



# News Brief

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## 2008 Pathways to Excellence Award Honorees



**ATLANTA (April 7, 2008)** – The Clark Atlanta University Alumni Association, Inc., presented the inaugural Pathways to Excellence Award to the following recipients at the first “**Spirit of Greatness**” Gala on Saturday, April 5, 2008 at the Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel, an evening that attracted more than 400 guests. The 2008 Award recipients pictured from left are: Dr. Winfred Harris (CC' 55, AU' 57), *Howard Hughes Professor of Biological Sciences, Clark Atlanta University*; Pernessa C. Seele (CC '76, AU' 78) *Founder and CEO, The Balm in Gilead, Inc.*; Dallas Austin, *Acclaimed Music and Film Producer*; and, Dr. Alfred D. Wyatt, Sr. (CC' 50, AU' 86), *Distinguished Educator, Activist Musician and Community Leader*.

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The Pathways Award will be bestowed annually on selected alumni (degree holders from Atlanta University, Clark University, Clark College or Clark Atlanta University) and non-alumni who are leaders in their professional fields of discipline who uphold the mission and values of the institution, and who demonstrate a high level of social consciousness by actively responding to community needs.

### **About Clark Atlanta University**

Formed in 1988 by the consolidation of two historic institutions, Atlanta University (1865) and Clark College (1869), Clark Atlanta University, a United Methodist School, 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 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 college and universities. National Business and consumer publications rank Clark Atlanta high among the best buys in American higher education.

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