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## **Clark Atlanta University President Announces Retirement**

**Atlanta, Georgia (February 15, 2008)** – At the winter Board of Trustees meeting, Dr. Walter D. Broadnax, president of Clark Atlanta University, announced his retirement effective July 31, 2008.

Beginning immediately, Dr. Broadnax and Dr. Carlton E. Brown will work together to effectuate a smooth transition, and on August 1, 2008, Dr. Brown will become Interim President.

“Dr. Broadnax came to CAU at a critical time in our history when we had grave financial challenges,” said Juanita P. Baranco, Chair of the CAU Board of Trustees. “We congratulate President Broadnax for his many accomplishments and thank him for his faithful service to Clark Atlanta.”

The CAU Board of Trustees thanked Dr. Broadnax for his leadership with a standing ovation during the meeting. Several trustees commented about Dr. Broadnax’s commitment to the university and his work over the years.

“These past six years have been very rewarding for my wife Angel and me, and we will miss the students and the special contact we have had with the many extraordinary people in the CAU family,” said President Broadnax. “While it is difficult to leave this

wonderful job at CAU, I am ready for the new and exciting opportunities that come with retirement.”

Dr. Broadnax’s tenure, which began in 2002, will be noted by marked advances in the University’s national academic standing and strengthened financial condition. Under President Broadnax’s leadership the institution realized several major milestones including:

- Taking the university from a deficit to a surplus financial position;
- Increasing enrollment with one of the largest freshman classes in the school’s history;
- Gaining reaccreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) for another decade--the maximum number of years that SACS allows;
- Arranging with the Atlanta Development Authority for the financing, construction and management of new, state-of-the-art student housing facilities-- a \$30 million project at no cost to the university;
- Securing financing for the renovation of three existing residence halls;
- Completing a full upgrade of the university’s quadrangle;
- Upgrading the central utility plant;
- Dedicating the new, three-story, 65,000 square foot Carl and Mary Ware Academic Center; and
- Forming the Center for Cancer Research and Therapeutic Development, the only center of its kind in American higher education, led by Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar, Dr. Shafiq A. Khan.

#### About Clark Atlanta University

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

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