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## WESTERN STUDENT ACCEPTED INTO FELLOWS PROGRAM

**St. Joseph, Mo.** — Jan. 26, 2005 — Missouri Western State College student Malcolm Malone of Kansas City, Mo. recently came one step closer to reaching his goal of a career in higher education. He was notified that he has been accepted into the Minority Undergraduate Fellows Program (MUFP). Malone, a business major with an emphasis in management, will graduate in December 2005, and plans to pursue his master's and doctoral degrees in either teaching or student affairs. The fellows program assists ethnic-minority students and students with disabilities who plan to enter the field of higher education.

“Malcolm has the potential to be an outstanding student affairs professional,” said Karl Bell, director of the Center for Multicultural Education, who serves as Malone's mentor. “He has a genuine care and concern for others and I was honored to be asked by Malcolm to be his mentor. Malcolm represents all that is good about the student affairs profession.”

As a fellow in the program, Malone will work as an intern in several offices on Western's campus, including the offices of student services, dean of student affairs and the vice president of student affairs. MUFP is also providing him an opportunity to

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obtain an internship on other college campuses this summer. He will also receive funding to attend national conferences and receive leadership training.

“Karl Bell has been a guiding light and a voice of encouragement since my inception as a student at Western,” Malone said. “Mr. Bell has had meetings on my behalf with the vice president of the college to find funding to support my fellowship.”

Malone said he is looking forward to being involved in MUFPP and attending conferences throughout the country. He noted another benefit of being chosen of a fellow is that graduate programs often recruit a great deal among fellows and sometimes offer full tuition scholarships for graduate school.

MUFPP was created by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators 15 years ago. Hundreds of undergraduates have been successfully encouraged by the program to pursue graduate school and higher education.

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