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(Cutline information is included below.)

## **Home Builders Donate Scholarship Funds for NWACC Construction Technology Student *Gift Will Aid Students Interested in Residential Construction***

**BENTONVILLE, Ark. (June 29, 2017)** – The Northwest Arkansas Home Builders Association Foundation is providing an annual \$1,000 college scholarship for students interested in pursuing a career in residential construction.

Leaders of the Home Builders Association presented a check to Keith Peterson and Annetta Tirey of NorthWest Arkansas Community College on June 27. Peterson is dean of workforce

development at NWACC, and Tirey is executive director of development for the NWACC Foundation. The first scholarship will be awarded for the fall 2017 semester, and the student must be enrolled in the construction technology program at NWACC.

The College launched its associate degree program in construction technology in the fall of 2016. A representative from the Northwest Arkansas Home Builders Association Foundation serves on the advisory board for the program.

Marissa Fahrig, executive officer of the Northwest Arkansas Home Builders Association, said the organization has a strong interest in the College's construction technology program.

"Our members are committed to strengthening the industry and prioritize investing in educating the next generation of Northwest Arkansas home builders," Fahrig said.

In addition to Fahrig, representatives of the NWA Home Builders Association participating in the check presentation were Jeremy Lewis, board vice president; Erin Main, board president; EJ Johnson, board president-elect; and board members Aaron Wirth, Steve Abshire, Brenda Jones and David Hargrave.

Bob Beeler, program coordinator of construction technology at NWACC, said the NWA Home Builders Association's commitment is vital in the College's efforts to prepare workers for the construction business in the growing region. "Northwest Arkansas Home Builders Association continues to show leadership in business and education, and we appreciate them very much," Beeler said.

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### **Home Builders Scholarship**

Members of the Northwest Arkansas Home Builders Association present a \$1,050 check to representatives from NorthWest Arkansas Community College to provide a scholarship for a construction technology students interested in residential construction. The Northwest Arkansas Home Builders Foundation, under the supervision of the NWA Home Builders Association, supports construction education in the high schools and at the community college. A representative of the foundation also serves on the advisory board for NWACC's construction technology degree program. Pictured, from left, for the June 27 presentation are Keith Peterson, NWACC's dean of workforce development; Jeremy Lewis, Home Builders Association board vice president; Erin Main, board president; Aaron Wirth, board member; Steve Abshire, board member; Brenda Jones, board member; David Hargrave, board member; EJ Johnson, board president-elect; Annetta Tirey, executive director of development for the NWACC Foundation; and Marissa Fahrig, NWAHBA executive officer.

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