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Crowder Employees of the Year Announced

Neosho, MO - Three employees of Crowder College received “Employee of the Year” awards for the 2016-17 at an end-of-year all staff luncheon today. There was one employee selected from each employee category: faculty, professional staff, and classified (support) staff. Employees were nominated by their peers and/or students and winners were selected by area Chambers of Commerce.

The **Gold Star award for faculty** went to **Travis Lallemand**, Baseball Coach and PE Instructor. Coach Lallemand was nominated based upon his leadership and dedication on the field and in the classroom. Several nominators stated that Coach Lallemand is a teacher both on and off the field. One nominator stated, “Whether he is on the field or in the classroom, Coach Lallemand always teaches values and a hard work ethic to his students and athletes. He is an excellent example of the Crowder College mission statement and he leads by example for all of us. He deserves to be recognized as an excellent teacher for always being an ideal role model for his students and setting the standard high for fellow teachers”. This award is selected and presented by the Neosho Area Chamber of Commerce.

The **Professional Staff Employee of the Year** award went to **Julie Dobbs**, Project NOW Assistant Director. Julie was nominated based upon her outstanding leadership, dedication, and great decision making skills. One of her nominators stated, “Julie is highly motivated, intelligent, and strives for excellence in everything she does. In addition to helping students succeed on a daily basis, she provides great customer service, promotes Crowder College, is a team player within all departments and is highly respected throughout all Crowder campuses and within her community.” Several of her nominators referred to her constant efforts in reaching out and providing assistance to those in need, whether in her work or in her community. This award is selected by the McDonald County Chamber of Commerce and presented by the President of the Crowder College Professional Staff Association.

The **Classified Staff Employee of the Year** award went to **Martha Nimmo**, Administrative Assistant to the President. Martha was nominated based upon her dedication to keeping the College community connected and informed. Martha was nominated by several people, one of whom commented, “Martha’s excellent communication skills, positive outlook and pleasing personality enhance her leadership qualities and mirror the Crowder College mission statement.” Another stated, “Martha is dedicated, detailed, organized, and efficient. She personally supports Crowder students through their fund raising efforts and is a fast volunteer when there are large groups on campus that need direction or assistance. In short, if it is Crowder and going on, Martha is a supporter, volunteer, and advocate.” This award is selected and presented by the Neosho Area Chamber of Commerce.

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Lauri Lyerla, Neosho Chamber, Lallemand, Dr. Jennifer Methvin, Crowder College President



Julie Dobbs



Lauri Lyerla, Neosho Chamber, Nimmo, Ashley Siler, Neosho Chamber