Paneitz Receives Embracing Hope Award

Honor Recognizes Leadership Regarding National Child Protection Training Center

BENTONVILLE, Ark. (November 16, 2012) – Dr. Becky Paneitz, president of NorthWest Arkansas Community College, recently was honored with a national Embracing Hope Award.

The 2012 award was presented Nov. 3 in St. Paul, Minn., at the Embracing Hope gala benefiting the National Child Protection Training Center.

Paneitz was honored for her leadership in establishing the Southern Region National Child Protection Training Center at NorthWest Arkansas Community College. The gala program stated, “President Paneitz immediately grasped the significance of the vision and put her whole heart and mind into making it a reality, helping to spread CAST to community colleges throughout the United States and beyond.” CAST, or Child Advocacy Studies, focuses on developing students’ understanding of the various factors that lead to child maltreatment, and of various existing responses to incidents of child maltreatment, in order that they may work more effectively within various systems and institutions that respond to these incidents.

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