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Sen. Jason Crowell Announces Distribution of Funding to Southeast Missouri State University

JEFFERSON CITY– Sen. Jason Crowell, R-Cape Girardeau, today announced that Southeast Missouri State received \$173,000 in funding for its Dental Hygiene Clinic. The payment is part of the \$335 million Lewis and Clark Discovery Initiative the General Assembly passed last year.

“Last year, we passed comprehensive higher education reform that included funding for major projects at campuses throughout the state,” said Sen. Crowell. “The Southeast Missouri State University Dental Hygiene Clinic was one of these projects, and I am pleased to see that it has come to fruition so successfully.”

The new facility, which was made possible through Lewis and Clark Funding, will fill a need for qualified dental hygienists in the region. A ribbon cutting ceremony for the new dental hygiene program and facilities was held in April. The programs are designed to enhance the quality of dental care available in southeast Missouri.

“Southeast Missouri is a historically underserved region when it comes to dental care,” said Sen. Crowell. “This facility is giving students the knowledge and ability to better the quality of life for residents in our community.”

Today’s payment to Southeast Missouri State will reimburse the school for actual expenditures. The total \$335 million in funding for colleges and universities throughout Missouri will be distributed over a five-year period. In the same period, a total of more than \$24 million in funding will go to Southeast Missouri State and its satellite campuses.

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