

Press Release

North Kansas City Business Council announces new Executive Director

Northlander and William Jewell College graduate Richard P. Groves selected to lead business support organization

North Kansas City, October 12, 2010: Citing his depth of experience with both nonprofit and for-profit businesses and a heart for the Northland and small businesses, North Kansas City Business Council President Carolyn Henry announced the Board's selection of Richard P. Groves as its new Executive Director. Most recently, Groves was the first Program Director for Historic Downtown Liberty, Inc., an organization whose purpose is to revitalize the downtown business district in the neighboring community of Liberty. He participated in the development of the Downtown Liberty Master Plan and was on the first board of the start-up Historic Downtown Liberty, Inc. organization in 2005.

Following Groves' graduation from William Jewell College and Washington University, he worked for three Kansas City-based Fortune 500 companies. With Trans World Airlines, he progressed through management positions in Kansas City, St Louis, New York City and Pittsburgh. He returned to Kansas City for an opportunity to support the Sales and Marketing departments of Marion Laboratories. After Marion's mergers began, he was employed by Aquila Energy.

Always having the spirit of an entrepreneur, Groves participated in the Kauffman Foundation's FastTrack program and set up his own consulting firm, Pathfinder Project Resources, LLC. He has also been active as a volunteer with the William Jewell College Alumni Board of Governor, serving as its President, and with the Clay County Tourism Board where he is now coordinating projects to focus on Civil War Heritage in Clay County in anticipation of the Civil War Sesquicentennial which will begin in April of 2011. He is currently on the Advisory Board of the Missouri Main Street Connection organization, which supports economic revitalization efforts throughout the state.

For Release 9 a.m. EDT, October 14, 2010
