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CAU Board of Trustees Appoints Dr. Carlton E. Brown as Third President

Atlanta (May 16, 2008) -- The Clark Atlanta Board of Trustees today at its regular spring meeting appointed Dr. Carlton E. Brown as the university's third president, effective August 1, 2008. In July 2007, President Walter D. Broadnax appointed Dr. Brown as Executive Vice President and Provost of Clark Atlanta University. In February 2008, Dr. Broadnax announced his retirement, effective July 31, 2008 at which time Dr. Brown would become interim president of Clark Atlanta.

"The Board has full confidence in Dr. Brown's ability to lead Clark Atlanta to the next phase of its growth and development as a competitive force in higher education," said Board Chair Juanita P. Baranco. "His previous Presidential role and his outstanding performance at Clark Atlanta over the past year is impressive and gives the entire CAU family strong confidence in his leadership, which translates into confidence in the future of this university."

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“CAU’s students are very excited about the Board’s decision and we are very confident that under his leadership, the Office of the President will be extremely engaged in student needs and in taking the university forward,” said Janelle Jackson, Student Government Association President. “We have seen how quickly he solves problems, and we have experienced his commitment to improved customer service.”

“Dr. Brown brings considerable experience and expertise as a former college president, and he has the vision to take Clark Atlanta to the next level of prominence,” said Trustee Brenda Tolliver, president of the Clark Atlanta University Alumni Association. “He has engaged alumni and we welcome him wholeheartedly to the CAU family.”

The Board decided not to form a national search committee to identify the university’s third president as previously announced after observing Dr. Brown’s result-oriented management style, strategic problem-solving skills, student advocacy, faculty dialogue, and a strong ability to build relationships among critical internal and external constituencies over the past year. In addition, the Board believes that Dr. Brown embodies the leadership qualities needed to successfully represent the university in its fund-raising activities in the business and philanthropic community locally and nationally.

“I am honored to be given the opportunity to bring my particular mix of talent and expertise to helping Clark Atlanta University embrace its future greatness and achieve prominence in the higher education arena,” said Dr. Brown. “This is a particularly significant moment for me and I look forward to continuing my life’s work in preparing the next generation of leaders.”

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About CAU

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 colleges and universities. National Business and consumer publications rank Clark Atlanta high among the best buys in American higher education.

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