Commencement Slated For May 10
More Than 1,200 Will Graduate From NWACC

BENTONVILLE, Ark. (May 2, 2012) – NorthWest Arkansas Community College will hold commencement ceremonies Thursday, May 10, at 7 p.m. at the John Q. Hammons Center.

The college will graduate more than 1,200 students in the spring ceremony.

Alex Vasquez will give this year’s commencement address.

Vasquez has served as chairman of the NWACC Board of Trustees since January 2010. He has been with Walmart Stores, Inc., since 2003 and serves as an Associate General Counsel for Corporate Affairs, advising the company on matters involving public affairs and government relations.

Vasquez earned his Juris Doctor from Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law in 1991. He served as a law clerk to the Honorable Jorge A. Solis, United States District Court, Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division and practiced law for several years with firms in Texas.

In 2009, Vasquez helped launch the Northwest Arkansas Chapter of the Association of Latino Professionals with the mission of assisting in the recruitment, retention and development of Latino professionals in Northwest Arkansas. Alex and his wife, Cindy, and their three children, Michel, Cristian and Julian, reside in Little Flock.

Along with the graduation ceremonies, the 2012 Dick Trammel Outstanding Alumni Award will be given to Catherine Lynn (Jines) Yockey. Jesse Greenhill will receive the NWACC Distinguished Graduate, and Howard Slinkard will receive an Honorary Degree.

Following the ceremonies, the first Alumni Graduation Reception will be held for friends and family, and refreshments will be served.

NWACC will also be conducting several other graduation events this month. The Nursing Pinning Ceremony will be held Saturday, May 12, at 2 p.m. in the Arend Arts Center at the Bentonville High School. Also at the Arend Arts Center, the Adult Education Graduation will be Saturday, May 12, at 7 p.m.
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 life-long 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