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Crowder Agriculture Students Compete Nationally

Neosho, MO - Crowder College competed at the National Post Secondary Agriculture Students (PAS) Conference in Boise, Idaho March 11-14, 2015. Thirty six Crowder Aggies won their individual and team events at the state level in order to qualify for the national contest. Eighteen different contests were held for the 650 participants representing colleges and universities from 18 states. Crowder College Aggies brought home 14 plaques and many top 10 placings.

The agriculture division is also pleased to announce that the National PAS President for the 2015-2016 term is Kylie Ehlers, Anderson, MO.

Jorge Zapata, Crowder agriculture instructor has also been elected to serve on the National PAS Board of Directors for the next three years.

The students placed as follows:

Career Planning

Agribusiness Management and Marketing Systems: 1st - Erin Kitsmiller (Schell City), 2nd - Cody Goswick (Seneca)

Agriculture Education: 1st - Lena Alsup (Leasburg), 2nd - Katie Henry (Asbury), 4th - Heather Branstetter (Bolivar)

Animal Systems Non-Ruminant: 2nd - Shelby Wynn (Neosho), 3rd - Kaitlyn Fieser (O'Fallon)

Horticulture, Environmental and Natural Resources: 1st - Zayne Aldrich (Neosho), 6th - Emily Adams (Neosho)

Career Progress

Agribusiness Management and Marketing Systems: 7th - Bryn McDermott (Diamond)

Animal Systems Ruminant: 4th - Brea Williams (Pierce City), 6th - Alexandria Andrews (Pierce City)

Employee Interview

Feeds and Animal Health: 3rd - Kaitlyn Fieser (O'Fallon)

Forestry & Natural Resources: 7th - Emily Adams (Neosho)

Crops Specialist: 2nd - Nik Manley (Goodman), Zayne Aldrich (Neosho), and Elle Radford (Halfway), 5th - Jimmy Hickman (Halfway), Jade Morgan (Lamar), and Thomas Hylton (Reeds)

Equine Specialist: 9th - Victoria Carter (Lamar)



Livestock Beef Specialist: 7th - Drew Henbest (Cassville), Davis Benedict (Buffalo), and Cody Gambriel (Bolivar)

Livestock Swine Specialist: 5th - Bradley Sanders (Anderson), Kaleb Jones (Carthage), and Brea Williams (Pierce City)

Ornamental Horticulture- Floriculture: 7th- Hannah Wreath (Springfield) and Erin Kitsmiller (Schell City)

Prepared Speaking: 4th - Katie Henry (Asbury), 5th - Drew Henbest (Cassville)

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Crowder students who participated in the National PAS competition.

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