2012 MoACTE (Missouri Association Career & Technical Educators) Outstanding New CTE Teacher of the Year

Samantha Cosper (Dec 08 Pitt State Graduate) is just starting her 5th year in the teaching profession. She is currently teaching at Cassville High School in Cassville, MO. Her accomplishments include increasing her FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America) membership, attending and presenting at multiple conferences and workshops, being a state grant recipient, and becoming a talented curriculum writer. She believes that career education plays a vital role in preparing students to be lifelong learners and dynamic community leaders.

2012 MoEFACS (Missouri Educators of Family & Consumer Sciences) Teacher of the Year

Kristi Hodson (May 05 Pitt State Graduate) is beginning her 8th year teaching at Carthage High School in Carthage, MO. She has been very active as an FCCLA Advisor, MoEFACS mentor teacher, and as a community member. She believes in making lessons relate to real world applications by offering students a no-nonsense, yet fun means of communication to encourage the learning process. Last school year alone, her FCCLA Leadership class logged over 108 community service hours outside of school, where students were able to learn firsthand how to be participants and leaders within their own community. Hodson has attended and presented at multiple conferences and was the 2011 recipient of the Carthage Chamber of Commerce Golden Key Teaching Award.