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WESTERN HOSTS FINANCIAL AID PRESENTATIONS

St. Joseph, Mo. — Jan. 13, 2005 — Now is the time for high school seniors and their parents to be thinking about financial aid for college next fall. The financial aid office at Missouri Western State College, along with area high school counselors, wants to make the financial aid process as easy as possible. Western's financial aid office is hosting College Goal Sunday for prospective college students and their parents 1–4 p.m. Feb. 13 in the Leah Spratt Multipurpose Classroom Building, Kemper Recital Hall, room 101. The Northwest Missouri School Counselor Association is sponsoring the event.

“I hope that parents and students will get not only the help they need to fill out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), but also a sense of relief from the confusion people may have about college financial aid,” said Kay Cameron, president of the Northwest Missouri School Counselor Association and Savannah High School counselor. “Financial aid makes attending college possible for many students who would not otherwise be financially able to do so.”

The purpose of College Goal Sunday is to educate high school students and their parents about financial aid. Financial aid professionals and counselors will be available throughout the day to assist families in completing the FAFSA and to answer questions. Financial aid presentations will be held at 1:15 p.m. and again at 2:15 p.m.

During the presentations, participants will be presented with an overview of federal, state, and other assistance opportunities; information about application procedures and deadlines; how the government determines eligibility for aid; how to locate and apply for scholarship opportunities; information about financial aid scams and how to avoid them; and much more.

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Information and assistance provided will be relevant to most colleges and universities nationwide. Information specific to Western will also be provided upon request.

For more information, contact Tammy Allen in the Western Financial Aid Office at (816) 271-5679.

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Missouri Western State College is a four-year public institution providing a blend of traditional liberal arts and professional degree programs. The college 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.