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CROWDER INSTRUCTOR AWARDED FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

NEOSHO, MO – Randolf “Randy” Dunn, Physics and Chemistry Instructor at Crowder College was awarded the Governor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching. This award is presented to the instructor who has been nominated and selected by faculty.

Dunn has been a full-time instructor at Crowder since 2004, but his career started in 1998 as a student after a 20 year career in the Navy as a Seal. His plans were to enter the Pharmacy field, but he fell in love with chemistry, making a 98% in General Chemistry I. After that, he achieved A’s in Chemistry II and Quantitative Analysis by a wide margin. He continued his studies at MSSU and later completed his Master’s at Missouri State while teaching part-time at Crowder. He recently completed his degree in Nursing and is working weekends at a hospital in Joplin.

“Randy was the best student I ever had in 39 years of teaching, and has proven to be an excellent teacher himself. I never check the student evaluation results anymore because he always does better than I do. He cares about students and loves the profession” stated Dr. Herb Schade, Emeritus Physics Instructor and former Division Chair. Reading some of the student evaluation comments allows you to see that Dunn is not only knowledgeable, but that he cares for the students. Quotes from student evaluations include: “Excellent teacher. You actually learn from him”, “He is a natural born teacher”, and “He is really good with people and seems to really care about ALL the students in his classroom”.

The Governor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching is presented by each community college in the state to a faculty member. Dunn will be recognized along with other community college faculty at a banquet in March held by the Missouri Community College Association.

