

## **Dr. Steven M. Gates named VP for Advancement at NWACC**

BENTONVILLE (Tuesday, April 10, 2007) – Dr. Steven M. Gates has been named Vice President for Advancement at NorthWest Arkansas Community College, President Dr. Becky Paneitz announced today.

The Vice President for Advancement at NWACC is the administrative officer responsible for resource development and grants, marketing and creative services, extended programs and community partnerships, planning and institutional research, and college and community relations.

Gates, of Neosho, Mo., begins work Monday, April 16.

“I am very excited to have this opportunity,” Gates said. “The broader vision and specific goals established by the NWACC Board under Dr. Paneitz’ leadership hold great promise for area citizens and will establish NWACC as a national leader among community colleges.”

Gates said he attended the college’s Foundation Gala. The event, held Thursday, April 5, was attended by 600 friends of the college including Arkansas Gov. Mike Beebe and raised \$100,000 for scholarships.

“I could see the support NWACC has from not only the citizens of Northwest Arkansas, but from citizens throughout the Arkansas,” he said. “Dr. Paneitz has assembled a very experienced leadership team and the Board has identified some very bold and progressive goals for the college.

“I look forward to serving Dr. Paneitz, working with the leadership team, and providing leadership for all areas of institutional advancement.”

Gates served as president of Crowder College in Neosho from August 2004 through June 2006.

As CEO at Crowder College, Gates was responsible for the college’s main campus and three instructional centers, administrative and fiscal management of college’s \$24 million budget, strategic planning to support institutional priorities, representing the college to all state and federal agencies and serving as an advocate of the college to legislators and Missouri Congressional leaders.

Prior to joining Crowder, Gates was a campus dean at Indian Hills Community College in Centerville, Iowa, from August 2002 - August 2004.

His duties included responsibility for all daily operations of the campus.

He served as Executive Vice President for Student and Academic Affairs at Northeast Iowa Community College in Calmar, Iowa, from July 2000 through July 2002.

His duties included responsibility for all academic affairs including curriculum, instruction, course and program approval, review, and development, and articulation and transfer.

Gates was Dean of the English department at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, from August 1990 through June 2000.

He was an Assistant Professor of English at Kirkwood from 1987- 1990, teaching communication skills courses to applied sciences students.

Gates has a Doctorate of Philosophy in English Education from the University of Iowa in Iowa City. He earned a Master of Arts degree in English from Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, New Mexico. His Bachelor of Arts degree is in English Education from Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa.