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CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY

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Dear CAU Family:

As we begin the 2008-2009 academic year, we want to take this time, as we do every semester, to remind you of our mutual need to provide a safe learning environment for students, faculty and staff.

CAU's Police Department, The City of Atlanta Police Department and surrounding campus police agencies have also joined forces in the effort to maintain a safe environment for students, faculty and staff. The Clark Atlanta University Police Department has intensified its efforts to address criminal activity on and around the campus. Both uniformed and plainclothes police officers are patrolling critical locations at critical times during day and evening hours.

As a part of this collective and heightened effort to address crime and, whenever possible, prevent criminal activity, we ask that you **"think safety first."**

Please be mindful that our location in a dynamic urban center requires all of us to be aware of our surroundings and the forces that seek to disrupt the security of our community. Our campus sprawls across public streets, and we have no control over who uses those pathways.

While you are at CAU, please consider your residence halls your home away from home. Do not allow suspicious individuals access to your residence halls or leave doors open after hours. We are reminding you not to walk alone in the dark on surrounding streets of the campus, to utilize the Department of Public Safety escort service, and to walk in groups. Please immediately report any suspicious person(s), behavior, or activity to Public Safety or the Atlanta Police Department. Please put these numbers in your cell phones.

You may contact Public Safety at:

(404) 880-8623 non-emergencies (Campus Escort and etc.)

(404) 880-8911 emergencies (Campus Police Assistance)

(404) 880-8900 (Anonymous Crime Tip Line)



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I want to assure you once again that every effort is being made to ensure the safety of members of the CAU family. Criminal activity on this campus will not be tolerated. Anyone associated with Clark Atlanta University and who is engaged in activities that disrupt or endanger the life or health of our students, faculty or staff will be dealt with swiftly and severely.

Over the next few weeks, you will continue to see an increased presence of CAU and Atlanta Police Officers on campus and the surrounding area. In addition, CAU Officers will be visiting and holding safety workshops in each residence hall, which we strongly urge you to attend. The CAU Public Safety Department has locations at the Tanner Turner Building at Fair and Lawshe Streets and at the police precinct at Parsons and James P. Brawley.

Keeping our campus safe and secure requires all of us to be alert, caring and smart. The CAU family has a tradition of "being my brother's and my sister's keeper." Let's build on that tradition by engaging in activities that protect the safety of your fellow students as well as your own. Working together, we can keep CAU safe and focused on academic excellence.

Sincerely,

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President

