Celebrating 50 Years of Service

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As Crowder College Foundation celebrates 50 years of service, we honor our faithful friends—donors like you—who invest time, talents, and gifts to support the education of others. Every dollar you so generously give touches a life and ensures that any student who has the desire and motivation to further his or her education has that opportunity. Whether you choose to support scholarships, capital campaigns, special projects, or greatest needs, your investment has a life-changing impact on the students and communities we serve.

We are profoundly grateful for your partnership and the opportunities you provide for our students. Thank you for making a difference.
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Dear Crowder Friends and Alumni,

As I reflect on my first year as President of Crowder College, I stand in awe of all the things our students have accomplished this year. Individually and collectively, Crowder College students made their mark and got my full attention in 2014-15. Did you know, for instance, that the 2015 Occupational Therapy Assistant program graduates earned a 100% licensure exam pass rate and are 100% employed. That’s just the beginning. It is a Crowder College student who has been elected as the next president of the National Postsecondary Agriculture Student (PAS) Organization, and she previously served as the state president of that same organization. The Crowder Sentry brought home a number of awards this year including “best in state” among Missouri community colleges and “Most Outstanding College Newspaper” in a national competition. Further, five Crowder student athletes were named Academic All-Americans this year. A McDonald County campus nursing student will serve as the 2015-16 Missouri Student Nursing Association Southern Regional Director, and this summer, one of our diesel technology students brought home a bronze medal from the National SkillsUSA Championship, with two additional Advanced Manufacturing students placing 6th nationally in Mechatronics. I haven’t even mentioned all of the awards earned by the Crowder College Debate team, Phi Beta Lambda business students, Phi Theta Kappa honor society students, etc. The list is long.

Crowder graduates, too, are faring pretty well. Just to point out two: the University of Arkansas 2015 Poultry Science Student of the Year was a Crowder graduate, and another Crowder graduate was awarded a coveted Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship, touted as the nation’s most generous scholarship for exceptional community college students.

I celebrate with equal delight the more personal accomplishments of the students I have met this year. A single mom who graduated from high school in 2000 and tells me she came to Crowder two years ago because she wanted something better for her daughter and herself comes to mind immediately, as does a young man I met at our Nevada campus who, despite an on-going medical condition and significant personal pain, is diligently pursuing a degree in engineering and volunteering as a math tutor on campus as well. To list the challenges met, obstacles tackled, and successes celebrated by Crowder students I met personally this year would take more room than this publication allows.

A number of factors make our students’ successes possible, and your continued support is one of those essential factors. Whether dedicated to scholarships, capital improvements, equipment purchases, program support, or special projects, your giving creates opportunity and promotes success for Crowder College students. Please accept my thanks for all the student achievements you have facilitated and inspired this year. Your patronage changes lives.

With gratitude,

Jennifer Methvin, Ph.D.
Crowder College President
From the Foundation

Dear Foundation Members and Crowder Friends,

We are so pleased to celebrate with you Fifty Years of Service by the Crowder College Foundation in support of Crowder College. It has been an exceptional 50 years with more than 16,000 students earning diplomas. Your support of scholarships, program development, and capital improvements have made Crowder what it is today.

The Crowder College Foundation continues to thrive. Dawson-Spencer Hall in Webb City opened its doors in August 2014, providing much-needed room for more than 900 students in attendance. In addition, it provides a storm shelter for the Webb City community. The Behavior Support Center opened in Neosho to offer life-changing services and therapies to area schools and families dealing with autism and other behavior-related issues. And the Roughrider Village was filled to capacity with our first apartment-style living accommodations.

The Foundation received almost $2,000,000 in donations from patrons last year! It is an honor to receive your gifts for Crowder College. Your confidence and trust in the Board of Directors and our ongoing effort to support the College is rewarding and a privilege.

All gifts are welcome and make a difference in the future of our community. There are facility naming opportunities, memorials for loved ones, scholarships and special projects that we encourage our members to investigate. An investment in your community college is an investment in our future as a community.

We hope you enjoy this special edition of the 2015 Annual Report, the second in a trio of 50-year celebrations. You may recall that last year’s report celebrated Generations of Crowder College (50th anniversary) and next year we will celebrate our 50th graduating class. Join us in making next year a golden year at Crowder College as we continue paving the way for another 50 years of service to our community, business industry, and students.

Thank you,

Jim Armstrong
Foundation President
Class of 1966

Cynthia Branscum
Director of Institutional Advancement

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John & Eve Adams Receive Distinguished Service Award

A life-changing event forever shaped John and Eve Adams. On October 31, 1973, a lightning strike caused a fire that burned their Bentonville, Arkansas, home to the ground. Thankfully, the couple and their five small children escaped without harm, but they lost everything except the clothes they were wearing. They soon learned their mortgage lender had failed to send their paid insurance premiums to the insurance company, leaving their home uninsured. John had just $5 in his pocket at the time.

Soon friends and neighbors showed up with tools and building materials in hand, ready to help rebuild the Adams’ home. Two months later, the family moved in. John and Eve never forgot the kindness and generosity they received at a time when they needed it most.

Years later, when the couple relocated from Bentonville to Southwest City, Missouri, they immediately immersed themselves in the community. Though John and Eve have lived in the area only nine years, they have contributed more to the community and Crowder College than most people do in a lifetime.

Eve has served eight years on the Crowder College Foundation Board of Directors and as fundraising chairperson for most of that time. She has also served as Vice President of the Foundation. Under her leadership, the Foundation has executed new fundraising events, including Evening of Jazz in 2010 and Tour de Cass in 2015. Additionally, Festival of Wreaths, now in its 14th year, has grown exponentially with Eve’s guidance, doubling in revenue and drawing a full house of more than 400 guests in recent years.

