College President Welcomed Into Entrepreneurship Forum

NorthWest Arkansas Community College Part Of National Initiative

BENTONVILLE, Ark. (Feb. 9, 2012) – Dr. Becky Paneitz, president of NorthWest Arkansas Community College, has joined the Presidents for Entrepreneurship Forum.

The National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship launched the forum through which community college presidents make specific commitments to advance entrepreneurship and the impact these colleges have on the economic well-being of their communities.

The Presidents for Entrepreneurship Forum is a select group of innovative community college presidents from across the country. Paneitz joins more than 100 presidents in the initiative and is the only president from Arkansas to become a member.

The forum will work in partnership with the National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship, the Association of Community College Trustees, Startup America and the Obama administration to encourage economic growth through entrepreneurship.

In December, the White House hosted the first board meeting of the Startup America Partnership. At that time, the National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship, among other organizations, became a committed partner in the Obama administration’s proposed $2 billion in resources being dedicated to support startups.

NorthWest Arkansas Community College is a comprehensive, public two-year college that serves and strengthens the community through learning for living. NWACC’s service area is defined by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education as Benton and Washington counties in extreme northwest Arkansas. The commitment of NWACC to lifelong learning can be seen in the quality of instruction it offers, and the variety of programs it has designed to move students into the job market in a minimum amount of time, enrich people's lives, and prepare them to further their education. For more information, visit www.nwacc.edu.