Mouser Named Golden Eagle Award Winner  
NWACC Chooses Nontraditional Student as November Honoree  

BENTONVILLE, Ark. (November 13, 2012) – Wes Mouser of Fayetteville was named NorthWest Arkansas Community College’s Golden Eagle Award recipient for November during a college Board of Trustees meeting on Monday, Nov. 12.

Mouser, 26, is a nontraditional student who began his studies at NWACC in 2011. He graduated from Fayetteville High School in 2004. He holds a 4.0 grade point average and is in the honors program at the college. He is pursuing an Associate of Arts in teaching with plans to transfer to the University of Arkansas. His dream is to become a teacher of American history.

He co-led a team of students in developing an Interfaith Symposium in an effort to promote religious tolerance. The symposium was presented Nov. 12. He also volunteers with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, helping with local fundraising events.

He works part-time at War Eagle Marina and is honing his handyman skills while renovating a third-generation family home in which he and his wife, Margaret, reside.

Ginny Meek, an NWACC employee in learner services, nominated Mouser for the award. “As a work-study, Wes has demonstrated leadership abilities and has taken on several projects and often goes above and beyond,” Meek wrote. “Part of the success of the new Student Records & Financial Aid Express Lane is Wes’ attention to details. … The eight years of working at various jobs prior to returning to pursue his education has helped Wes develop excellent customer service skills, which he demonstrates on a daily basis interacting with students.”

Students may be nominated for NWACC’s Golden Eagle Award by an instructor, administrative staff person or a student organization adviser. Each candidate must have at least a 3.0 grade point
average in a minimum of six credit hours of class and demonstrate social awareness, personal development, a diverse interest and involvement in varied activities, interpersonal communication skills and a commitment to education.

NorthWest Arkansas Community College is a smart choice for students wanting to pursue quality higher education. As an accredited institution through The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association, NWACC is a public two-year institution that serves and strengthens its surrounding communities in Benton and Washington counties by helping our students maximize their potential and exceed expectations. With state-of-the-art facilities, NWACC provides excellent academic instruction and workforce training needed to succeed, offering personalized attention from highly respected faculty, staff, and administrators. For more information, visit www.nwacc.edu.