



# Official Statement

*Office of Marketing and Communications*



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## **CAU RESPONDS TO THE AUGUST 27, 2008 WSB-TV NEWS REPORT ON THE DENIAL OF THE TUITION WAIVER FOR TWIN APPLICANTS**

On the August 27, 2008 evening news on WSB-TV, elements of the above-captioned story were inaccurate. The applicants, who participated in CAU's Touch the Future Head Start program in the mid '90s, were admitted to the university for fall 2008. However, they failed to satisfy a material requirement of the program. Specifically, the applicants failed to present the sealed bearer certificate that verifies the eligibility of the particular cohort of students the program covers. The instructions provided to parents were very clear on this point. The majority of eligible applicants complied with the requirements and they are enrolled. The family in the news report did not exercise the appeals process clearly outlined in our standard admissions and financial aid materials. However, the university has reached out to them and is assisting them in the appeals process through the Office of Enrollment Services and Student Affairs. The university remains committed to fulfilling its promise to all of the eligible Head Start participants who satisfy the well-established criteria for participation in the Touch the Future program.

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