NWACC’s Francis Featured In Converge Yearbook
College’s Information Technology Leader Named One Of 50 Education Innovators

BENTONVILLE, Ark. (Oct. 24, 2011) – Paige Francis, the associate vice president for information technology at NorthWest Arkansas Community College, is one of 50 education innovators featured in the Center for Digital Education’s recently released Converge Yearbook.

Francis began leading the Information Technology Department at NWACC in spring 2010. Under her leadership, all of the network and infrastructure on campus has been replaced or overhauled. A grant was pursued and awarded allowing the previous clunky college portal to be replaced and upgraded. The NWACC website has been upgraded, and a student technology help desk was created to better serve students. The College also is working to implement the Arkansas Research and Education Optical Network, a statewide higher education broadband link that gives two-year and four-year colleges the opportunity for unparalleled collaboration via increased Internet access and bandwidth.

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