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Neosho, MO - Crowder College was notified by the United States Department of Education that the current Talent Search program (TS) designed to serve 6th through 12th grade students in McDonald, Neosho, Seneca, Southwest R-V and Wheaton school districts has been refunded for an additional five years. Crowder's Talent Search program provides academic, career, and financial aid advisement services to 600 middle, junior high, and high school students in order to increase high school graduation and college going and college completion rates. Services and activities include: in-school and weekend workshops on education and career opportunities for students and families, study skills and test preparation, critical thinking and decision-making, exposure to college campuses, one-to-one academic planning and advisement, assistance with financial aid and scholarship sources, and a series of summer academies. "We are pleased to be able to continue serving great kids in our five school districts and the families in our community" stated Andrea Marrs, Talent Search Director.

Talent Search is one of several federal TRIO educational opportunity programs designed to motivate, support and serve income-eligible, first-generation college students, and students with disabilities to help each student move from high school graduation to a college degree. The Crowder College Talent Search program is one of nine TRIO programs at the Crowder College Neosho campus. Other Crowder TRIO programs include the Educational Opportunity Center, Student Support Services, Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math/Science. You may obtain more information about TRIO services by contacting 417.455.5584 or by visiting our website at www.crowder.edu/trio.

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