CAU Trustee Michael Melton Featured in Fox News Story on Achieving Success against the Odds

ATLANTA (July 27, 2009) – Clark Atlanta University trustee Michael Melton is featured in Fox News’ “Beyond the Dream,” a recurring segment that highlights the accomplishments of successful minorities who have arrived at their place of achievement by overcoming tremendous challenges and adversities.

Fox News focused the July 25th segment of “Beyond the Dream,” on Melton’s journey from poverty to success as a chief patent attorney, electrical engineer and entrepreneur.

In the news segment, Melton spoke of his upbringing as the eldest of four boys being raised by a single mother in the Midwest. While in high school, he worked as a part-time janitor for a company and that work experience helped to spark his interest in engineering as a profession.

The odds of reaching his endeavor were not favorable; he was attending a high school that did not offer the courses needed for admission to an electrical engineering degree program. However, undaunted, determined and bucking the odds, Melton committed to go to college and attain an electrical engineering degree.

Taking his mother’s advice to “do every task well,” he graduated from the University of Missouri with an electrical engineering degree and a law degree.

Melton’s career has taken him to success as a patent attorney for Fortune 500 companies, executive positions in electrical engineering and as an entrepreneur in the quick-service restaurant industry.

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Today, he is CEO of Atlanta-based TME Enterprises, where he owns, operates and manages 20 Taco Bell restaurants and five Five Guys Burgers and Fries.

Melton credits his success with hard work and with recruiting good, talented people to be part of his team.

In addition to meeting the demands of running his own company, Melton serves as president of the greater Washington, D.C. chapter of 100 Black Men, where he commits considerable time and energy to mentoring youth. He also volunteers and sits on numerous non-profit boards throughout the United States.

Melton has served on the board of trustees of Clark Atlanta University since 2007.

Please follow the link to view the Fox News segment on Melton.


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