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SIX NEW MEMBERS JOIN ALUMNI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

St. Joseph, Mo. —April 21, 2005—Six new members were elected to the Missouri Western State College Alumni Association’s board of directors recently. Four existing members were approved for new terms.

The new members are Dustin Holcumbrink, Diane Hook, Randy Klein, Nicholas Saccaro, Robert Sigrist and Angelia Springs.

The members who will serve additional terms are Dr. Jeanne Daffron, Robin Hammond, Peggy Iffert and David Lau.

Julie Fiedler, Western director of alumni services, commented, “We are excited to have new faces on the board. I am looking forward to the years ahead that beckon us as a university, beginning in August. We are also grateful to the members who have agreed to continue serving on the board. With a blend of experienced members and the enthusiasm of these new members, our board is prepared to move into the future.”

Holcumbrink will graduate in May with a degree in sports marketing and management. He has worked as a sports marketing and sales intern in the St. Joseph community, including marketing for the St. Joseph Saints baseball team and St. Joseph Convention and Visitors Bureau. He was a student VIP ambassador for the office of admissions, and a service desk manager for the department of housing at Western.

Hook, a 1990 Western graduate, received a law degree in 2003 from the University of Missouri at Kansas City Law School, and currently is an attorney with the

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St. Joseph law firm of Morton, Reed, Counts and Briggs. She is active with the East Hills Sertoma Club; Helping Hands, Inc.; Midland Empire Homebuilders Association and Women Building Cash, Inc.

Klein, a 1982 Western graduate, is a co-owner of Leibowitz Menswear in St. Joseph. He is a past president of the St. Joseph Host Lions Club, past area chairman of Duck's Unlimited and a member of the St. Joseph Area Chamber of Commerce.

Saccaro, a 2001 Western graduate, is executive director of Second Harvest Food Bank in St. Joseph. He is a member of the board of directors of the East Side Rotary Club, member of the board of directors of the Performing Arts Association, member of the St. Joseph Youth Alliance and member of the Missouri American Water Advisory Board.

Sigrist, a 1995 Western graduate, is assistant principal of Central High School in St. Joseph. He has taught at Cameron, Mo., High School and at Lafayette High School in St. Joseph, was a panel member of the Missouri Coalition for Adequacy in Education and currently is regional director of the Legislative Impact Committee for the Missouri State Teachers Association for the St. Joseph region.

Springs, a 2002 Western graduate, is a volunteer coordinator for the American Red Cross in St. Joseph. She was secretary of Communication Connection, the Western student communication organization, in 2001-2002; recipient of the Scholastic Excellence Award in 2001 and 2002, and assistant youth leader for the New Harvest Southern Baptist Church.

Dr. Daffron, beginning her second term on the board, is assistant vice president of academic and student affairs at Western. She has served as dean of the School of Professional Studies. She received a Ph.D. in nursing from Texas Women's University, Denton, in 1988.

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Hammond, beginning her third term on the board, is executive director of St. Joseph Youth Alliance. She received a degree in technology at Western, and later received a master's degree in administration from Central Michigan University. She is a member of the board of directors and treasurer for the Community Information Datamark Board.

Iffert, beginning her sixth term on the board, attended the St. Joseph Junior College. She served as a nurse for many years, and has been active in numerous community affairs. She also is active with Western scholarship programs.

Lau, beginning his second term on the board, is marketing and promotional coordinator for the Western department of athletics. He taught at a Florida high school in 1991-93, was a physical education instructor for the St. Joseph School District in 1995-99, and was an assistant baseball coach at Western 1999-2003.

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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.