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WESTERN ANNOUNCES FACULTY AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

St. Joseph, Mo. — March 4, 2005 — Missouri Western State College announces recent achievements of its faculty and staff:

- Deny Staggs, assistant professor of theatre, received a Commendation Award for Outstanding Direction from the Kennedy Center's American College Regional Theatre Festival for "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof."
- Jim Estes, professor of art, had several works selected for exhibitions. Two works were chosen for the International Juried Ceramics Exhibition at the International Museum of Arts and Sciences, McAllen, Texas; two ceramic works were chosen for the Topeka Competition XXVII held at the Topeka, Kan. and Shawnee County Public Library; a ceramic sculpture entitled "Moonscape" was chosen for Red Heat: Contemporary Works in Clay Exhibition at the University of Tulsa in Tulsa, Okla.; and two works were exhibited in the Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art's Annual Members Exhibit.
- Jeannie Harmon-Miller, associate professor of art, recently had two photographs selected for exhibition. One, entitled "Blues," was accepted into the juried 20th Annual Greater Midwest International Exhibition sponsored by Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg, Mo. Another photograph entitled "Structures" was accepted into the Tri-State National 43rd Annual Juried Exhibition at the Brown and Scurlock Galleries in Beaumont, Texas.

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- Geo Sipp, associate professor of art, was invited to hold a solo exhibition at the Thornhill Gallery at Avila University in Kansas City, Mo. He also has a print on exhibition at the Sharjah Art Museum in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates. The print, entitled “Algeria Series #1,” is part of a suite of prints that documents the French-Algerian War of the 1960s. The work is in conjunction with the development of a graphic novel entitled “Wolves in the City.”
- Joanne Katz, professor of legal studies, was awarded a three-year research grant from the Center for Women in Transition, a Missouri not-for-profit organization. She, along with Dr. Gene Bonham, assistant professor of criminal justice, will study the effectiveness of a three-year statewide project promoting the use of Restorative Justice.
- Dr. J. David Arnold, vice president of academic and student affairs, participated in an international exchange program to meet and discuss academic issues with faculty members and administrators at four universities in South Africa.

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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.