“They work tirelessly year-round to secure high-end auction items for Festival of Wreaths from pool tables and fishing excursions to snow blowers and cattle,” said Cindy Branscum, Crowder College Director of Institutional Advancement. “The time and resources they so selflessly devote to Festival of Wreaths has undoubtedly transformed the once small wreath auction into the area’s premier fundraising event. Eve’s infectious enthusiasm as fundraising chair inspires others to step up to the plate and follow suit.”

The Adams have always felt passionately about supporting education and believe it improves lives by opening doors and providing greater opportunities for not only students, but for the community as a whole. Their own children struggled to receive any type of financial aid for college. They fell through the cracks. Years later, when the capital campaign began to build James B. Tatum Hall at the Crowder College McDonald County Campus, John and Eve were quick to pledge their support with a generous gift to sponsor the student commons area.

“We support Crowder College because it’s about the kids—the future. When you talk with scholarship recipients, you hear such personal stories about how your support has changed their lives,” said Eve. “You get to see the results of your work and the results are lifelong and meaningful. When you give to the college, you don’t just feed students for the day, you teach them to fish for themselves. You create a generation of changers.”

John and Eve have made an immeasurable difference for Crowder College. They exemplify servant leadership in the truest sense and their generosity will benefit countless students for years to come. It is with deep gratitude that Crowder College Foundation presents them with the 2015 Distinguished Service Award.
Kevin Goodwin Named Outstanding Alumnus

Neosho native and 1982 Crowder College alum Kevin Goodwin has been named the 2015 Outstanding Alumnus of the Year. After graduating from Crowder, he went on to earn his bachelor’s from Missouri Southern State University (then known as Missouri Southern State College). He also holds a masters of health administration from Saint Louis University. In addition, Kevin is a fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives and American College of Medical Practice Executives.

He currently serves as Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the Four Rivers Division of Mercy Clinic, a position he has held since June 2012 when Mercy and Patients First Health Care reached a merger agreement. Through the merger, Mercy created a new division of Mercy Clinic that combined the 33 existing Mercy Clinic physicians, co-workers, and offices in the Franklin County area with the Patients First physicians, employees and offices, located across 18 communities. As COO, Kevin was tasked with supporting the merger transition and overseeing formation of the new clinic.

On a day-to-day basis, Kevin supervises physician relations, practice operations, business development, and fiscal management of several Missouri clinics with 110 physicians, 60 advanced practitioners, and 750 employees serving 23 communities over 60 square miles of Missouri. Most recently, he oversaw the construction of a new 19,800-square-foot facility in Sullivan to house physician offices as well as X-ray, ultrasound, and lab services.

Prior to becoming COO, Kevin spent two years as vice president of operations of the Mercy Clinic in Springfield, Missouri. Over the past 25 years, he has held leadership positions in hospitals, private medical groups, and integrated health systems. He began his hospital career in 1988 in strategic planning with 286-bed St. Bernardine Medical Center in San Bernardino, California.

Daughters, Bridget and Katie, are both students at University of Missouri. Kevin lives in St. Louis.
Methvin Begins Presidency

Dr. Jennifer Methvin assumed the reins at Crowder College as the 7th President of the college on June 2, 2014, after serving as Vice Chancellor of Academics at the University of Arkansas Community College at Hope, since 2005. Previously, she was a division chair for Arts and Sciences, a Coordinator of Off-Campus Credit Courses, and taught English at University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville. From 1993-1999, she served as an Assistant Professor of English at Arkansas State University-Newport, and started her higher education career as an adjunct instructor at Arkansas State University-Beebe.

Dr. Methvin holds a Bachelor's degree in Creative Writing and English from Arkansas Tech University, Russellville, Arkansas; a Master's degree in Creative Writing and English from Oklahoma State University; and a PhD in Community College leadership from Walden University. Methvin lives in Neosho with husband, Roger, and son, Matthew, who attends Neosho High School. Oldest son, Luke, is a sophomore at University of Arkansas.

A Great Place to Work!

Crowder employees know firsthand what makes the college such a special place to work—a passion for students and a mission of building a civil, literate, learning community of responsible citizens. So when The Chronicle of Higher Education named Crowder College one of the 2014 Great Colleges to Work For, it was a distinct honor. The honor is especially rewarding because it is the second time the college has received this prestigious recognition. In 2011, the college also earned the coveted workplace-award.

The Chronicle’s Great Places to Work For identifies and examines colleges through a detailed survey of faculty, staff, and administrators. The survey results ranked Crowder College very high in five of seven areas: Collaborative Governance, Compensation and Benefits, Teaching Environment, Confidence in Senior Leadership, and Job Satisfaction.

“We feel honored to be recognized for our positive workplace culture at Crowder. The really important thing to remember about an honor like this is that the employees of a workplace define that workplace. Being named a Great College to Work For doesn’t happen due to the efforts of one person or one arm of the college. It is what we all do together and do continually, as employees of and stakeholders in the college. Crowder is blessed with employees and board members who care about their work, and look for ways to serve one another,” commented Crowder College President Dr. Jennifer Methvin.

Surveys were completed by 43,516 employees, from 278 two- and four-year institutions who participated in the survey/assessment process. Crowder was one of 21 community colleges nationwide to receive this recognition.

The Chronicle of Higher Education is the leading source of news, information, and jobs for college and university faculty members and administrators. Based in Washington, D.C., The Chronicle has more than 70 writers, editors, and international correspondents.
New Year, New Housing

While students enjoyed their last few weeks of summer break, Crowder employees began preparing for their arrival by moving new furniture into Roughrider Village. The college purchased Roughrider Village in 2014 to address the demand for housing on the Neosho campus. The 64-unit complex added 200 much-needed beds while providing students with apartment-style living and their first glimpse into independence away from home.

A large team of employees awaited the arrival of the delivery truck, which was loaded to the brim with sofas, chairs, tables, and bunkable beds. In just a few hours, every apartment was transformed from an empty space to fully furnished with all the comforts of home.

