NWACC Recognizes Rising Scholars

College Honors Students, Area High Schools

BENTONVILLE, Ark. (May 31, 2012) – NorthWest Arkansas Community College recently recognized 96 high school students who have excelled in concurrent classes as Rising Scholars.

Students can take NWACC classes on the NWACC campus, through the Early College Experience, high school-based concurrent enrollment program, or through NTI Secondary Career Center. To receive the award, graduating seniors must be enrolled in or have completed at least 12 college credit hours and maintain a 3.0 or higher NWACC grade point average.

Students recognized as Rising Scholars included:

**Bentonville High School:** Brianna Allmond, Sydney Arend, Andrea Bagwell, Macey Brake, Spencer Butler, Chandler Cannon, Kailyn Dearing, Gabriela Dominguez, Taylor Griffith, Jared Holt, Izabella Larson, Maggie Lasater, Steven Lear, Brendan Mahoney, Jessica McCarty, Victoria McDonald, Megan Michel, Krista Mitchell, Kelsey Parks, Asia Patterson, Danielle Phillips, Melanie Pickering, Taylor Riney, Ali, Robinson, Tyler Scott, Lauren Shepherd, Adriana Torres, Andrew Tunnell, Anna Wilkinson,

**Fayetteville High School:** Luci Brooks, Sara Cano, Rachael England, Byron McClendon
**Gentry High School:** Kaylin Cripps, Victoria-Tori Martin, Tyler Morgan, Kendra Pettit, Suzanna Sikes, Lacey Stephens, Nelson Watson

**Greenland High School:** Ryan Duchanois, Linda Steede

**Har-Ber High School:** Luke Hanson, Jamie Perry, Ashlee Snow

**Heritage High School:** Morgan Bowen, Sarah Campbell, Daisy Capps, Deborah Collins, Veronica Martinez, Alex Schmollinger

**Home School:** Karen Allen, Miles Blaisus, Adam Coston, Aaron Joyce, Hannah Montgomery, Laura Parsons, Rebekah Rheingans, Katherine Wright

**Pea Ridge High School School:** Jessica Dudley, Bethany Roughton

**Rogers High School:** Grace Dyer, Nicholas Fielding, Grant Kargol, Kelsey King, Hannah Marsh, Timothy Martin-McGowan, Eliza Brown, Natalie Norwood, Orin Orlopp, Lindsey Revoir, Carlee Rodriguez, Caleb Surly

**Shiloh Christian High School:** Kellen Boyett, Jared Chenier, Nathan Gilbert, Christian Goodman, Meghan Green, Cameron Harris, Tyler Harris, Meagan Henley, Alycia Howard. Matthew Ledbetter, Jacob May, Caleb McDaniel, Ashlyne Ogle, Christian Reed, Reed Shackelford, Katie Steward, Taylor Thompson, Bailey Trusty, Hollan Van Horn, Andrew Zurborg

**Siloam Springs High School:** Holly Bergthold, Auston Cobb and Ashley Cowan.

NWACC also recognized area high schools for their commitment to offering students concurrent enrollment opportunities and the number of students recognized as NWACC Rising Scholars. To be recognized as an Early College Experience School, 10 percent or more of the students participating in NWACC Early College Experience program must be recognized as NWACC Rising Scholars. High Schools being recognized are: Bentonville High School, Gentry High School, Greenland High School, Pea Ridge High School, Rogers Heritage High School, Rogers High School, Shiloh Christian School, and Siloam Springs High School

NWACC has been offering concurrent enrollment opportunities to area high school students since 1995. From 2000 to 2010, NWACC has awarded 5,820 high school students 27,273 semester credit hours. In the academic year 2010-11, students saved $284,213 in tuition by participating in concurrent classes at NWACC.

**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.