NWACC Will Host Return To Learn
Event Gives Prospective Nontraditional Students Glimpse Into College Studies, Services

BENTONVILLE, Ark. (Oct. 26, 2011) – NorthWest Arkansas Community College will present Return to Learn, a student recruitment event aimed at removing hurdles for nontraditional students who wish to pursue a college degree, next week.

The college will host Return to Learn from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1, in Room 108 of the Student Center on the NWACC campus in Bentonville.

Organizers plan to cover topics such as enrolling at NWACC, Career Services, Academic Advising and Financial Aid, including completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid paperwork. Prospective students attending Return to Learn can bring their 2010 tax return, and NWACC’s financial aid specialists will help them complete the application.

Information will be provided to prospective students about GED completion, workforce certification and earning an associate degree or college credit toward a bachelor’s degree.

A similar event was conducted during the spring. A participant, Krystle Mitchell of Vaughn, attended that inaugural Return to Learn session and is now a student at NWACC.

“Attending the information sessions really helped me understand there are people at NWACC who really want to help me get through all the red tape,” Mitchell said. “I learned more about how to fill out my FAFSA and the degree plans available. I am now a first-semester student pursuing graphic design. Return to Learn made it easy to come back to college after being gone for a while.”

The schedule for the evening includes the following activities:

- **5:30-6:10 p.m.** – Check-in and sign-up for tour and FASFA assistance
- **6:10 p.m.** – Welcome
- **6:15-6:20 p.m.** – Event overview with special emphasis on the needs and goals of nontraditional students
- **6:20-6:50 p.m.** – Enrollment information session
- **6:50-8 p.m.** – Student Services Fair
- **8 p.m.** – Ending session, including door prizes.

Organizers ask that participants arrive by 6 p.m. More information about Return to Learn is available by calling Jamie Johnston at 479-986-4015 or emailing jjohnston4@nwacc.edu.
NorthWest Arkansas Community College is a comprehensive, public two-year college that serves and strengthens the community through learning for living. NWACC's service area is defined by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education as Benton and Washington counties in extreme northwest Arkansas. The commitment of NWACC to life-long learning can be seen in the quality of instruction it offers, and the variety of programs it has designed to move students into the job market in a minimum amount of time, enrich people's lives, and prepare them to further their education. For more information, visit www.nwacc.edu.