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Neosho High School and Crowder College Ink Partnership for AA degrees

NEOSHO, MO – Crowder College and Neosho High School are pleased to announce the opportunity for juniors and seniors at NHS to complete their Associate of Art degree and graduate high school at the same time. Administration from both organizations have worked diligently to make this a reality for current and future students of the district.

“We strongly believe we have high academic standards at Crowder College. It's exciting to partner with a School District that also sets the standards high for their students, faculty, and staff. This program gives us the chance to work together in meeting the academic needs of the students now, and to challenge them to a high level for the future.” stated Dr. Glenn Coltharp, VP of Academic Affairs, Crowder College.

"Over the last decade, major national attention has focused on how expensive college has become, and how long it is taking students to complete their baccalaureate degrees. Student debt is now greater than credit card debt. Superintendent Decker and the R-5 Board are showing real vision and leadership in this area, and we are delighted to be able to partner with them on ways that we can both help students reduce cost and time to complete a college degree." according to Dr. Kent Farnsworth, Interim President, Crowder College.

“What a great and monumental occasion for the NEOSHO R5 SCHOOL DISTRICT! As a District we are always looking for ways to provide great educational opportunities for our students and who better to partner with than Crowder College. This partnership is going to provide our students with the unique opportunity to not only complete their high school course work but also college coursework while still in high school. I applaud Crowder for their vision and willingness to be on the cutting edge of what is going on in the world of education. I look forward to a long and healthy partnership as we work together to educate the students of Neosho.” stated Dan Decker, Neosho R-5 Superintendent.

Completion of an AA and high school graduation simultaneously will provide not only a “jump start” on their college education, but a more affordable opportunity as well. Dual credit is available at a reduced tuition rate.

For more information on our Dual Credit Program you may contact Melissa Smith, Dual Credit Coordinator, at 417-455-5627, or e-mail: melissasmith@crowder.edu

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Pictured L-R: Dr. Kent Farnsworth, Crowder College Interim President and Mr. Dan Decker, Neosho R5 Superintendent shake hands as the announcement of Associate of Art degree options are made available to Neosho High School students.