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NEOSHO, Mo.- Crowder College was notified of funding from the United States Department of Education to continue serving students through an Upward Bound Math/Science program (UBMS). UBMS is designed to serve 9th through 12th grade students who are interested in pursuing a college major and/or career in a mathematics, science, or engineering field. The program aims to provide academic, career, and financial aid advisement in order to increase college going and college completion rates. Services and activities include: intensive academic instruction during both the academic year and summer, workshops to encourage parental involvement, educational/cultural opportunities, exposure to college campuses, intensive one-to-one academic planning and advisement, assistance identifying financial aid and scholarship sources, and college entrance exam preparation. The program will serve over 150 students annually in 37 area school districts.

Crowder's UBMS program funding came on the heels of an announcement that the Upward Bound program (UB) was also funded earlier this summer. The UB programs also serve approximately 150 students annually and also aim to increase college going and college completion rates but work to assist students who have a wide range of college and career interests. "We are excited to continue serving students through UB and UBMS. The funding will allow us to continue to provide great academic opportunities to more students and will help us to serve them even better than before. We have nearly a 100% high school graduation rate. Of those 85% enter college and about 60% complete college." states Tiffany Slinkard, Crowder College TRIO Director.

Crowder UBMS and UB are two of five programs in the Crowder TRIO Programs office. Other programs at Crowder include the Educational Opportunity Center, Student Support Services and Talent Search. The Crowder College TRIO Programs serve

approximately 2,100 students each year in the Southwest Missouri area. TRIO Programs are educational opportunity outreach programs designed to motivate and support students who wish to succeed academically.

For more information on the Crowder College TRIO programs, contact Tiffany Slinkard, TRIO Director, (417) 455-5584 or tslinkar@crowder.edu or you may visit the website at www.crowder.edu/trio.

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