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Associate Professor Receives Alumni Service Award
NWACC Faculty Member Honored by UA Black Alumni Society

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (May 2, 2013) – Erica P. Holliday, an associate professor in the Business and Computer Information Division at NorthWest Arkansas Community College, was recently presented with the Alumni Service Award by the Black Alumni Society of the Arkansas Alumni Association.

Holliday and eight other individuals were recognized for their personal and professional achievements April 19-21 during the Society’s 11th reunion, themed “Think Back, Look Back, Come Back, Give Back.”

Holliday, a lifetime member with the Arkansas Alumni Association, has been involved with the Black Alumni Society since its inception. She has volunteered with the Society for more than 15 years, and she also has given her time, talents and gifts. She was raised in Snow Lake, a small town in southeastern Arkansas, and she graduated from Elaine High School. She has had her name “chiseled” in Senior Walk at the University of Arkansas three times. In 2002, she earned the distinction of being the youngest black female graduate in her department. Known to many as “Doc Holliday,” her passion for educating students in technology and using a “real-world” curriculum has gained her many honors in her profession for her service and leadership. She attributes her steadfast dedication to her profession to her parents and life mentors.

Others recognized were from throughout the state and nation.

Those honored with the Citation of Distinguished Alumni were Ronald L. Rainey, a professor with the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture in Little Rock; Ritche Manley Bowden, a retired administrator for the Mid-South Gastroenterology Clinic and Outpatient Ambulatory Surgery
Center; and Col. Dennis O. May, director, Veterans Employment Services Office, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Mike Anderson, head coach of the Arkansas men’s basketball team, received an Honorary Alumni Award, and Tony D. Posey, founder and CEO of Outcomes Inc. in Springdale, received a Community Service Award.

Young Alumni Awards were presented to Latriece Watkins, who leads the adult beverage team for Wal-Mart U.S., and Chris Walton, who received a bachelor’s in mechanical engineering in 2012 and is now pursuing a doctorate in the same field at Mississippi State University. Paul Davis, Tyson Foods vice president for customer development, Global Wal-Mart Team U.S., received the Wyatt Weems Memorial Award.

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