Roughrider Village is located on Doniphan Drive directly across from the main campus. Students can rent one or two-bedroom apartments. Each unit features a living room and kitchen with appliances as well as washer and dryer.

All units were filled for the 2014-2015 academic year.
Neither Carol nor Jim Gaskill grew up in wealthy families. Both, however, witnessed their parents working hard and living frugally to provide for their children. Though they may not have realized it at the time, this made an indelible impression on both of them. Years later when the two married, frugality would remain an integral part of their lifestyle.

Together, the Gaskills built a very successful automobile auction business that spanned three states. After retiring from the auction business, the couple focused on managing their investments and continued to live conservatively, well below their means. They shared 39 years of marriage before Jim’s passing in September of 2013.

To honor Jim’s memory, Carol gave an unprecedented $1 million gift to Crowder College on July 11, 2014, what would have been his 80th birthday. Carol wanted to memorialize Jim and his ideals of hard work and saving. She hopes her gift “…will help area students plant gardens of knowledge and improve their lot in life.”

Crowder College Foundation will use the funds for scholarships, to support educational travel for students, and academic program support and development. A portion of the money will be invested to build a fund that will continue to grow for future use. The donation is among the largest one-time donations received by the college and the largest non-capital gift received to date.

“This exceptionally generous gift will provide a wealth of opportunity for Crowder students. It has been a joy to get to know Carol and her family and to learn what strengths and opportunities they saw in Crowder College to make them want to invest in our students’ futures,” said Crowder College President Jennifer Methvin. “She has referred to this gift as seed money, and I have pledged that we will be good stewards of these funds, ensuring that the seeds grow into expanded opportunities for Crowder students.”

“To memorialize someone is to honor that person who has made a difference in our lives or the lives of others. Someone who has left footprints for us to follow or trails for us to venture on. We honor by keeping someone in our heart and in our prayers. When we can, we honor in ways that will improve the lives of others and give them the most basic of all thoughts…hope. Hope strengthens our faith, keeps our dreams alive, and fulfills our destiny.”

—Carol Gaskill
Crowder PBL Students Place at National Competition

Four Crowder College students competed at the Phi Beta Lambda National Competition held in Nashville, Tennessee, in July 2014. Two events placed in the top 10 in the nation.

Crowder College students Felicia Pogue, Madison McDonnell, Katelyn Hutchison, and Steven Babcock competed in their respective events against college students from across the country. Madison McDonnell finished in 8th place in Word Processing and Steven Babcock and Katelyn Hutchison paired together to finish 6th in Hospitality Management.

Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda, Inc. is an education association with a quarter million members and advisers in more than 6,500 active middle school, high school, and college chapters worldwide. Its mission is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs.

Take Me Out to the Ballgame

Crowder College administrators, faculty and staff joined community members and Crowder athletes to play in the 2nd Annual Semi-Celebrity Softball Game held in late August at Roughrider Baseball Field on the Neosho campus.

Free and open to the public, the event also featured inner-inning games with prizes awarded to engage the audience. For the second year, Competitors Wearhouse and Sports Locker generously sponsored team shirts. Head Baseball Coach Travis Lallemand and Head Softball Coach John Sisemore served as team coaches while umpiring duties went to Soccer Coach Brad Smith and Basketball Coach Tina Robbins.

The Semi-Celebrity Softball Game wrapped up the second week of classes and events for students.

College-bound Kids

During the 2014-2015 academic year, Crowder College Admissions teamed up with several area elementary schools to host campus tours for more than 1,000 students in kindergarten through sixth grade. While on campus, kids got to visit the dorms, see the Crowder solar car, and pet animals from the veterinary technology program. Tours ended with a short theater performance in Elsie Plaster Community Center produced especially for the kids.

Joplin, Pierce City, Neosho, Seneca, Pea Ridge (Arkansas), and Carl Junction schools participated in the initiative, which focused on introducing grade schoolers to Crowder College and igniting enthusiasm for achieving higher education.
It’s All In a Name

Though he remained nameless for more than 50 years, the Roughrider has served as the Crowder College mascot since 1963, the year the college was established. Well, he is nameless no more thanks to a contest that took place at the beginning of the 2014-2015 academic year.

To kick off the competition, employees submitted a dozen naming ideas and a committee narrowed the choices down to three—Roscoe, Rowdy, and Teddy.

Over the next two weeks employees and students cast nearly 2,000 votes to tab Rowdy as Roughrider’s new name! In conjunction with the launch of new branding, the college also unveiled an official costume for the newly named mascot. Since then, Rowdy has made dozens of community and campus appearances.

Fun Fact: Roughrider was the nickname given to a volunteer group of cavalry led by Colonel Theodore Roosevelt in the Spanish-American War. They became famous for a victorious charge at the Battle of San Juan Hill in Cuba.

25th Annual Scholarship Banquet

The Foundation held its 25th Annual Scholarship Banquet in Sneller Gymnasium on October 13, 2014, to recognize donors and scholarship recipients. Thanks to gifts from generous donors, more than 360 students received scholarship assistance totaling more than $220,000 during the 2014-2015 academic year.
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Crowder TDS Offers OSHA Training

For more than two decades, Crowder College Training & Development Solutions (TDS) has offered performance consulting and training services to businesses in Missouri, as well as nearby communities in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. Thanks to a partnership with the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA), TDS now offers OSHA standard training in the areas of construction, general industry, and healthcare. Additionally, three levels of professional designations in health and safety are also available.

Until now, those seeking this specialized training had to travel to Kansas City, St. Louis, or other areas out of state. This local availability is significant for area businesses because it saves thousands of dollars in travel costs. These hands-on courses also lead to certifications that allow graduates to improve overall company safety, prevent insurance cost increases to businesses, and provide corrective training to mitigate fines from OSHA enforcement inspections.

