



**NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HONORARY ASSOCIATE DEGREE**

Invitation to Nominate

NWACC's Board of Trustees periodically grants honorary associate degrees to recognize and celebrate outstanding service to the College and/or the community. The honorary degree is awarded to select individuals who, beyond their normal occupational pursuits, exemplify a high caliber of service to enhance the quality of life.

Honorary associate degrees are awarded in five different areas:

1. **Educational Service:** Recognizing outstanding service that enhances educational opportunities for the area or that gives personal assistance that leads to the success of individuals in higher education.
2. **Humanitarian Service:** Recognizing outstanding altruism that enhances the quality of life for others in the area.
3. **Servant Leadership:** Recognizing outstanding service that goes "the second mile" beyond the servant's paid job description in any area of leadership and that benefits others and/or enhances their leadership capabilities.
4. **Arts and Letters:** Recognizing outstanding contributions to the arts in any form that enhances the quality of life in the area.
5. **Entrepreneurial Leadership:** Recognizing outstanding contributions to business/industry through creative start-ups of new enterprises or through innovative management of business or industry.

Any trustee, faculty member, alumnus, or interested individual may nominate an individual for this honor. Selection criteria are noted on the following page. The Honorary Degree Committee will review all nominations on January 23, 2009 and make recommendation at the February 2009 Board of Trustees meeting.

We invite you to complete the enclosed nomination form and submit it by **Wednesday, January 21, 2009**. Please direct any questions to Dr. Susan Holmes at 479-619-4197 or sholmes@nwacc.edu.

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HONORARY ASSOCIATE DEGREE SELECTION CRITERIA

The following should be considered by the Honorary Associate Degree Committee in the selection of nominees for the conferring of honorary associate degrees:

1. The nominee should be considered outstanding in his or her field and should be held in high esteem among those of the same profession.
2. The nominee should have given extraordinary service to the College or to the community (local, state, and national).
3. The nominee should wear the degree with dignity and distinction.
4. The less frequently honorary associate degrees are conferred and the fewer, the more significant will be the honor when it is given. In no case will there be more than two honorary associate degrees awarded in a year.
5. In every instance, the conferring of an honorary associate degree should be an acknowledgement and recognition of a history of loyalty to and support of the goals and objectives of the College on the part of the individual so honored.
6. Honorary associate degrees cannot be awarded to college faculty, staff, administration, or sitting members of the Board of Trustees.
7. In absentia and posthumous honorary associate degrees shall be made only in exceptional circumstances.

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Nomination Form

Date:

Your Name:

Your Phone/Email:

Name of Nominee:

Please choose the honorary associate degree applicable to this nominee:

Educational Service

Humanitarian Service

Servant Leadership

Arts and Letters

Entrepreneurial Leadership

Please describe your nominee according to the policy and criteria approved by NWACC's Board of Trustees and included in this document. We ask you to specifically address three categories:

1. *Professional achievement*

2. *Record of service to the community*

3. *Support of NWACC and/or community*

Submit the completed nomination by **Wednesday, January 21, 2009 to Dr. Susan Holmes by email to sholmes@nwacc.edu or by fax (479-619-4118). If you need assistance, call 479-619-4197. Thank you!**