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## **AT&T CONTRIBUTES \$5,000 FOR CROWDER COLLEGE'S CAREER EDUCATION PROGRAM**

**WEBB CITY, Mo.** — AT&T today announced a \$5,000 contribution to support Crowder College's Technical Education and Career Day event, which helps inform area students about the skill sets that they need to be successful in a variety of careers. AT&T's contribution will help support the school's Technical Education and Career Day for Carl Junction, College Heights, Jasper, McAuley and Webb City area students.

"Equipping students with the resources and skills that they need to achieve college, career and life success is critical," said Dr. Jennifer Methvin, president, Crowder College. "We are grateful for AT&T's support and for its longstanding commitment to education and to Missouri."

As part of Crowder College's career education program, approximately 500 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>-grade area students from Carl Junction, College Heights, Jasper, McAuley and Webb City will get the opportunity to hear directly from instructors and other professional experts from a variety of career paths and learn about job placement and industry demand in those fields.

"Providing a quality education is one of the most important gifts that we can give our kids. It is also the cornerstone of strong communities," said Rep. Charlie Davis, R-Webb City. "I want to thank AT&T for its commitment to education and to our community. AT&T's support for Crowder College's career education program demonstrates the importance of investing in students today to prepare them for success tomorrow."

"We are proud to support Crowder College because we believe that investing in education and helping fund programs that put kids on a path to success benefits students, our business and the broader economy," said John Sondag, president, AT&T Missouri.

AT&T's support for Crowder College Foundation is part of the company's ongoing commitment to education. Among the most significant corporate educational initiatives in the U.S., AT&T and its Aspire initiative have already impacted more than 1 million students across all 50 states since the program launched in 2008. Through AT&T Aspire, the company has committed to investing \$350 million to education.

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**About Philanthropy & Social Innovation at AT&T**

AT&T Inc. is committed to advancing education, strengthening communities and improving lives. Through its community initiatives, AT&T has a long history of investing in projects that create learning opportunities; promote academic and economic achievement; or address community needs. In 2014, nearly \$127 million was contributed or directed through corporate-, employee-, social investment- and AT&T Foundation-giving programs. AT&T Aspire is AT&T’s signature education initiative that drives innovation in education by bringing diverse resources to bear on the issue including funding, technology, employee volunteerism and mentoring.

**About Crowder College and the Crowder College Foundation**

Crowder College is a comprehensive community college accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, serving a 9-county service district in southwest Missouri offering over 80 degree and transfer programs.

The Crowder College Foundation, Inc., established in 1965, is a not for profit, 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization. The Foundation has a history of service to the institution through the creation of private funding vehicles that have enriched every facet of Crowder.



Pictured (L-R): Lynnae Cook, Crowder College Committee Chairperson, Dr. Jennifer Methvin, President, Crowder College, Mike Haynes, AT&T, Steve McIntosh, Senator Roy Blunt’s Office, State Representative Charlie Davis, John Sondag, President, AT&T Missouri, and Cyndi Adamson, Director, Crowder College – Webb City.