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**CROWDER COLLEGE TO HOST AGRICULTURE NETWORKING EVENT FOR STUDENTS**

**NEOSHO, MO** – Crowder College will host an Agriculture Networking event for students on Thursday, Dec. 5 from noon to 2:00 pm. in the Wright Conference Center inside the Arnold Farber Building on the Neosho Campus. The event is aimed to provide students seeking agriculture degrees with the options available as they enter the workforce.

Students will be able to have lunch with area employers representing three fields of the agriculture industry – agronomy, animal science and business. After lunch, employers will present on topics such as available career paths, recommendations for students seeking employment or about the industry as a whole. Students will also be given the opportunity to ask questions during a question and answer session.

“Providing an opportunity where students and employers can come together is essential in facilitating student success at Crowder College,” stated Casey Owens, Career Services Coordinator. “Employers provide invaluable information to show students the possibilities and expectations from the workforce.”

Students are able to learn about different areas in agriculture and what employers are looking for, while employers will be able to provide invaluable information and meet potential employees.”

Crowder College has approximately 150 students majoring in agriculture programs including general agriculture, pre-veterinary medicine, agri-business technology with four different emphases available, and a veterinary technology program accredited through American Veterinary Medical Association.

The group recently returned from the state PAS (Postsecondary Agricultural Student Organization) competition qualifying 26 out of 33 students for the national PAS competition. Each spring the agriculture department hosts Aggie Day – a high school agriculture competition boasting more than 2,500 participants this past spring. The group also travels throughout the US and internationally to learn about different agriculture practices in different areas.

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