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Puckett Honored for Teaching with Governor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching

Neosho, MO – Crowder College faculty member, Suzanne Puckett, was awarded the 2015 Governor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching at the Crowder Holiday buffet, Dec. 10, 2015. The recipient of this award is determined by a vote of faculty members.

Puckett has been with the college since May of 2000. She began as an Upward Bound Programs Bridge Specialist before she started teaching communications in 2003. Today, she is a communications instructor, Honors Program Coordinator, and one of Crowder’s PTK faculty advisors.

Student evaluation comments of Puckett talk about her “positive energy and how she will do what she can to help students prepare for the real world”. One student summed it up by saying, “She is one of the few teachers I have had that taught me something step by step. I like that she believes in her students and makes it obvious.” Faculty members commented that Puckett challenges others to stretch their intellect.

Puckett holds a Master of Science in English Education from Missouri State University. She resides in Neosho with her husband, Stuart, and children, Sam and Stuart Edward.

Every spring in Jefferson City, the Missouri Community College Association honors outstanding community college educators with the Governor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching. This award is presented to an exemplary teacher from each college.

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