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Crowder College Adult Education and Literacy Program Receives Awards

Crowder College Adult Education staff and a community partner were recognized by the Missouri Association of Adult, Continuing, and Community Education at their annual conference held June 22-24 at Tan-Tar-A. MAACCE is the leading association of adult, community, and continuing education professionals in Missouri.

The Award of Merit was presented to the City of Seligman. This award is for an agency, business, individual, or other entity that demonstrates a commitment to the philosophy of adult education practices and who promotes adult education within the community. In the three years since this class site opened it has become one of the highest GED producers within the Crowder College Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) program. Held in the library, the class almost immediately outgrew its space. It was a regular occurrence for the teaching and learning to literally be conducted between the book stacks. Witnessing this and the success of our students, the City developed a plan to build an Adult Education wing to the existing City Hall and Library complex. In the spring of 2010, the Duane Corn Adult Education Center was opened. Plans are being made to formally present the award at an upcoming city council meeting.

The award for Seligman was received by Janet Ballard, our Seligman instructor, active community member, and former recipient of the Seligman Women of the Year award.

The Outstanding Educator Award was presented to Don Johnson, Monett AEL instructor (now retired). This award is presented to one adult, community, or continuing education instructor in Missouri who has demonstrated a "commitment to excellence in practice within the field and a dedication to students and constituents."

Johnson taught for Crowder AEL for over 10 years before retiring this year from our Monett class site. He resides in Pierce City. In his award nomination it was said that "he assisted hundreds of students in obtaining their GED and many of his students are now able to read to their children and grandchildren as a result of this instruction."

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