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## **WESTERN'S PSI CHI INITIATION HELD**

**St. Joseph, Mo.** —Nov. 3, 2006—The Missouri Western State University chapter of Psi Chi, the national honor society for psychology, inducted six new members on Oct. 25. The students initiated were Koren Dailey, St. Joseph, Mo.; Julie Garside, Lathrop, Mo.; Jillian Liu, St. Joseph, Mo.; Magen Mann, St. Joseph, Mo.; Janet Moser, Savannah, Mo.; and Alicia Schmidgall, St. Joseph, Mo. Psi Chi members are in the top 35 percent of their class with at least a 3.0 GPA in all psychology courses.

At the ceremony, the chapter officers for the 2006-07 academic year were installed. They are Ashleigh Hicks, Hiawatha, Kan., president; Rachel Lyday, Orrick, Mo., vice-president; Amanda Odell, Lansing, Kan., secretary; and Ghazala Saleem, Mound City, Mo., treasurer.

The featured speaker for the ceremony was Tara Cluck, attorney. Cluck spoke on child development, advocacy issues and the role of those in her practice. A potluck dinner was held following the initiation.

The induction ceremony was part of Psychology Awareness Week, and Psi Chi held several events including a bake sale, a movie night and t-shirt day. The organization also set up informational tables in the food court. Also, signs were posted around campus

with facts on several disorders including Alzheimer's, schizophrenia, bulimia, and different phobias.

Psi Chi was founded in 1929 at the Ninth International Congress for Psychology held at Yale University. Currently, there are more than 1,000 chapters in colleges and universities throughout the nation. The purpose of the society is to encourage, stimulate and maintain excellence in scholarship and to advance the science of psychology.

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