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## AASU Selects College of Education Dean



**Patricia Buby Wachholz**

ments and has been awarded more than \$3.5 million in state and federal grants," said Ellen V. Whitford, AASU vice president of academic affairs and dean of faculty. "She will provide excellent leadership for the College of Education as it continues to prepare highly qualified and caring teachers."

Wachholz joins Armstrong Atlantic from Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) in Fort Myers, FL, where she has served since 1999, including as associate dean and professor in the College of Education since 2005. As associate dean she collaborated in designing the Teacher Immersion Program (FGCU's state-approved alternative certification pathway) and developed course scheduling for all on-campus graduate programs and for cohort programs off-campus.

Wachholz has served as a director of the National Writing Project at FGCU since 2001, coordinating grant activities, securing outside funding, and managing grant budgets. She also served as chair for the divisions of educational studies

and undergraduate studies at FGCU.

From 1995-1999, she served at Lane College in Tennessee as assistant professor, chair of the division of liberal arts and education, and as program leader for the English department. She began her education career in Jacksonville, FL, where she taught in grades 7-12 in the areas of language arts, general science, and advanced biology.

Wachholz received a doctor of education in curriculum and instruction from the University of Memphis and a master's in English education from the University of North Florida. She earned a bachelor's in English from Western Michigan University.

"I look forward to leading the College of Education as it continues to educate highly qualified academic leaders who serve our region," said Wachholz. "It is an exciting and challenging time and we will continue to provide excellent academic programs that improve education in our region and across the state."

## Georgia to host 37th Annual Conference of EANGUS

The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS), representing more than 414,000 National Guard enlisted Soldiers and Airmen, their families and retirees will hold its 37th Annual Conference on August 18-21, 2008 at the Savannah Trade and International Center in Savannah, GA. More than 1500 National Guard members and families are expected to attend the EANGUS conference on Georgia historic coast.

The conference will

discuss a wide variety of topics and identify specific legislative issues important to Association members that will be brought before Congress during the 2009 Congressional year.

Adjutants general from 54 states and territories and National Guard Bureau leaders are expected to be in attendance. Awards will be presented to the Outstanding National Guard Soldiers and Airmen of the Year as well as to civilian employers who have shown outstanding support to employees in the National Guard.

EANGUS is organized to pursue mutual goals of the National Guard and the national defense. Through the "We Care for America Foundation" program, members have donated more than \$300,000 in grants to Guard members and their families since Hurricane Katrina. Additionally, EANGUS has supported the families of more than 300,000 Guardsmen deployed for the Global War on Terrorism.

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Patricia Buby Wachholz, whose experience as a teacher and administrator in the field of education spans nearly 30 years, has been appointed dean of the College of Education at Armstrong Atlantic State University.

Wachholz will guide all aspects of the College of Education and provide leadership for the departments of early childhood education, health and physical education, middle and secondary education, and special and adult education.

"Dr. Wachholz has established an extensive record of scholarly achieve-

## Savannah/Hilton Head Airport to Enforce Loading/Unloading Policy

On Monday, August 4, 2008, the Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport will begin strict enforcement of its policy regarding the "Immediate Loading & Unloading of Passengers" in front of the Terminal Building on the Ticketing Level and the Baggage Pick-Up Level.

Although this policy has been in effect for many years, it has not been strictly enforced and attended/unattended vehicles have previously been allowed to park for short periods of time. Due to parking congestion and security concerns, the policy will be strictly enforced. Passengers are reminded they

may use the Cell Phone Lot which requires the driver to remain with the vehicle while awaiting a passenger's arrival. Additionally, passengers are reminded they may park free-of-charge for the first thirty (30) minutes in the Long Term/Hourly lot or the Economy Lot.

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## Barack Obama... Continued from page 1

According to Democracy North Carolina, the nonpartisan nonprofit public policy group, as of June 2008, of the 5,812,519 registered Democrats in the state, 21 percent, or 1,204,415 are African-American.

"If the Democrats are to have any chance at all of carrying this state, it will only be because of a much larger-than-normal and completely united Black vote," David Rohde, a political science professor at Duke University, told Bloomberg News.

Thus far, according to published reports, the Obama campaign has opened at least

12 satellite campaign offices across the state, including in Durham and New Hanover counties.

The Raleigh office serves as the state headquarters for the Obama campaign.

Between June 3 and July 26, the Obama campaign, aware that many White working class voters are still weary of the Black candidate, has spent over \$2 million dollars on advertising statewide to make inroads into Republican McCain's base of support.

In contrast, the McCain campaign hasn't spent a dime, thus far, in North Carolina, and yet still leads Obama in recent polls by an average of 3.7 percentage points, according to RealClearPolitics.com (RCP).

Some analysts say with the exception of Virginia (which hasn't voted for a Democratic president since LBJ in 1964), where popular Gov. Tim Kaine has endorsed Obama and is considered in the running as a vice presidential running mate, "...the odds get longer and longer as you go down the list" of the seven red states that Obama plans to be competitive in, including North Carolina, according to RealClearPolitics.

"There's scant evidence in the polls in Georgia and North Carolina that Obama's spending has had much of an effect, if any, in those states," wrote RCP's Tom Bevan.

In an analysis of Obama's Southern strategy last week, Howard Fineman of Newsweek wrote, "to generate a sky-high turnout

among young voters and among the region's heavy concentration of African-Americans...skeptics call the projections unrealistic and the strategy a fool's errand." The Obama campaign disagrees.

There are 56 million unregistered voters nationwide, 32 percent of the total eligible voter ranks, the Obama campaign says. Of that number, eight million are Black (which is also 32 percent of eligible African-American voters).

Democrats don't want to repeat the Black voter shortfall they had in the 2004 presidential elections when Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry tried to unseat incumbent Republican President George Bush.

Because the Black vote in key regions underperformed based on what its potential was, battleground states like Ohio, Florida and Virginia were lost to the Democrats by single digits ranging from two to eight percent, primarily because of unregistered voters.

Kerry lost to Bush, 51 - 48%, where the key state of Ohio - where Democrats lost by 2% (110,000 votes), and there were 270,000 unregistered African-Americans - became the deciding factor.

Part of the strategy in turning North Carolina from Republican red back to Democratic blue for the presidential contest lies in a full-court press to bring new voters into the fold.

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