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Office of Public Information

Neosho, MO – The Crowder College Foundation hosted the annual Scholarship Banquet Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> in the Bob Sneller Gymnasium. Nearly 500 family, friends, donors, Foundation Board members and scholarship recipients were on hand to honor the 352 students who received \$218,846 in scholarships.

The Foundation provides scholarships to students attending Crowder College. All of the scholarships awarded at Crowder College are supported by donors, rather than the college waiving fees. Dr. Marble told the recipients "Someone believed in you enough to write a check for you, even though they didn't even know who you were. I've heard it said, as we move through life we are both gathering and giving... in the end, if we give as much as we gather, the world will be a better place."

"The evening gives the recipients and donors a chance to meet each other," commented Fred Clark, who has served as the Foundation's Scholarship Committee Chairman since 1964. "I think it is rewarding to the donors. They can see these students benefitting from their donations. This also gives the students an opportunity to see the value of someone going the extra mile to help with their college expenses."

The Crowder College Foundation raises money throughout the year for continued support of scholarships. One way is through the Festival of Wreaths that will be held November 15, in the Elsie Plaster Community Center.

Anyone interested in establishing a scholarship is encouraged to contact the Foundation Office at (417)455-5646 or e-mail: [foundation@crowder.edu](mailto:foundation@crowder.edu)

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The evening's meal was provided by the Crowder College Agriculture Division. For more information about the Crowder College Foundation is (417)455-5646 or my office.



Scholarship Donors Vicki and Ross Babbitt along with recipient Sakel Peak



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