



# News Release

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## **U.S. BANK PARTNERS WITH MISSOURI WESTERN STATE COLLEGE ON ITS MULTI-USE IDENTIFICATION CARD**

**SAINT JOSEPH, Mo.** (May 16, 2005) – U.S. Bank has added another college to the roster of schools it is providing with financial services. The latest is Missouri Western State College. Missouri Western has chosen U.S. Bank to be its bank partner for the school's multi-use identification card, called the Griffon Card.

Starting in August 2005, the Griffon Card will provide official campus identification and a variety of conveniences for more than 5,100 Missouri Western students and 570 faculty and staff. In addition to being the school's official identification card, the Griffon Card can also be used for a variety of other services on campus including access to student meal plans, resources at the campus library and access to athletic events. For cardholders who also choose to be U.S. Bank customers, the Griffon Card will double as their ATM card on and off campus.

"We are very pleased with our partnership with U.S. Bank for the Griffon Card," said Ron Olinger, vice president for financial planning and administration at Missouri Western. "This new technology will provide many everyday conveniences for our students, faculty and staff."

"Missouri Western is a great school, and the Griffon Card will make the environment on campus a cashless one for many students, faculty and staff," said David Skwarlo, regional president for U.S. Bank.

Missouri Western State College is a four-year, state-supported institution providing a variety of degree programs through the schools of liberal arts and professional studies. The college is authorized under Missouri statutes to offer four-year baccalaureate programs, two-year associate degrees, preprofessional transfer programs and one-year certificates. In addition, the college offers continuing education courses, seminars, conferences and workshops suited to the needs of the community and serving groups throughout the nation.

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