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CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY TO HOLD
FALL CONVOCATION SEPT. 29
United Way of Atlanta President Milton J. Little Jr. to Speak

ATLANTA (Sept. 27, 2011) – Clark Atlanta University will hold its annual Fall Convocation Sept. 29, with Milton J. Little Jr., the president of United Way of Atlanta, as the speaker. The program will take place at 11 a.m. in the Leonidas S. Epps Gymnasium in the Vivian Henderson Center.

CAU President Carlton E. Brown said, “We are excited to hear from such a distinguished alumnus of a historically black college who has made his mark in service on the local and national levels. ‘Culture for Service’ is one of our university’s dual mottos, and we feel Mr. Little can share an important perspective as we welcome our students officially to the new school year.”

In July 2007, Little assumed the role of president of United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta, after serving as president and chief executive officer of United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley. A national and community leader, he has devoted many of his 20 years in the public and private sectors to creating workforce and education programs.

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He has also helped to build national partnerships to fund housing and developed corporate philanthropy and community involvement strategies.

Prior to joining the United Way system, he served as interim president and CEO of the National Urban League in New York. In this position, he launched innovative partnerships with the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Labor and Commerce Departments, as well as corporations such as Verizon, Enterprise Rent-a-Car and Prudential. Little came to the League from Lucent Technologies, which he joined while it was still part of AT&T. The philanthropic strategies he developed at Lucent and AT&T became the forerunners of many programs that today are reducing disparities in employment, income, education and health in communities nationwide.

A member of Phi Beta Kappa, Little graduated magna cum laude from Morehouse College in Atlanta with a bachelor’s degree in sociology. He earned a master’s degree in urban sociology and social policy from Columbia University and pursued additional post-graduate studies in public administration at New York University.

Little’s professional and board affiliations have included the Council on Foreign Relations, the President’s Committee on the Employment of People With Disabilities, One Economy Corporation, Ways to Work, and the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education Task Force on Retention and Completion Rates at the Community Colleges. He has also served on the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce board of directors and its Commission for School Board Excellence. He currently chairs the Center for Assessment and Policy Development and co-chairs the Atlanta Regional Commission’s Fifty Forward initiative. He is a member of the Georgia State University Nonprofit Studies Advisory Board, 100 Black Men of Atlanta and the Rotary Club of Atlanta.

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