Missouri and Kansas are part of the Region 7 OSHA Training Institute (OTI) Education Center which is located at Metropolitan Community College in Kansas City. According to osha.gov, The OTI Education Centers are a national network of non-profit organizations authorized by OSHA to deliver occupational safety and health training to public and private sector workers, supervisors, and employers on behalf of OSHA.

Speech and Debate Takes Top Honors

Crowder College Speech and Debate had a banner year earning top honors at both the state and national levels. Crowder hosted and competed in the Missouri Association of Forensics Activities (MAFA) State Championships in February. A total of 120 competitors from 13 schools in six states competed in the event. Some of the more notable state competition Crowder faced included Missouri State University, University of Central Missouri, and Southwest Baptist University.

After all the scores were tabulated, Crowder College was named Top Community College in Missouri, earning them the distinction of Missouri State Champions. “The team had a stellar weekend,” commented Jason Edgar, Crowder Debate Instructor and Tournament Director. “When every member of the debate team brings home awards, it truly does become a team accomplishment.”

The debate team also fared well in the 2015 Novice National Championships held in March at Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana. A total of 39 schools from 15 states competed in the tournament. As a team, Crowder College Debate was named the Division II Team Sweepstakes Champions, outscoring all colleges and universities with under 10 competitors.
**Instruction Grants Awarded**

Each year, the Foundation offers departments the opportunity to apply for grants to cover program expenses not typically funded by the college. The Foundation funded over $12,000 in requests this year.

Crowder T-shirts for High School Business Contests (Business Division) $500
Design PriceFolio: Wacom Intuos Pen & Epson Scanner (Art & Design) $3,280
Infield Tarp & Accessories (Baseball) $1,500
PBL Leadership Conference Fees (Business Division) $500
New Home Uniforms (Softball) $3,037
Exercise/Training Pen (Vet Tech) $1,800
Novice Nationals Entry Fees (Speech & Debate) $550
Exterior Signage for Mount Vernon Instructional Center (Mount Vernon) $475
Food Assistance for Spring 2015 Workshops (TRIO) $725
Zoom H4N Handy Portable Digital Recorder (Education Division) $200

**Crowder College Nursing Student Named Regional Director**

Crowder College Nursing Student Chandler Cracraft was tabbed as the Southern Regional Director of the Missouri Nursing Student Association (MONSA) during the October 2014 MONSA convention that took place in St. Louis. Cracraft, a resident of Rogers, Arkansas, also serves as President of the Crowder College Student Nursing Association chapter. This leadership experience, along with the encouragement he received from his instructors, classmates, and his wife, spurred his interest in seeking the office.

Currently enrolled as a nursing student at Crowder College in McDonald County, Cracraft plans to work full-time in the nursing field and continue his nursing education online after graduation. Ultimately, he aspires to become a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA).

After attending other schools without much encouragement, Cracraft decided Crowder College was the place for him. He chose Crowder because of the support he received during the application process. Students applying for the nursing program must go through a rigorous interview prior to acceptance. “This process demonstrated that the instructors really care and make their selections based on much more than a student’s academic status. They want to ensure a good fit and put a face with the name,” he said.

“I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as Southern Director of the Missouri Nursing Student Association. The position will open many doors to different opportunities and I could not be more excited. I look forward to a great year while holding this position,” he added.
12th Annual Festival of Wreaths Sets New Record

What began as a small wreath auction 13 years ago has evolved into a high-tech silent auction of more than 500 items and a live auction with high-end merchandise including cars, trips, and furnishings and the like. The 12th Annual Festival of Wreaths, held November 18, 2014, netted a record-breaking $103,000 to support scholarships. Sponsors included Don Wessel Honda; McDonald County Telephone Company; Certified Express, Inc.; Simmons; Cornerstone Bank; Commerce Bank; and Arvest®.

Save the date and join us Tuesday, November 17, 2015, as we kick off the holiday season with the 13th Annual Festival of Wreaths.

Festival of Wreaths Committee
Jill Buske, co-chair
Jon Reagan, co-chair
Jane Lant
Judy Day
Janet Taylor
Vicki Babbitt
Bob Hart
Karen Latimer

A R O U N D  T H E  W O R L D

The Crowder College International Club hosted an International Festival, Thursday, April 30, 2015, in Elsie Plaster Community Center on the Neosho campus. The event featured cultural experiences and cuisine from countries such as Zambia, Senegal, Nigeria, Venezuela, Japan and more. To conclude the festivities, a soccer match between Crowder and MSSU international students took place at Roughrider Soccer field. During the spring 2015 semester, international students from 28 different countries attended Crowder.

C O M M I T T E E

Calling All Aggies!


As one of the largest agricultural competitions in the four-state area, Aggie Day attracts students from all corners of Missouri as well Oklahoma, Kansas, and Arkansas.
Fundraising Begins for Roughrider Fieldhouse

Plans are underway to construct a $1.4 million fieldhouse for baseball and soccer locker rooms, and an indoor practice field, training room, and concessions. The 15,600-square-foot facility will be located near Sneller Gymnasium and the athletic fields. Thanks to generous donors who have pledged support, $450,000 has been raised thus far.

The fieldhouse will place Crowder on a more competitive playing field in terms of facilities in comparison to their regional and district competition. Crowder is the only Region 16 school that does not have access to or own an indoor practice facility beyond a gymnasium.

Crowder offers four sports: women's basketball and softball; and men's baseball and soccer. Crowder teams have proven themselves both in the classroom and on the field with players and teams alike receiving Academic All-American recognition as well as some moving on to play for Division 1 schools and even Major League Baseball. Crowder is one of only five community colleges nationwide with more than 40 wins in baseball and softball during the 2013-2014 season.

To learn how you can help, call Cynthia Branscum, Director of Institutional Advancement, at 417-455-5506. Let’s rally around our Roughriders!

