



# News Release

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## CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES ITS 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SPRING COMMENCEMENT ON MAY 19

*Dr. Reatha Clark King to serve as commencement speaker; the Reverend Joseph E. Lowery to serve as baccalaureate speaker; four judges who are alumni will be honored during May Weekend activities.*

**ATLANTA** (May 6, 2008) – From the bachelor's to the doctorate, more than 800 degrees will be awarded during Clark Atlanta University's 19<sup>th</sup> annual spring commencement on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. at Panther Stadium on campus.

Dr. Reatha Clark King, former president and board chair of the General Mills Foundation, will deliver the keynote address. The past CAU trustee currently serves as a Senior Advisor of the Council of Foundations and has extensive governance and leadership experience in business, higher education, and nonprofit sectors. In addition, she serves on the boards of the National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD), Exxon Mobil Corporation and Lenox Group Inc. King has extensive international experience and has traveled to more than 31 countries to perform her corporate and community work.

King is a graduate of Clark Atlanta University (Clark College, 1958) with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry and mathematics. She earned the master's and doctorate degrees in chemistry from the University of Chicago and the MBA degree from Columbia University. Also, she is the recipient of 14 honorary degrees.

The baccalaureate ceremony for the class of 2008 will take place May 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at Panther Stadium. The speaker is civil rights icon the Reverend Dr. Joseph E. Lowery.

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CAU will celebrate its annual May Weekend, prior to commencement, with a number of programs and activities for alumni and friends of the university. Four judges who are alumni of the university will be inducted into the Alumni Wall of Fame. They are the Honorable Marvin S. Arrington Sr. of the Fulton County Superior Court, the Honorable Clarence Cooper of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, the Honorable James R. Spencer of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, and the Honorable Horace T. Ward of the U.S. District Court of Georgia. 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 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 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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