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### **Crowder Ag Students represent Missouri well at Nationals**

Twenty five Crowder College students qualify and compete at the National PAS competition

Neosho, MO - Crowder College was well represented at the 2011 National Post Secondary Agricultural Students (PAS) Conference in Springfield, Illinois on March 9-11. Twenty five students qualified to compete at the national level in various contests ranging from Career Planning to Livestock Knowledge. The contestants brought home national awards, outperforming colleges and universities from across the country.

Sarah Clevenger (Joplin, MO) rose to the top of her competition, winning the Career Planning in Horticulture, Environment and Natural Resources contest. Crowder's Career Specialist - Beef team, comprised of Colby Rosiere (Seneca, MO), Samantha Stanbery (Granby, MO) and Chase Garretson (Humansville, MO), won third place in the nation, narrowly edged out by two points of a possible 600. Garretson and Stanbery won first and second in the written exam portion respectively. Garretson came away with third highest individual for the competition. Stanbery also won second place in the Career Progress for Ag Education Systems contest. Jennifer Lutes (Anderson, MO) came away with a fourth place win in the Career Specialist – Equine competition. Crowder's College Bowl team made up of Darren Adams (Jasper, MO), Travis Ball (Jasper, MO), Cale Karr (Richland, MO) and Courtney Kissire (Anderson, MO) made it to the Final Four out of over 20 teams.

The National Postsecondary Agricultural Student Organization (PAS) is an organization associated with agriculture/agribusiness and natural resources offerings in approved postsecondary institutions offering baccalaureate degrees, associate degrees, diplomas and/or certificates.

PAS is one of the ten career and technical student organizations that has been approved by the U. S. Department of Education as an integral part of career and technical education. For more information contact Jorge Zapata, (417)455-5496 or [jzapata@crowder.edu](mailto:jzapata@crowder.edu).

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