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McNeill Named Head Football Coach at Clark Atlanta University

Atlanta (January 7, 2010) – Dr. Carlton E. Brown, President, and Dr. Tamica Jones, Director of Athletics, of Clark Atlanta University announced today that Daryl C. McNeill, Sr. has been named Head Football Coach for the University.

McNeill, who has more than 20 years coaching experience, most recently served as running backs coach at Saint Augustine’s College in Raleigh, North Carolina (2009) and as the Associate Director of Athletics for External Operations and Head Football Coach at Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, N.C. (2004-08). The position at Johnson C. Smith was the second time he coached at the university; the first stint was also as Head Football Coach (1995-97). Under McNeill’s leadership, Johnson C. Smith graduated 70% of its student-athletes and had a retention rate of 64% (November 13, 2007 Diverse Issues in Higher Education Data Collection).

McNeill is no stranger to success. In 1996, McNeill led the Golden Bulls to a record of 7-3, the program’s first winning season in 15 years, and was honored as the Black College Sports Coach of the Year. In 2006, he led Johnson C. Smith to a 7-4 record and an appearance in the Pioneer Bowl. During his two years as Associate Head Coach at North Carolina A&T in Greensboro, N.C. (2003-04), the Aggies improved their offensive average from the 2002 season by 50-yards.

Prior to his tenure at North Carolina A & T, McNeill spent a eight years at South Carolina State University in Orangeburg, South Carolina. His first position was as the Graduate Assistant to the Head Football Coach and Administrative Assistant to the Athletic Director and Head Football Coach (1983-85). He then became the Assistant Football Coach (1985-86) and returned as the Assistant Football Coach and Offensive Coordinator (1999-03). McNeill also spent two years as Assistant Head Football Coach and Offensive Coordinator at Tennessee State University in Nashville, Tenn. (1993-95), and had two stints at Savannah State University in Savannah, Ga.: he first served as the Assistant Head Football Coach (1988-93) and then as the Head Football Coach (1997-99). He also served as Assistant Varsity Football Coach and Head Junior Varsity Football Coach at Jonesboro High School (1986-88).

Over a coaching career that exceeds 20 years, McNeill has amassed a record of 27-36 and has coached three All-Americans (including NFL veteran Shannon Sharpe), five Daktronics All-Region team members, five Conference Players of the Year and 25 All-Conference players.

McNeill, a native of Seneca, South Carolina, looks forward to coaching at Clark Atlanta University.

“I am excited about working with Dr. Brown and Dr. Jones and feel that my vision is consistent with that of the University and the direction they want to take the football program. I’m elated to get here, get started and meet my players, as well as faculty and staff.

“I’m embarking on my 26th year in coaching and I’m ready to get to work.”
McNeill is a graduate of South Carolina State University, where he received both a bachelor of science in business administration and a master of education in business. He and his wife, Savonne, have two children, Tiffany and Daryl Jr., and a grandson, Jayden.