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## **For Immediate Release**

### **CAU APPOINTS DR. MARCUS W. SHUTE AS VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH AND SPONSORED PROGRAMS**

**ATLANTA, GA (June 20, 2008)** -- Dr. Marcus W. Shute has been appointed vice president for Research and Sponsored Programs at Clark Atlanta University. He will lead all areas of external grants and contracts funding, and federal, state and local research support in the Division of Research and Sponsored Programs. Dr. Shute formerly served as vice president of Research and Sponsored Programs at Tennessee State University since 2003 and has had an accomplished career as a researcher, technical executive, and entrepreneur.

At CAU, his primary responsibilities include management and administration of the research enterprise developing and revising University policies and procedures, and ensuring that research activities are aligned with the University's mission and strategic plan. In this role, he will ensure compliance with all federal, state and local agency regulations.

“Dr. Shute’s credentials are impeccable as a technical professional, administrator and faculty member,” said Dr. Carlton E. Brown, CAU’s president-designate. “As a research administrator, he has demonstrated a strong track record in research support and infrastructure

development that would benefit an institution such as ours. Our intention at CAU is to solidify and expand our research purview over the next few years, and we are prepared to do so with Dr. Shute at the helm and with the unique experiences he brings.”

The Nashville, Tennessee native received his bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering from Tennessee State University and was the first student to graduate with an overall cumulative grade point average of 4.00 out of 4.00. He holds a master’s degree in materials science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Also, he earned a master’s degree and a doctor of philosophy degree in mechanical engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Dr. Shute has received numerous awards and honors. Some include the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, Senior Member of IEEE, selection as Distinguished Member of Technical Staff by Bell Laboratories, the 1994 Most Promising Engineer by *U.S. Black Engineer* magazine, the 1999 Golden Torch Award for Engineering Excellence by the National Society of Black Engineers, the 2005 National Technical Association Technical Achiever of the Year, the 2006 Golden Torch Award for Alumni Technologist of the Year by the National Society of Black Engineers. Dr. Shute was a finalist in the 2000 Mission Specialist Astronaut Program of NASA and is an All-American USA Masters track and field athlete.

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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