



Governor appoints Alex Vasquez to NWACC Board of Trustees

BENTONVILLE (Monday, June 11, 2007) – P. Alex Vasquez, Associate General Counsel in the Legal Administration Division of Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., has been appointed by Governor Mike Beebe to the Board of Trustees at North West Arkansas Community College.

The appointment fills the vacancy created by the appointment of NWACC Trustee Howard Slinkard in April to the Arkansas State University Board of Trustees. Slinkard served two 6-year terms on the Board of Trustees, representing Rogers in position No.8. He was Chairman of the Board from January 2002 through December 2003.

“I applaud Governor Beebe’s appointment of Alex as a trustee,” College President Dr. Becky Paneitz said. “Alex is a valued member of the community, whom I am sure will be an active trustee. I believe Alex will always ask that important question, ‘Is this the right thing to do for our students.’”

Vasquez’s appointment will require that he be elected to the position for the balance of Slinkard’s 6-year term at the next school board election.

Vasquez, a former high school teacher, is greatly familiar with NWACC. He has served since August 2005 on the NWACC Foundation and chaired a major Hispanic/Latino outreach program called AMIGOS de NWACC.

AMIGOS – “A Motivated Informed Group of Supporters of NWACC” – is a group of area professionals and business leaders committed to encouraging Hispanic/Latino students through various networking opportunities.

NWACC Board of Trustees Chairman Mark Lundy said Vasquez is a welcomed addition to the board.



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“It is a pleasure to welcome Alex to the Board of Trustees,” Lundy said. “Because of his involvement with NWACC through the Foundation, the AMIGOS outreach program and his teaching experience he will bring a unique perspective to the Board.”

At Wal-Mart, Vasquez is responsible for the development and coordination of diversity for the company’s Legal Department.

In his role, he focuses on continued diversity within the Legal Department, commitment to diversity by Wal-Mart’s outside counsel, and advancing diversity in the legal profession.

Prior to assuming his current responsibilities, Vasquez was the Associate General Counsel for Planning and Development in the Litigation Division of the Wal-Mart Legal Department. He was responsible for strategic planning and attorney development.

He began his career with Wal-Mart in March 2003 as an Assistant General Counsel assigned to the Commercial Litigation Section.

Prior to joining Wal-Mart, Vasquez practiced law with firms in Dallas and Abilene, Texas. He also served as law clerk to the Honorable Jorge A. Solis, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division.

Vasquez earned his Juris Doctor from Southern Methodist University School of Law in 1991.

Vasquez received a Bachelor of Education from Hardin-Simmons University in 1985 and taught English at Abilene, Texas, High School from 1985-1987. He is certified by the Texas State Board of Education to teach English, Spanish, and counseling and human development.

He and his wife, Cindy, live in Rogers with their three children, Michel, Cristian, and Julian. The family regularly enjoys the outdoor activities of Northwest Arkansas. They are active members of Trinity Grace Church in Rogers.

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