Roughrider Fieldhouse Fundraising Committee

Joe Ketchum  
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Tina Robbins  
John Sisemore  
Phil Slinkard  
Brad Smith  
Scott Wade  
Cindy Branscum
FOUNDATION HOSTS INAUGURAL EVENT IN CASSVILLE

The first ever Tour de Cass took place March 27, 2015, at Cassville Golf Club. Guests enjoyed wine and craft beer tastings paired with hors d’oeuvres and bid on a variety of silent auction items including gift baskets, home décor, and Cardinals vs. Royals tickets. The event raised more than $3,000 for Cassville scholarships. Plans are underway to make Tour de Cass an annual event.

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Mike & Trish McCracken

PUTTIN’ ON THE RITZ

Evening of Jazz took place May 5, 2015, at the Neosho Civic. Thanks to numerous sponsors and guests, the event raised $12,000 to support scholarships.

Back by popular demand, former local TV personality Gary Bandy served as master of ceremonies. The Neosho High School Jazz Band kicked off the evening with a spirited performance during the social hour. As guests mingled, they had the chance to place bids on a variety of gift baskets or pose for pictures at the photo booth. Crowder Jazz Orchestra, under the direction of Todd Hastings, presented the featured performance of jazz classics.

Guests heard a moving testimonial from Crowder College student and Foundation scholarship recipient Drew Young who spoke of the difference donors have made for him. Coming from a middle class family, Drew did not qualify for any type of government assistance, such as a pell grant funding. Without the help he receives from the Foundation, obtaining a college degree would not be possible.

The evening concluded with a raffle drawing for a Branson vacation package valued at more than $1,800. The Hershend Family, founders of Branson’s Silver Dollar City, organized the package at no cost to the Foundation. Cassville residents Richard and Kari Asbill were the lucky winners.

Evening of Jazz Sponsors
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Evening of Jazz Committee
Kevin Wilson, Co-chair
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Rick Davidson
Renee Denton
Janet Taylor
Scott Wade
Three employees received coveted honors at the year-end, all-staff luncheon held May 15. Employees were nominated by their peers or students and winners were selected by area Chambers of Commerce.

Communications Instructor and Crowder Sentry Advisor Latonia Bailey received the Gold STAR Teacher of Year Award presented by the Neosho Area Chamber of Commerce. Under Bailey’s leadership, the Crowder College newspaper, The Crowder Sentry, received 28 awards, including Advisor of the Year for Ms. Bailey and Best Overall Newspaper. Her nomination read in part, “Ms. Bailey is an extraordinary teacher; hardworking; reliable; and creative in her daily teaching. She consistently goes above and beyond the call of duty in working with her students. Her leadership and instruction guide her students to success.”

The McDonald County Chamber of Commerce presented the Professional Staff Employee of the Year Award to Wade Williams, Assistant Director of Upward Bound Programs. Williams was nominated based on his ability to balance hard work with joy and fun; his ability to use resources wisely; and his creative thinking. One of his nominators commented: “Wade epitomizes Crowder’s mission statement—building a civil, literate, learning community of responsible citizens. He does this through his passion for our future and current students as he works tirelessly to help them improve their educational, emotional, and spiritual lives. Every day he serves as a mentor and role model for our students.”

Karen Fink, Agriculture Department Administrative Assistant, earned the Classified Staff Employee of the Year Award. According to her nomination, Karen wears many hats in her daily routine and was nominated by several people, one of whom commented “She is an indispensable member of our team. Whenever there is something that needs to be done, Karen is ready to help, whether it is early in the morning, late in the evening, or on the weekend. She has proctored and graded tests, given tours to students of all ages, helped with academic advisement, planned and promoted events, solicited sponsorships, cooked meals, led meetings, and much more. She is outstanding in whatever role she assumes and is the perfect example of servant leadership.” The Neosho Area Chamber of Commerce presented this award.

Congratulations to all the winners for such well-deserved honors!
**Occupational Therapy Assistant Program Continues to Grow**

Dawson-Spencer Hall at the Crowder College Webb City Campus houses all occupational therapy assistant (OTA) programming. OTA students receive solid knowledge and gain practical skills through interactive lectures and labs, with real-world, hands-on experience in a clinical setting.

Now in its 3rd year, Crowder’s OTA program recently received a five-year accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education. The first class of 15 students graduated in December 2014. Each of the 15 graduates passed the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy certification exam on his or her first attempt, received state licenses, and are now employed in the field.

**Ag Standout Named National President**

During the Postsecondary Agriculture Student (PAS) National Conference held in March 2015, Crowder College Pre-Veterinary Student Kylie Ehlers, (Anderson, Missouri) was named 2015-2016 National President of the organization.

Prior to enrolling at Crowder, Ehlers attended McDonald County High School (Anderson), graduating in the top 10 percent of her class. At Crowder, she maintained a 3.9 GPA while serving as an active member of Aggie Club, Delta Tau Alpha, and Phi Theta Kappa. Additionally, she runs her own farm consisting of sheep, goats, cattle, chickens, ducks, quail, and a potbelly pig.

“Working within this organization has allowed me to become more confident. I hope to instill that confidence in others. Working hard in FFA during high school and PAS at the state level have allowed me to see that leadership is something I am good at and I will enjoy working within the National PAS Organization as well,” said Ehlers.

PAS has 1,400 members nationwide and is open to students in agriculture/agribusiness/natural resources postsecondary programs in approximately 550 colleges in all 50 states. The organization provides an opportunity for developing leadership abilities through participation in employment experience programs, course work, and organization activities.
Crowder Sentry Earns Top Honors

Crowder College’s student newspaper, the Crowder Sentry, won “Best in State” for the community college newspaper division in a contest co-sponsored by the Missouri Press Association and the Missouri Collegiate Media Association. The newspaper also received 2nd place for sweepstakes.

