Bell Receives Golden Eagle Award

Charles “Chuck” A. Bell of Rogers was named the Golden Eagle Award recipient for September 2011 on Monday, Sept. 12, at NorthWest Arkansas Community College.

Todd Kitchen, vice president for student learning, presented the honor to Bell at the NWACC Board of Trustees meeting.

Bell, 38, is a nontraditional student who began his studies at NWACC in 1994 on a part-time basis. After working for several years, he returned to the college as a full-time student for the 2010-11 academic year.

Kathie Legg, assistant director of financial aid, said Bell is a very successful student with a 3.77 grade point average. “He is involved in many student organizations and activities along with community associations,” she wrote in nominating him for the honor. “Chuck demonstrates his academic, interpersonal and leadership skills on a daily basis with his positive attitude and caring nature. He is very deserving of the Golden Eagle Award.”

Students may be nominated for the 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.

Bell praised the faculty at NWACC. “The instructors make it an environment where you want to learn,” he said.

Bell has been active in Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society, Phi Theta Kappa Society, Jitdam Kapeel Club, Asian Cultural Club and the Student Government Association. He has served as a volunteer for several events and activities, including student orientation, Return to Learn and the English as a Second Language Field Day.

He serves in the Washington County Detention Center jail ministry and is involved in Evergreen Church of Christ’s community outreach. He also leads singing every other month at his church. He volunteers for a nonprofit organization that helps people recover from drug addiction.

He is seeking an Associate of Science degree at NWACC and plans to transfer to the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville and obtain a bachelor’s degree in recreation and sports management. He also plans to attend graduate school and earn a master’s degree in sports management.

Bell is the son of Danna and Charles Bell of Hindsville.

He enjoys hiking, fishing, camping and just being outdoors. He plays in an adult co-ed softball league on Monday nights. He said he likes watching and playing sports of all kinds.