing and coordinator of the health information technology program, has been selected to serve on the American Health Information Management Association's (HIM) Component State Association (CSA) Task Force for 2007. The CSA Task Force is comprised of 10 representatives from various state HIM associations. The group works to strengthen the federation model, develop guidelines for local and regional HIM associations that are in line with national guidelines, and perform review of CSA bylaws.

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