The Sentry also won a “First Place with Special Merit” rating in a national contest sponsored by the American Scholastic Press Association based in College Point, New York. In addition, the newspaper was named “Most Outstanding College Newspaper for 2014-15.”

Individual awards at the state level are as follows:

- James Walls, Neosho: Honorable Mention for regular column; 2nd place Feature Page
- Jesse O. Walls, Neosho: 3rd place Editorial Writing; 2nd place Sports Photo; 3rd place Information Graphic; 2nd place Website; Multimedia 2nd place
- Shelly Cordray, Neosho: 1st place Entertainment Cartoon
- Amelia Hill, Carl Junction: 2nd place Editorial Writing; 2nd place Feature Page; 2nd place

Website

- Ryan Land, Goodman: Honorable Mention for News Writing; Honorable Mention for Sports Photo; 3rd place Page One; 3rd place Sports Page; 1st place Photo Page; 2nd place Supplement Page; Honorable Mention for Multimedia
- Bobby Clark, Granby: 2nd place Sports Column
- Joseph Mandelbaum, Joplin: Honorable Mention for Entertainment Review; 3rd place Feature Photo
- Drew Young, Pierce City: 1st place Advertising; 2nd place Advertising
- Alexis Arenas-Andrade, Springdale, Arkansas: 2nd place Sports Page JoJo Brinkhoff, Stella: 3rd place Photo Page

Latonia Bailey, Goodman, Sentry advisor and Crowder College Communications Instructor, won “Advisor of the Year” as a state-wide award.

The Crowder Sentry has earned the “Best Overall” award for a total of five years: three consecutive years from 2008-2010 and the last two years.

Behavior Support Center Expands

The new Crowder College Behavior Support Center (CCBSC), located at 180 Cemetery Road in Neosho, held an open house on September 16, 2014. The center provides autism intervention services for school districts, head starts, and agencies, as well as evidenced-based, in-home interventions for families affected by autism.

Since opening its doors, CCSBC has partnered with Neosho Public Schools to provide a school-aged program during the day for students with autism, developmental disabilities, and behavior challenges. Additionally, the team works with area school districts to fill the gaps of current autism services available by focusing on the strengths and weaknesses of each child. Individual education plans are tailor-made for each student to foster success and train parents, teachers, and caregivers.

CCSBC also supports the Associates of Arts in Psychology- Autism Option and Autism Assistant Certificate offered at Crowder College. Crowder students have the opportunity to
receive hands-on experience in the classroom setting while obtaining textbook knowledge.

**MONUMENTAL CELEBRATIONS**

On August 15, 2014, college officials, donors, and students, as well as state, regional, and local representatives, celebrated the opening of Dawson-Spencer Hall at the Crowder College Webb City campus. The new building, named in honor of lead donor Jim Dawson and his late wife, Treva, features a 9,000-square-foot community tornado safe room, which doubles as classroom space. An additional 22,000 square feet includes nine classrooms, two computer labs, study areas, and a suite for the occupational therapy assistant program.

The Dawson family also graciously donated a First Responder Memorial Monument to honor police, fire, and emergency service personnel in our area. A dedication and tribute ceremony took place Thursday, September 11, 2014.

“We are proud to have this monument as a part of the Crowder College campus in Webb City as

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a reminder of the dedication and service of first responders and their efforts to help their fellow citizens and our communities,” said Cyndi Adamson, Webb City Campus Director.

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Southwestern Bell Foundation

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*Dallas & Carolyn Kelly

$40,000
Cardinal Scale Manufacturing
Larry Hickey
*Larry & James Anna Vancuren

$37,500
*Freeman Health System
Les Jacobs Ford Mercury
*Paragon Architecture, Inc.: Brad Erwin
*Simmons Foods, Inc.

$32,500
*Jerry & Jan Griffith
Joe & Brenda Harmon

$30,000
Beverly Disney
Robert W. Plaster Foundation
Seneca, Goodman, Ozark Telephone Company
*Scholastic Books

$27,500
Tom & Gail Higdon
Joe Pogue
*Edward Scorse
*Chris & Shawnna Slinkard

$25,000
Branco Enterprises, Inc.
John & Violet Branham
Jim Burrows
Raymond & Deanna McClelland
Larry Neff
Dick Robinson

$22,500
Alan & Lori Marble
Don & Ramona Munsell
Southwest Little Theatre Scholarship Angel Fund
Nadine Griffith

$20,000
*Larry & Vicki Barnes
*Jason & Jill Dill
Dan Eberle
Jon & Shelia Reagan
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Wagner

$17,500
All Communications Services & Training Inc.
Bank of America
*John Hayes & Sue Sickles
*Ragland Mills, Inc.

$15,000
3M Nevada Plant
*PJC, Inc. McDonald's of Jane: Phillip, Jo Hannah, Alexandra Close
Dollar General Literacy Foundation
Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Douglas
Danny & Willa Ellis Foundation
MFA Foundation
Neosho Industrial Supply, Inc.
New-Mac Electric Cooperative
Blanche Wallen Trust
Webb City Lions Club
Don Wessel Honda

$12,500
CH2M Hill Foundation
Contract Freighters, Inc.
Mary Louise Davis Estate
Scott & D'Ann Dennis
Flower Box City Newcomers Club
Cecil & Virginia Mayer
Dr. Mark Ost
Tyson Foundation
Andrew & Kim Wood
$10,000
Aetna/Coventry Health Care
Jack & Diane Andris
Boulevard Bank
ConAgra
DAKA Restaurants
Mark & Christine Danuser
Richard & Judy Day
Engineering Institute, LLC
Dean & Grace Farnsworth
General Motors
George’s, Inc.
Goodman Telephone Company
Richard Harber, Jr.
Paul & Nancy Harber
*Darrell & Cheryl Hedrick
*Gene & Laurie Hildebrand-Delano
Dr. David & Megan Hill
Robert & Pam Hudson
*JE Dunn Construction Company
Kansas City Power & Light
*Norma & Keith Lindquist
Dr. Carol Luhn
MO Motors Carriers
Ozark Telephone Company
Don Proctor
John & Carolyn Rucker
Jeffery & Michele Smith
Snickles In Service Inc.
Allan Stephens
*David & Yuka Tatum
Steve Tipton
Ray Vaughn

