CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES ITS 20TH ANNUAL SPRING COMMENCEMENT ON MAY 18

Judge Glenda Hatchett to serve as commencement speaker and will receive honorary degree; Bishop Gregory V. Palmer to serve as baccalaureate speaker.

ATLANTA (May 11, 2009) – From the bachelor’s to the doctorate, more than 800 degrees will be awarded during Clark Atlanta University’s 20th annual spring commencement on May 18th at 8 a.m. at Panther Stadium on campus. Judge Glenda Hatchett will deliver the keynote address.

After graduating from Emory University School of Law and completing a coveted clerkship in the U.S. Federal Courts, Glenda Hatchett accepted a position at Delta Air Lines, as the company’s highest-ranking African-American woman. She served in dual roles as a senior attorney for Delta, litigating cases in federal courts throughout the country, and Manager of Public Relations, supervising global crisis management, and media relations for all of Europe, Asia and the United States. Her outstanding contributions were recognized by Ebony magazine, which named Glenda Hatchett one of the “100 Best and Brightest Women in Corporate America.” She left Delta Air Lines to accept an appointment as Chief Presiding Judge of the Fulton County, Georgia Juvenile Court, becoming Georgia’s first African-American Chief Presiding Judge of a state court and department head of one of the largest juvenile court systems in the country.

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She is a graduate of Mt. Holyoke College and has been recognized as a distinguished alumna and awarded an honorary degree by the college. She also attended Emory University School of Law and because of her commitment to excellence and service within the community, Hatchett was awarded the Emory Medal, the highest award given to an alumnus by the university.

Currently, Glenda Hatchett presides over the syndicated show, “Judge Hatchett,” now in its 8th season (Sony Pictures Television), and is author of the national best seller, *Say What You Mean, Mean What You Say* (HarperCollins). She has previously served on the Board of Directors of Gap, Inc., the Hospital Corporation of America (HCA), and The Service Master Company. Presently, Hatchett is a board member of the Atlanta Falcons Football Organization and serves on the Board of Advisors for Play Pumps International. She also serves on the Boys and Girls Clubs of America National Board of Governors. Hatchett resides in Atlanta with her two sons.

The baccalaureate ceremony for the class of 2009 will take place May 17th at 10 a.m. in the Leonidas S. Epps Gymnasium in the Vivian W. Henderson Center. The speaker is Bishop Gregory V. Palmer of the United Methodist Church.

CAU will celebrate its annual May Weekend, prior to commencement, with a number of programs and activities for alumni and friends of the university. Visit [www.cau.edu](http://www.cau.edu) for details on May Weekend.
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 nearly 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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