AT&T Foundation Makes Final Installment of $1 Million Grant to CAU’s School of Business

ATLANTA (July 15, 2009) – Representatives from the AT&T Foundation recently made the final installment, $333,300, of a $1 million gift to the School of Business at Clark Atlanta University. The grant is for graduate scholarships to help support a more diverse technological work force.

Joining in the presentation are (left to right) Aristide Collins, vice president for Institutional Advancement and University Relations at CAU; Judy G. Agerton, AT&T executive director of External Affairs; CAU President Carlton E. Brown; and Dennis Boyden, AT&T regional manager of External Affairs.
Boyden said, “We are steadfast in our commitment to education and work force development. We are pleased to partner with Clark Atlanta University in their efforts to provide scholarship opportunities so they may both educate and develop talented young men and women for the work place of the future.”

President Brown stated, “Our School of Business Administration has for more than 75 years helped shaped some of the nation’s best and brightest business leaders. We are grateful for this partnership with AT&T and for the corporation’s vision for a diverse work force in a global community. It’s a vision of inclusion that will better position our students and enhance their technological savvy.”

Vice President Collins said, “When corporate business objectives meet higher educational opportunities, it’s a win-win situation for both parties. These AT&T scholars will integrate classroom activity and business experiences, preparing for some long-range goals toward leadership positions. Moreover, the scholars will help us recruit perspective MBA applicants for future growth of the school.”

Since awarding its first MBA degree in 1947 and its first BA degree in 1931, the Clark Atlanta University School of Business Administration has been a pioneer in business education for African Americans and people of color. The CAU School of Business Administration was one of the first Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in the nation to have its undergraduate and graduate business programs accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International (AACSB).
In fact, the School of Business continues to produce one of the largest classes of African-American MBAs in the world, while its undergraduate program is one of the top ten percent producers of African-American business professionals in the nation.

Formed in 1988 by the consolidation of two historic institutions, Atlanta University (1865) and Clark College (1869), Clark Atlanta University is the largest of the United Negro College Fund institutions with an enrollment of more than 4,000 students. Clark Atlanta University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097: Telephone 404-679-4501) to award the Bachelor’s, Master’s, Specialist and Doctor’s degrees. The Carnegie Classification lists CAU as a Research University – High Research Activity. CAU is listed as one of the best southeastern colleges by The Princeton Review and has been selected to the Washington Monthly’s 2008 list of best colleges and universities. National business and consumer publications rank Clark Atlanta high among the best buys in American higher education.

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