



# News Brief

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## CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY TO BEGIN 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WITH OPENING CONVOCATION SEPT. 23

ATLANTA -- Clark Atlanta University will begin celebrating 20 years since the consolidation of Atlanta University and Clark College, with opening convocation on Sept. 23, at 10 a.m. in the Epps Gymnasium on campus.

“This is a remarkable time for the university,” says CAU President Carlton E. Brown. “Clark Atlanta is financially sound. We are welcoming one of the largest classes in our school’s history, and for the first time, each will receive a laptop through our Pilot Laptop Loan Program to enhance their academic performance.”

Dr. Brown, CAU’s third president, took the helm on August 1. He will serve as the keynote speaker at convocation. Afterward, students, faculty and staff will participate in a Legacy Walk from the gym to the New Residential Apartments that will be renamed Dr. James P. Brawley Hall, after the 19<sup>th</sup> president of former Clark College. A reception will follow.

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. Clark Atlanta is ranked as one of America’s Best Colleges by *U.S. News & World Report* and is #13 in *Black Enterprise*’s 2008 Top 50 Colleges for African Americans. National business and consumer publications rank Clark Atlanta high among the best buys in American higher education.

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