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**CROWDER COLLEGE'S MURPHY
RECEIVES STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD**

Branson, Missouri – Friday, November 7. Crowder College student Courtney Murphy received the Missouri Community College Association's Student Leadership Award at a ceremony in Branson today. Murphy has completed Crowder's certified nurse assistant program and works at a regional hospital. She maintains excellent grades and is an active member of the Monett Jaycees and a student worker at Crowder's Cassville campus.

This year marked MCCA's fiftieth annual convention. Association members celebrated the milestone by hosting several former community college leaders at the convention, including Dr. Norman Myers, founding president of Ozarks Technical Community College; Dr. Don Shook, founding president of East Central College, St. Charles Community College, and St. Charles Community College; and Dr. Jim Kellerman, former MCCA executive director.

The Missouri Community College Association is a statewide organization through which Missouri's community colleges work together to advance common agendas. MCCA provides advocacy, education, information, and networking opportunities in service of the state's 5,700 community college faculty, staff, administrators, and trustees.

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Photo of Courtney Murphy with David Russell from MDHE at the MCCA Convention.