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**Crowder Aggies Triumphant at National Contest**

Twenty seven Crowder College Agriculture Students spent their spring break at the National Post- Secondary Agriculture Students (PAS) conference/contest in St. Cloud, Minnesota, March 11-14<sup>th</sup>, 2014. After fourteen hours on the road, the students were ready to network and compete with over 600 fellow agriculture majors from colleges and universities from across the country. Crowder College was proudly represented, with sixteen plaques awarded to the Aggies.

Kylie Ehlers, Anderson, MO, a freshman Pre-Vet major, was selected amongst a very qualified group of upperclassmen to serve as President-Elect for the national organization. Ehlers currently serves as Missouri's PAS president.

"The Crowder Aggies represented the college with professionalism and class throughout the conference, and many of them were recognized for their achievements, but ALL of them are to be commended for their efforts," emphasized Dr. Terry Halleran, instructor and advisor.

•Career Planning

Non-Ruminant: 3<sup>rd</sup> place-Mekahlia Jones, Lebanon, MO

Natural Resources: 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Josie McCorkle, Carl Junction, MO

Plant Systems: 1<sup>st</sup> place Megan Jones , Neosho, MO and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Zach Aldridge, Neosho, MO

•Career Progress

Ag Education Systems: 1st Staci Garvin, Anderson, MO and 2<sup>nd</sup> place Jared Lipe, Seneca, MO

Ruminant Animal Systems : 3<sup>rd</sup> place Travis Hayworth, Washburn, MO and 2<sup>nd</sup> place Jessica Schad, Monett, MO

•Employment Interview

Nursery and Landscape Design : 2<sup>nd</sup> place Kay-Lynn Lippold, Rogersville, MO

Livestock Production: 1<sup>st</sup> place – Victoria Giebler, Seneca, MO

•Livestock Specialist

Beef Specialist Team : 2<sup>nd</sup> place Drew Henbest, Cassville, MO; Davis Benedict, Buffalo, MO and Victoria Giebler, Seneca, MO

Beef Specialist Individual- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Victoria Giebler, Seneca, MO

•Horticulture Specialist

Floriculture Specialist Team -2<sup>nd</sup> place Staci Garvin and Kylie Ehlers, Anderson, MO

Crowder Agriculture students and faculty will also be hosting the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Aggie Day competition Thursday, March 27, for 72 high schools with over 2,500 students participating in various contests.

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