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Neosho, MO – The Crowder College Foundation recognized Ron Johnson as the Outstanding Alumnus of 2011 at the annual Scholarship Banquet, Monday, October 10, in the Bob Sneller Gymnasium.

Johnson graduated in 1981 with an Associate of Arts degree from Crowder College. He completed his Bachelor of Science degree in Horticulture in 1984 from Missouri State University.

Ron and his wife Debbie own and operate three retail stores in Springfield. “The Thicket,” opened in 1997, featuring home décor and gifts; “The Nest,” opened in 2006, featuring fresh flowers; and “Branches,” featuring monochromatic home décor.

His shops have been showcased in various trade magazines over the years. “The Thicket” is featured in the September and October 2011 issues of *Florist Review*. As a supporter of the Crowder College Foundation, Johnson always sends a unique item to the Annual Festival of Wreaths event.

In 2008, Johnson published a Christmas book *My Favorite Things*, with plans for a follow-up book in the future.

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