

! Academic Excellence

- Graduates in nursing scored above the state and national averages on the national license examination.
- An art student's photo entry, accepted as a finalist in the 22nd annual student photography contest, will be published in *Best of College Photography Annual 2002*.
- In the past three years, in state competitions, solo performers have won one-third of all possible awards at the Missouri Music Teachers Auditions.
- A student in computer science, mathematics and physics placed among the top 38 percent of students nationally on the William Lowell Putnam mathematics exam, taken only by top mathematics students. The department has achieved this distinction for the last four years.

• Continuing Education recorded 35,000 enrollments.

- A student in English, foreign languages and journalism received the Robert J. Greef Award at a statewide communication arts conference.
- Two non-traditional students gave a presentation, "Welcoming New Students Through a 'Considering College' Seminar," at the National Association of Non-Traditional Students in Higher Education Conference in Reno, NV.
- Western's faculty and programs received \$323,829 in grants, awards and equipment from research foundations, including \$34,200 for global positioning equipment and software and \$113,995 in grants to the Criminal Justice/Legal Studies Department from the Missouri Department of Public Safety, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.
- Western's faculty published, exhibited, or performed their work publicly almost 100 times during the past year.
- Western's faculty made 110 scholarly presentations at regional, national and international meetings in their profession.
- Over 81% of Western's faculty hold terminal degrees in their field.

• Graduates of the Physical Therapist Assistant program who took the State Board Exam, achieved a 100% pass rate.

- Two staff members in the Instructional Media Center received awards for their videos. One received the Crystal Award of Excellence and one received an Honorable Mention from the Communicator Awards, and both received a finalist Telly Award.
- A coach of women's basketball and a coach of men's basketball received MIAA Coach of the Year recognition for their respective sports.
- A faculty member in communication studies and theatre received an Award of Excellence for a video on the young onset of Parkinson's, a video garnering national and international awards.
- Western's television services provide 80 hours of televised distance education each week and reach 500,000 cable subscribers.
- Western ranks third among Missouri's public, four-year institutions in meeting the Coordinating Board for Higher Education's Recommended NTE Exit Goal in teacher education.

• Western's placement rate for students seeking entry into medical school is above the national average.

! Experiential Learning

- Approximately 1,500 students participated in experiential or applied learning experiences at Western, including practica, internships, clinicals, student teaching, the student newspaper, and the yearbook.
- Three biology students published their independent research on molecular genetic analysis of natural fish populations in *BIOS*, a national undergraduate journal, and *The American Midland Naturalist*, a national professional journal.

- A student in criminal justice served as the national student representative on the Executive Board at the 65th annual conference for the America Criminal Justice Association – Lambda Alpha Epsilon.
- A faculty member and seven students in communication studies and theatre operated cameras and served as crew members for the QVC Network's Nascar Show filmed at the Kansas City Speedway.
- Two students in business presented papers at the Association for Business Communication European Conference in Aarhus, Denmark.

• Approximately 105 students participated in the Travel/Study Abroad program, traveling to Ireland, Belize, Spain, Italy and Mexico.

- A student in psychology presented a paper, "Using Personality Characteristics to Predict Academic Performance and Retention in College Students," at the Midwestern Psychological Association meeting in Chicago.
- A student in art won first place for feature photography at the Missouri College Media Association Convention.
- In biology, undergraduate research presentations increased from 28 in 1995 to 64 in 2001. The number of biology majors has doubled in the past seven years.
- The music department achieved a 100% placement rate for music teacher education graduates. Nearly 50 percent of all past graduates have completed a master's degree.

• For six years straight, students in computer science have won first place honors in the Association for Computing Machinery Programming Contest.



- A student in psychology published undergraduate research on the use of the Internet for collecting survey data in *Behavior Research Methods, Instruments and Computers*, a regular peer-reviewed academic journal.
- Incoming freshmen teamed with faculty members and college students to conduct research through the Summer Research Institute. Both incoming and continuing students earned credit for their original research projects.

• Every classroom on Western's campus contains a fully equipped, state-of-the-art classroom presentation system.

- The 2001 *Griffon*, Western's yearbook, won first place in "Best of Show" in its category at the Associated Collegiate Press national convention in New Orleans. It has earned national honors for 13 of the past 14 years.
- Western employees developed an educational diagnostic database for the Western Reception and Diagnostic Correctional Center (WRDCC). The Missouri Department of Corrections has asked Western to help create a duplicate system for use in the new diagnostic center and in two other existing diagnostic centers.
- Western's Small Business Institute doubled its services to businesses this year.

! Community & Professional Service

- Western spent 18.7% of its federal work-study dollars on community service, more than any other four-year public college in the state. The state average is 9.7%, and the national average is 12%.
- Approximately 452 students participated in voluntary community service projects.

- Fourteen of Western's faculty serve on the governing boards of state, national, or international, professional and governmental organizations.

• A Western survey indicated that 135 faculty and staff provide 2,345 hours per month in community service. Of those, 98 serve as officers or board members of organizations.

- Western students support the community through many service programs including Service Scholars, Presidential Scholars, and the Barbara Sprong Leadership Challenge.
- Through the America Reads program, 20 students logged over 4,500 hours helping elementary students improve their literacy skills.
- A faculty member in education currently serves as chair of the Specialty Areas Studies Board of the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education, elected by the representatives of 19 national academic specialty associations.
- A faculty member in nursing serves as an item writer for the National Council of State Boards of Nursing in Chicago for the national licensure examination for RNs.
- A faculty member in economics has been appointed chair of education and research for the American Academy of Economic and Financial Experts for a two-year term.
- A faculty member in history, philosophy and geography has been appointed to the Missouri Humanities Council.
- Through Unity Services, students volunteered 560 hours in various community service projects.
- Western hosted 16,000 guests through conferences and special programs.

Academic Year
2001-2002

! "The Western Advantage"



Western has been centered historically on students as individuals and as members of the larger society. In building our future as a learning community, we are committed to high quality results for our students, to the academic and personal success of students on campus and beyond campus. As a leader in the region and in the state, Western will demonstrate commitment to the educational, economic, cultural, and social development of the people that we serve. We expect, in fact, to set the standard for excellence in student development and community leadership.



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Vision

Missouri Western State College will set the standard for excellence in student development and community leadership.

Mission

Missouri Western State College is a learning community focused on students as individuals and as members of society. Western offers students at all stages of life the opportunity to achieve excellence in the classroom and beyond, as they prepare to be leaders in their work and in their communities. As a leader itself, Western is committed to the educational, economic, cultural, and social development of the people and the region that it serves.

Values

In fulfilling our mission and pursuing our vision, we the people of Missouri Western State College hold in common these values:

- **Service**
We share the common purpose of serving students, one another, and the people of the region.
- **Quality**
We are committed to the quality of our programs, our student outcomes, and our partnership with the people of the region.
- **Enthusiasm**
We are enthusiastic about learning and confident that we can make a difference in the lives of students through their learning.
- **Freedom**
We promote the free exchange of ideas that makes education liberating and democracy unique.
- **Respect**
We act as individuals and as a campus community with respect for diversity and for the best in human potential.
- **Courage**
We seek the challenge and adventure of shaping the future with an increasingly global perspective.

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“Points of *Pride*”



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