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Wendy Marshall

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(May 10, 2010) [The Educational Technology Center](#) (ETC) at Armstrong Atlantic State University, in partnership with five area high schools, was recently awarded \$322,900 in federal grant funding as part of the Federal Title IID Engaging Students Through Mobile Handheld Computing Grants for the fiscal year 2010.

These grants will address a statewide initiative to improve instruction to meet the needs of students enrolled in advanced placement (AP) classes at high schools in southeast Georgia. The grant recipients from the Armstrong Atlantic State University ETC service area are Groves High School, Johnson High School, Savannah Arts Academy, Glynn Academy and Brunswick High School.

“We are looking forward to working with these five high schools over the next two years to assist their advanced placement teachers in harnessing the power of these exciting classroom technology tools in order to help motivate and ultimately improve students' test scores on their AP final exams,” said Wendy Marshall, director of the AASU Educational Technology Center.

Each school received funding to outfit a minimum of two AP classrooms with iPod Touches and other technology tools to access digital resources and educational applications. In addition, the Armstrong Atlantic ETC staff will provide 30 hours of professional development for all grant recipients, as well as provide in-classroom technical and instructional support over the next two years.

The technology to be acquired for use in these 21st century classrooms includes interactive whiteboards, projectors, podcasting equipment and student response software – a hand-held application used by students to respond to a teacher's questions electronically.



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