



December 4, 2015

**For Immediate Release
Office of Public Information**

Crowder Aggies Shine at State Competition

St. Louis, MO - Crowder College competed at the Missouri Post-Secondary Agriculture Students (PAS) Conference in St. Louis, MO on November 11-14, 2015. Eighteen different contests were held, concerning various aspects of career preparation including, public speaking, employment interview, industry knowledge exams, and career planning research. Thirty-six Crowder Aggies placed in their individual and team events at the state level in order to qualify for the national contest. Participants from across the state, representing six colleges convened at the conference. The coveted state champion College Bowl title was also won by the Crowder Aggie team. Team members include: Jimmy Hickman (Halfway, MO); Erin Kitsmiller (Schell City, MO); Lee Neidigh (Jasper, MO); Nik Manley (Goodman, MO); Zayne Aldrich (Neosho, MO).

Jorge Zapata, Crowder College Agriculture instructor emphasized, "Crowder College was well represented by our students, who did an excellent job showcasing their talents and skills against the best ag students in the state."

The agriculture division is also pleased to announce that three Crowder Aggies were selected from over 15 candidates to serve as five of the state PAS officers. Hailey Gilbreath (Carl Junction, MO) – Vice President; Jesika Hall (Anderson, MO) -Secretary and Lee Neidigh (Jasper, MO) - Treasurer.

Results from the competition are as follows:

Career Planning					
First	Last	Hometown	State	Competition	Place
Jesse	Shilling	Joplin	MO	Education	4th
Molly	Geary	Neosho	MO	Education	3rd
Jesika	Hall	Anderson	MO	Education	1st
Leslie	Hawkins	Lebanon	MO	Mgmt and Mrkt	4th
Tony	Morgan	Lamar	MO	Mgmt and Mrkt	3rd
Philip	Markovich	Neosho	MO	Processing and Biotech	2nd
Sheyana	Curtis	Neosho	MO	Processing and Biotech	1st
Mariah	Poindexter	Carthage	MO	Horticulture	1st



Jilli	Raner	Neosho	MO	Plant Systems	2nd
Ryan	Mareth	Monett	MO	Plant Systems Power, Structural, Tech	1st
Lee	Neidigh	Jasper	MO	Systems	2nd
Marissa	Stevens	Crane	MO	Retail Agribusiness Systems	3rd
Hailey	Gilbreath	Carl Junction	MO	Retail Agribusiness Systems	2nd
Cortanie	Gale	Berger	MO	Ruminant Animal Systems	3rd
Julie	Hull	Montrose	MO	Ruminant Animal Systems	1st
Mercedes	Cannon	Neosho	MO	Non-ruminant Animal Systems	5th
Likayla	Stacy	Humansville	MO	Non-ruminant Animal Systems	3rd

Career Progress

First	Last	Hometown	State	Competition	Place
Katie	Henry	Asbury	MO	Education	2nd
Aubrey	Groter	Seneca	MO	Education	1st
Colleen	Byrn	Afton	OK	Mgmt and mrkt	4th
Erin	Kitsmiller	Schell City	MO	Mgmt and mrkt	3rd
Hannah	Wreath	Springfield	MO	Mgmt and mrkt	2nd
Emily	Adams	Neosho	MO	Horticulture	4th
Shelby	Wynn	Neosho	MO	Horticulture	2nd
Zayne	Aldrich	Neosho	MO	Horticulture	1st
Nik	Manley	Goodman	MO	Plant Systems	1st
Ben	Kromrie	Lebanon	MO	Ruminant Animal Systems	5th
Cody	Gambriel	Bolivar El Dorado	MO	Ruminant Animal Systems	4th
Makenzie	Schwalm	Springs	MO	Ruminant Animal Systems	1st
Kaitlyn	Fieser	O'Fallon	MO	Non-ruminant Animal Systems	1st

Speaking Contest

First	Last	Hometown	State	Competition	Place
Heather	Kremer	Pea Ridge	AR	Prepared Speaking	3rd
Hailey	Gilbreath	Carl Junction	MO	Prepared Speaking	2nd
Lena	Alsop	Leasburg	MO	Prepared Speaking	1st
Jesika	Hall	Anderson	MO	Impromptu	1st

Employment Interview



First	Last	Hometown	State	Competition	Place
Bradley	Sanders	Anderson	MO	Ag Equipment Service	2nd
Elle	Radford	Halfway	MO	Crop Production	3rd
Hannah	Wreath	Springfield	MO	Dairy Production	2nd
Brook	Gillaspy	Everton El Dorado	MO	Fruit and Veggie Production	1st
Makenzie	Schwalm	Springs	MO	Feeds and Animal Health	3rd
Katie	Henry	Asbury	MO	Ag Education	3rd

Career Specialist Contests

First	Last	Hometown	State	Competition	Place
Jimmy	Hickman	Halfway	MO	Crops	4th
Jilli	Raner	Neosho	MO	Crops	3rd
Nik	Manley	Goodman	MO	Crops	2nd
Zayne	Aldrich	Neosho	MO	Crops	1st
Cortanie	Gale	Berger	MO	Dairy	2nd
Ryan	Mareth	Monett	MO	Dairy	1st
Jesse	Shilling	Joplin	MO	Equine	3rd
Cody	Gambriel	Bolivar	MO	Livestock	1st
Mariah	Poindexter	Carthage	MO	Floriculture	4th
Lena	Alsup	Leasburg	MO	Ag Education	1st

###