$7,500
David & Susan Brown
Paul & June Carter
Alson Carter
*Albert & Patsy Chapman
*Community Bank & Trust
*CTC Transportation Insurance Services LLC
Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
Edward Jones Trust Company: Louis Holland Trust
*Shirley Schnakenberg-Goeman
*Robert & Mona Hart
*William T. Kemper Foundation
Brian & Debbie Mitchell
Peggy Payne
PC Water Oak, LP
*Col. James P. & Marla Tatum

$5,000
Adam’s Cattle Company
Natalie Armstrong
Donald Blohm
Boytool & Die
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Bright
Albert E. Brumley & Son, Inc.
Bob & Trudy Brumley
Laura Gay Burkhart
Butterball
M.L. Carnell
Mr. & Mrs. Donivan Combs
Compass Group
Cummins Business Services
Jonathan & Andrea Dawson
Nathan & Deanna Dawson
*Jack & Sallie Divine
Eagle-Picher Industries, Inc.
Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority
Greg & Nancy Evans
Ford Matching Gift Program
Ronald Granger
Cletus & Carolyn Green
Lloyd Helm
George & Doris Henry
*Huntington Woods Logistics, Inc.
Indigo Sky Casino
KAMO Electric Coop.
Keri & Thomas Keckley
Keplinger Trust
Daniel & Mary Lambeth
Ronald & Carolyn Lankford
*Rep. Bill & Jane Lant
Paul & Nancy Lewis
Cary & Veronica Marion
David & Frances McMillan
*Missouri Trucking Association
$2,500
Advanced Technology Systems
*Cleo & Mary Allen
Debbie Alsup
Richard & Kari Asbill
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Augspurger
Hughla Bliss
Mark & Cindy Branscum
Ron Breu
Mr. & Mrs. Rick Butler
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Cavanaugh
Church of Christ
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Churchwell
Commerce Bancshares Foundation
*Rebecca Denison
Herbert & Thelma Douglas
Mr. & Mrs. J.W. Garrison Jr.
Hendrickson International
Chris & Susan Hoberock
Hubbard Farms Charitable Foundation
Hutchens Construction
Innovative Fuel Technologies
International Tours & Galaxsea Cruises
*Michael & Ann Jernigan
Ron & Joan Johnson
Evelyn Jones
Joplin Industrial Electric Company, Inc.
*K&S Wire Products, Inc.
Chris Kalmbach
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Kalmbach
Kansas Electric Utilities
Maxine Kerns
Jim & Karen Latimer
John LePage
Janice Linkletter
Dale & Shirley Lundstrum
Jerry & Gale Marsh
Rodney & Kathy McFarland
MCI Foundation
McKool Smith Law Firm
Jane Meyers
MO Corn Merchandising Council
Cecilia Morris
Ozark Funeral Homes Inc.
Rose Peck
Ranch Mart Shopping Center
Kay Rice
Norman Ruth
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Spicer
Mr. & Mrs. E.J. Sweazey
Larry & Kathleen Swift
Teledyne Charitable Foundation
Wal-Mart Foundation
Jon Wessel
Western Pacific Plastics, LLC
Marion Weston
Mr. & Mrs. Jim White
Lenore Jane Williams

MO Division of Family Services
Jana Morrow
Mr. & Mrs. Don O'Brien
James & Rita O'Hara
O'Reilly Automotive
Ozark Mountain Region
Pioneer Homes
Gary Poynor
T. Rowe Price Program for Charitable Giving
Private Client & Trust Services
Louise Reed
Bradley & Raven Reed
*Rep. Bill & Kathleen Reiboldt
Gretta Renick
Linda Reynolds
*Roy Shaver
*Southwest Missouri Bank
*Southwest R-V School District
Talbot Industries
Michael Thornton
USA Tank Sales & Erection Co., Inc.
Glenna Wallace
Wetzel Tank Construction Company
Women's Club of Joplin
Rick Wooden
## Statement of Financial Position

**Crowder College Foundation, Inc.**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**June 30, 2015**

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| Liabilities & Net Assets                   |       |
| Accounts Payable                           | $20,208 |
| Unrestricted Funds                         | 114,286 |
| Temporarily Restricted Funds               | 4,525,422 |
| Permanently Restricted Funds               | 758,998 |
| **LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS**               | $5,418,914 |
### Revenue

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### Expenses

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<td><strong>2,054,122</strong></td>
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**DECREASE IN NET ASSETS** (203,868)

**BEGINNING NET ASSETS** 5,602,574

**ENDING NET ASSETS** $5,398,706
MINUTES OF THE CROWDER COLLEGE FOUNDATION
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
August 10, 2015, 5:30 p.m.
Wright Conference Center-Farber Building

Invocation
Dallas Kelly, Newton County Foundation Board member, gave the invocation.

Dinner:
Gary Jones and the Great Western Dining Staff served dinner to the membership at 5:30 PM.

Welcome, Introductions, and Call to Order
President Jim Armstrong welcomed ninety-three Foundation members to the Crowder College Wright Conference Center, recognizing the Board of Trustees and the Foundation Directors. The Annual Meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM. President Armstrong introduced past Foundation Directors and elected officials in attendance.

