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WESTERN KICKS OFF HONORARY SOCIETY OF DONORS

St. Joseph, Mo. —March 4, 2005—The Missouri Western State College Foundation is launching an honorary society for donors with a luncheon for organizers and volunteers March 14. The luncheon will kick off a campaign to enlist charter members for the Western League for Excellence.

“It will be the generosity of many alumni and friends that will assure Western’s continued progress and high standards of excellence, and we established the League to recognize and honor those donors,” said Dan Nicoson, executive director of the Western Foundation and vice president for institutional advancement.

Emil Sechter, who serves on the Western Foundation Board, is serving as the campaign chair. Vice chairs, also members of the Board, include Pete Gray, Carol Moya and Al Purcell.

“Missouri Western is a huge asset to our community,” said Sechter. “It is doing a great job of turning out excellent students, and we need to support it.”

The Western League for Excellence will honor those who donate unrestricted funds of \$100 or more to the Western Foundation. “Unrestricted funds are not designated for a specific purpose, so they help provide funds for the Foundation projects that support the work of the college,” said Nicoson. He noted that unrestricted funds provide the flexibility to meet the needs of Western students.

Sechter agreed. “This is a cause that is absolutely vital so students can take advantage of extraordinary opportunities and get the quality education they need.”

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Donors will be recognized in divisions according to their level of support. Membership levels include Founder's Circle - \$5,000 or more each year; Regent's Circle - \$1,000 to \$4,999; President's Circle - \$500 to \$999; Cabinet's Circle - \$250 to \$499, Cabinet's Circle - \$250 to \$499; and Dean's Circle - \$100 to \$249.

League members will receive special correspondence from the college president and the vice president for institutional advancement, and will be listed in the Foundation's annual report.

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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.