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SUMMARY: WAYNE COLLEGE WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR OF SMUCKER LEARNING CENTER

Orrville, Ohio, May 18, 2007 – Dr. Patricia A. Collins is the new director of learning support services at The University of Akron Wayne College. In this position, Collins is responsible for the programs housed in the Smucker Learning Center, which include the math and writing centers, tutoring services, developmental coursework, learning skills seminars and accommodations for students with disabilities.

Collins comes to Wayne College with more than 20 years of professional experience in higher education. She was most recently at Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury, Md., and Terra Community College in Fremont, Ohio, as an adjunct faculty member teaching psychology courses. Prior to teaching, Collins was director of adult and continuing education and financial aid at Tiffin University in Tiffin, Ohio.

Collins is a graduate of The University of Toledo, where she earned a doctorate in higher education administration with a minor in educational psychology. She also earned a master of arts degree in adult education from the Ohio State University and a bachelor of commercial science degree from Tiffin University.

“I knew from the moment I stepped on the Wayne College campus that this was where I wanted to be,” says Collins. “The welcoming tone set by the faculty, staff and students that I met during my interview projected a sense of genuineness, opportunity and community. As director of the Smucker Learning Center, I am looking forward to elaborating on the services already available to students and to enhancing the learning environment for the growth and success of all Wayne College students.”



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