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Head of Nation's Largest Body of CPAs to Visit Georgia Southern University

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Ernest 'Ernie' A. Almonte, the current chairman of the Board of Directors of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), will visit Georgia Southern University to address students and faculty on Sept. 16. Almonte will speak from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center located in the Nessmith-Lane Building. The public is invited and CPAs who attend will earn one hour of continuing professional education credit.

Almonte, who serves as Auditor General of the State of Rhode Island, is the first-ever government official to serve as AICPA chairman since the Institute's founding in 1887.

'The School of Accountancy at Georgia Southern University and the Southeast Georgia Chapter of the Georgia Society of CPAs are pleased to welcome the chairman of the American Institute of CPAs to Georgia Southern,' said Lowell Mooney, accounting professor in the School of Accountancy. 'In fact, this is an historic event as his visit will mark the first time that the chairman of this organization has ever visited Georgia Southern.'

Founded in 1997, the School of Accountancy, part of the College of Business Administration at Georgia Southern University, is fully accredited by AACSB International and offers both undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

Georgia Southern University, a Carnegie Doctoral/Research University, offers 115 degree programs serving nearly 18,000 students. Through eight colleges, the University offers bachelors, masters and doctoral degree programs built on more than a century of academic achievement. The University, one of Georgia's largest, is a top choice of Georgia's HOPE scholars and is recognized for its student-centered approach to education. Visit: www.georgiasouthern.edu.

About Ernie Almonte

As Auditor General of the State of Rhode Island, Ernie Almonte is responsible for auditing the \$7 billion State Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, the \$3 billion Federal Single Audit, municipal oversight, performance audits, fraud audits and oversight of quasi-public agencies. In addition to

being a certified public accountant, Almonte is also certified in Financial Forensics, a Certified Government Financial Manager, a Certified Information Technology Professional and Certified Fraud Examiner. Almonte is an active speaker on various topics such as government finance, electronic government, auditing, fraud and the CPA profession.

The American Institute of CPAs (www.aicpa.org) is the largest professional association for CPAs in the country with more than 350,000 members, including CPAs in business and industry, public practice, government, and education. The AICPA sets ethical standards for the profession and U.S. auditing standards for audits of private companies; federal, state and local governments; and non-profit organizations. It also develops and grades the Uniform CPA Examination.