TURNER RECEIVES GOLDEN EAGLE AWARD

Area Student Awarded Honor for Commitment to Service

BENTONVILLE, Ark. (January 29, 2013) – Nathan Turner of Rogers was chosen as NorthWest Arkansas Community College’s Golden Eagle Award recipient for December.

Turner was recognized at the College’s Board of Trustees meeting on Jan. 14. He is pursuing an Associate of General Science degree, and he plans to complete studies to receive a Registered Nurse license and then obtain a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. After obtaining his bachelor’s degree, he plans to apply to medical school and plans to be either a medical doctor or doctor of osteopathic medicine.

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.

Natasha Washington, a professor in social sciences, nominated Turner for the award. She noted that he served two years as a member of the Student Ambassador Activities Board, and in that role, he was the liaison with the Student Government Association. She said that as the liaison representative, Turner had to maintain an open line of communication between the two groups and be aware of the activities and events of both organizations. He also had to represent the interests of each group to the other.

“As a member of both organizations on campus, he went above and beyond his job to equally participate as a member in both organizations,” she wrote. “He was always at events and activities on and off campus and he previously did this while also working. …”
“As the faculty advisor for SGA, I actually wanted to steal him away from SAAB,” she wrote. “I think he is a born leader with untapped skills. That is why I am more than excited that he has taken on the role of Vice President of SGA.”

Turner became VP of the Student Government Association in November. “Nathan is the type of student that most professors would enjoy and want in their class,” Washington said. “He also has the type of character and dedication that most individuals admire and respect.”

Turner holds a 3.86 grade point average. Recycling is both a personal interest for him and a civic activity. He also is an active runner, training during summer months for a marathon. He also is a volunteer at his former high school, Benton County School of the Arts High School. His parents are Susan and Mike Turner.

Cutline:
Nathan Turner, right, holds the Golden Eagle certificate he received from Dr. Todd Kitchen, vice president for learner support services. The award was presented Jan. 14 at the NorthWest Arkansas Community College’s Board of Trustees meeting.

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