Opening Remarks
Dr. Jennifer Methvin, seventh Crowder College President, presented an update on her first year as president. She shared stories of a few Crowder students with whom she has become acquainted who have had incredible experiences at the college. One such student, Jarren Welch, served as lead student for the solar decathlon and was quickly hired to lead the project because of the skill and promise he demonstrated. Another student, Kylie Ehlers, was named 2015-2016 National President of the Postsecondary Agriculture Student organization.

Dr. Methvin shared that The Chronicle of Higher Education, the leading source of news, information, and jobs for colleges and university faculty members and administrators, named Crowder College one of the 2014 Great Colleges to Work For. The Chronicle's Great Places to Work For identifies and examines colleges through a detailed survey of faculty, staff, and administrators. The survey results ranked Crowder College very high in five of seven areas: Collaborative Governance; Compensation and Benefits; Teaching Environment; Confidence in Senior Leadership; and Job Satisfaction.

Dr. Methvin announced that October 30, 2015, will mark a special occasion as we dedicate and rename the Crowder College Technical Education Center as the Dell Reed Technical Education Center in honor of former Crowder College President Dell Reed.

Dr. Methvin noted that Foundation President Jim Armstrong has received the Missouri Community College Association's Distinguished Alumni Award for 2015 and congratulated him for being selected for this distinct honor.

Dr. Methvin shared that public institutions take a great deal of private support. The old model used to be that they received one-third of funding from tuition; one-third from the state; and one-third at the local level. This is no longer true. On average, only 13 percent of the higher education funding comes from the state. Private support from donors is more critical than ever. Dr. Methvin challenged members to begin thinking about program support. Nursing, for example, is a very costly program to provide. The full cost cannot be passed on to students as it would make it unaffordable for them.
Dr. Methvin thanked the membership for doing what they do for Crowder College. Without a committed membership, Crowder could not do what it does for students.

**Distinguished Service Award**
Bob Brumley, Membership & Awards Chairman, presented John & Eve Adams with the 2015 Distinguished Service Award. Brumley thanked the Adams for their service and support to the Foundation and stated that they work tirelessly year-round to secure high-end auction items for Festival of Wreaths. The time and effort they selflessly devote to the festival has transformed the once small wreath auction into the area’s premier fundraising event. The Adams were given a gift of an engraved granite brick, and a matching brick will be placed in the Tatum Bell Tower courtyard in recognition of their service.

**Development Office Update**
Cindy Branscum, Director of Institutional Advancement, thanked the membership for their support and noted that Carol Gaskill, our $1 million donor, has graciously given us permission to share her story. It is on page 10 of the annual report.

On page 23 of the annual report, founding board members, former officers, and past members are listed. Ms. Branscum asked those present to let the Foundation office know if they are aware of any omissions so we can make additions before the final printing of the report.

Vickie Babbitt, Robert Stauber, and Scott Wade read thank you notes from four Foundation scholarship recipients to convey how important and the difference each dollar given makes.

**Annual Report**
Larry Swift, Foundation Treasurer, asked the members to review the financial statements in the Annual Report. Swift reported total donations for the year were $1,699,207. The majority of the total expenses for the year went to the College to help fund the McDonald County building and Webb City expansion projects. A total of $2,054,122 was given to the College from the Foundation for scholarships, capital projects, and other related projects. The year ended with net assets of $5,398,706.

**Motion to Approve Board Actions**
Wayne Paul MOTIONED to approve Board of Directors’ actions for the past year and seconded by David Duncan and duly carried.

**Recommendation to Change Bylaws**
Kevin Wilson MOTIONED to approve the following change in by-laws pertaining to Article VI.

**(PREVIOUS WORDING)**
6.1 The Foundation Board of Directors shall consist of not less than twenty (20) and not more than thirty-five (35) members.
6.2 The Board shall have at least eight (8) Directors residing in Newton County, at least eight (8) residing in McDonald County, not more than eight (8) residing outside the Crowder College school district, and the Director-Immediate Past President.
6.2 The Board shall have at least ten (10) and no more than fourteen (14) Directors residing in Newton County, at least ten (10) and no more than fourteen (14) residing in McDonald County, not more than eleven (11) residing outside the Crowder College taxing district, and the Director-Immediate Past President.

Vickie Babbitt seconded and the motion duly carried.

Karen Latimer then MOTIONED to appoint Jon Wessel of Don Wessel Honda in Springfield (MO) as an At Large Director. Sy Werner seconded and the motion duly carried.

Milestones
President Armstrong read the names of donors who reached a new “milestone” in giving of $2,500 or more and who were in attendance. All new milestones are identified in the Annual Report. Certificates will be mailed with the Annual Report.

Election Results & Introduction of New Foundation Board Members
Dr. Jon Reagan, Board Development Chairman, reported the results of the election of new Board members and officers of the Board. The following were elected to serve for the upcoming four years: Laurie Delano, Renee Denton, Kent Farnsworth, and Jon Stouffer, Newton County; Bill Dobbs, Sammy Helm, Norma Lindquist, and Rick Wooden, McDonald County; Karen Latimer and Megan Sabo, Jasper County.

Officers for the 2014-2015 Board include Jim Armstrong, President; Robert Stauber, Vice President of McDonald County; Kevin Wilson, Vice President of Newton County; Larry Swift, Treasurer; and Cindy Branscum, Secretary.

Dr. Reagan recognized retiring board members in attendance: Eve Adams and Bob Brumley and presented them with personalized portfolios and pens as a gift for their service over the past eight years. Other retiring board members include Jason Dill, Bob Hart, Bill Lee, and Kim Ramsay.

Closing Remarks
Dr. Jennifer Methvin thanked the Foundation Board for its hard work in supporting the Foundation and College. She thanked the membership and Foundation Board for giving of their time, talents and resources because the work at Crowder College is important and it is possible only because of their investments.

Adjournment
Eve Adams MOTIONED to adjourn the meeting. Bob Brumley seconded and the motion duly carried.