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JACOBO FAMILY RECEIVES MISSOURI WESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS AS PART OF “EXTREME MAKEOVER”

St. Joseph, Mo. —March 12, 2007—Missouri Western State University (MWSU) changes lives and makes dreams into reality every day as students become graduates and pursue their dreams. Now the MWSU Foundation has teamed up with the ABC television show “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition” to bring the dream of a college education to the nine children of the Jesus Jacobo family of Kansas City, MO.

The hit TV show is transforming the home and lives of this family, and the MWSU Foundation is providing full tuition, room and board scholarships for all nine children in the Jacobo family. “This is what Missouri Western does every day; we open doors through education. I am happy the MWSU Foundation can provide scholarships to this family. This is a family who continues to give and help others, and we are happy we can give them the financial means to achieve their educational dreams,” says Dan Nicoson, executive director of the MWSU Foundation and vice president for University Advancement.

Western, in St. Joseph, is a learning community focused on students as individuals and as members of society. The institution 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. Western Institute offers courses at an extended campus site at the Tuileries Plaza, located at I-29 and NW 64th Street in the Kansas City Northland.

Western demonstrates a strong commitment to the educational, economic, cultural and social development of the people it serves. The university sets the standard for excellence in student development and community leadership.

Founded as St. Joseph Junior College in 1915, Western was transformed into a four-year institution in 1969 and became a full member of the State of Missouri system in 1977. It was designated a university in 2005. Enrollment is approximately 5,100 with more than 180 faculty members.

The university provides a blend of traditional liberal arts and career-oriented degree programs, offering one-year certificates, two-year associate degrees, preprofessional transfer programs, four-year baccalaureate degrees, and graduate programs. Western's College of Professional Studies and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences offer baccalaureate degrees in the fields of art, biology, business, chemistry, communication, computer science, criminal justice, economics, education, engineering technology, English, French, government, history, interdisciplinary studies, mathematics, music, nursing, physical education, psychology, recreation, social work and Spanish.

For more information about Missouri Western State University, visit www.missouriwestern.edu. For more information about the "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" work with the Jacobo family, visit www.kevingreenhomes.com.

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Missouri Western State University is a four-year public institution providing a blend of traditional liberal arts and professional degree programs. The university 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.