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CROWDER PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

NEOSHO, MO – After 27 years with Crowder College, Dr. Alan Marble has decided to retire at the end of this academic year effective June 30, 2013.

Although it was a difficult decision, Marble indicated the combined “push” from the Public School Retirement System and the “pull” from other job opportunities made the decision almost unavoidable.

While serving as president of the college, Crowder became one of the fastest growing colleges in Missouri, with enrollment nearly doubling in six years. Several building projects were completed including the Arnold Farber building, Tatum Bell Tower, Davidson Hall, and the MARET Center. Currently, construction at the McDonald County center is underway, and groundbreaking for the Webb City expansion project is planned for the near future.

From an academic perspective, cooperative agreements to offer Bachelor’s completion programs with MSSU and MSU were also implemented during his tenure. Dual credit programs with area high schools have grown to span the 9 county service district. An Associate of Arts degree program in Applied Behavior Analysis (Autism) has evolved into a very important resource for the community. And, most recently, the opportunity for completion of an Associate of Arts degree during high school was introduced with the Carthage R-9 School district.

Also, Crowder was named Best Place to Work by the Tri-State Business Journal and one of the nation’s top 120 community colleges by the Aspen institute.

“Dr. Marble has been an outstanding president at Crowder College. He provided us fantastic leadership during a time when Crowder was experiencing unprecedented growth. The Crowder Board hates to see Alan leave the Crowder family, but we wish him the best of luck, and look forward to working with him, on his future endeavors,” stated Board of Trustees President, Andy Wood.

In a statement to faculty and staff, Dr. Marble said, “I can’t imagine how a greater group of professionals could be assembled... you are simply the best and I will miss marching in step with you every day. But, I fully expect this parade to keep moving forward with vigor and joy. Keep up the great work and may God bless each of you beyond measure.”

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