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### **Branco Enterprises to receive statewide recognition**

*Branson, Missouri* – Branco Enterprises, Inc. will receive the Missouri Community College Association's Distinguished Business and Industry Award at the association's Fifty-Second Annual Convention, November 3 at the Hilton Convention Center in Branson, Missouri.

Branco is a locally owned and operated, family-built construction business which has been a leading provider of construction services in the Midwest since 1933.

They are also home to the only employer-apprenticeship program in Southwest Missouri for construction. In the spring of 2015, Branco approached Crowder College's leadership about administering and delivering Branco's apprenticeship program. At that same time, the college was looking to join the Registered Apprenticeship-College Consortium and needed an industry partner to complete that process.

The timing was perfect.

Allen Hall, Rich Puckett and Brennan Robinson from Branco have devoted many hours in the past year to help build the apprenticeship program.

MCCA's Distinguished Business/Industry Award is presented annually to individuals and/or businesses that have engaged in significant partnerships with their local community college to stimulate economic activity and support community college students and programs. It is one of the most prestigious honors the Association presents.

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Pictured L-R: John Branham, CEO, Branco Enterprises, Inc. & Dr. Jennifer Methvin, President, Crowder College.