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## **Groundbreaking for Solar Decathlon House**

**Neosho, MO** – Crowder College and Drury University will hold a joint groundbreaking ceremony to kick off the 2015 Solar Decathlon house project, March 10, at 2:30pm at the MARET Center on the Crowder campus in Neosho.

Students, faculty and staff participating in the project will be on hand to provide information about the project. The house will be constructed over the next several months at Crowder then transported to Irvine, California, in October to compete against institutions such as Yale, Clemson, Missouri S&T, California Polytechnics and more.

The construction of the 2015 home will boast not only energy efficiency, but a shelter that will withstand wind speeds in excess of 200mph. This structural soundness was inspired by the May 2011 tornado in Joplin, MO.

Crowder College has previously participated in the Decathlon in 2002 and 2005. In 2002, Crowder earned the People's Choice award and tied for 1<sup>st</sup> in the Energy Balance Contest in 2005.

More information about the project may be found at: <a href="http://shelter.drury.edu/">http://shelter.drury.edu/</a>

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Please contact my office if you have additional questions.

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