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CROWDER AND CENTRAL METHODIST PROVIDE STUDENTS MORE OPPORTUNITIES

NEOSHO, MO – Officials from Crowder College and Central Methodist University signed an agreement providing area students the opportunity to complete several bachelors degrees with CMU while staying in this area.

A Crowder student completing their Associates degree will be able to pursue a bachelors degree in Nursing, Accounting, Business and Applied Behavior Analysis - Autism with CMU. This is another avenue for students to remain in the area and complete a 4-year degree. Coursework begins next month.

“We are excited to partner with Central Methodist University and the joint programs. CMU is a leader in the Midwest in so many areas; one of which is distance learning. The avenue in which this partnership is delivered is mainly through distance learning. The program in this partnership we feel will make the most impact on individuals in the Midwest is the Autism component. Students will have an opportunity to earn an Associate degree from Crowder College and a Bachelor degree from Central Methodist University. We have enjoyed developing the joint programs with Central Methodist University and look forward to a successful partnership,” stated Dr. Glenn Coltharp, Vice President of Academic Affairs.

“We know our partnership with Crowder will be beneficial to both colleges, but the real winners will be the students,” noted Dr. Rita Gulstad, Vice President and Dean at CMU. “Streamlining their path to a four-year degree, and making high quality programs accessible at Crowder, is the goal for both institutions.”

For more information about the new Central Methodist programs available through Crowder contact Aimee Sage, Director of Admissions for CMU’s College of Graduate and Extended Studies, at 660-248-6651, or by e-mail at asage@centralmethodist.edu. Information can also be found on websites for both Crowder (www.crowder.edu) and CMU (www.centralmethodist.edu).

Crowder College is a two-year community college located in southwest Missouri. Enrollment over the last 10 years has almost doubled with 5,590 students attending Crowder in the fall 2012 semester. Crowder offers over 80 degrees and certificates preparing students for transfer and career opportunities.

Central Methodist University enrolled over 5,600 students last fall on its main campus in Fayette, through its online programs, and through its Extended Studies network across the state. Established in 1854, CMU offers over 40 associates, bachelor’s, and master’s degree programs.

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Pictured are Dr. Glenn Coltharp, VP of Academic Affairs and Dr. Rita Gulstad, VP and Dean at CMU.

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