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**CROWDER BOARD OF TRUSTEES ANNOUNCES INTERIM**

**NEOSHO, MO** - The Board of Trustees of Crowder College announces that Dr. Kent Farnsworth will serve as Interim President of Crowder College for the 2013-2014 school year. Dr. Farnsworth will begin his duties as Interim on July 1, 2013.

An Interim President was necessary for the college due to the recent retirement of Dr. Alan Marble, who resigned this past week to accept another position. Dr. Marble worked at Crowder College the past 27 years in several different roles, with the last six as president of the college. During Dr. Marble's tenure as president, the school experienced tremendous growth and greatly expanded its service centers, while maintaining its mission of providing quality career and technical education, associate degree transfer degrees, community service, and adult basic education.

Dr. Farnsworth will be very familiar to the Crowder Family. He served as President of the College for nineteen years before stepping down in 2004 to become the Director of the Community College Leadership Program and the Center for International Community College Education and Leadership at the University of Missouri - St. Louis. Dr. Farnsworth, and his wife, Holly, have relocated back to Newton County following his retirement from UMSL in 2010. He has remained active in the educational community as a Leadership Coach for the national Achieving the Dream initiative sponsored by the Lumina Foundation, working with colleges across the country with efforts to improve student success. He has also acted as an advisor for the development of new community college systems in Southeast Asia. Dr. Farnsworth has authored several books, including two on education leadership and reform.

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For more information please feel free to contact my office.

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