



GEORGE T. FRENCH, JR., PH.D.

P R E S I D E N T

September 5, 2023

Dear Clark Atlanta University Students, Faculty, Staff, and Alumni,

With a heavy heart, we come together as a united family in the Atlanta University Center (AUC) to mourn the devastating loss of two remarkable Morehouse College students, Hugh Douglas and Christian Files Jr., who tragically passed away in a car accident on Monday afternoon. We share profound grief and offer our deepest condolences to their families, friends, Morehouse College, and the entire AUC community.

Christian and Hugh were two exceptional and remarkable students of the Morehouse family and this loss not only impacts their families but also reverberates throughout our AUC family. As friends and roommates during their sophomore year, their absence will be deeply felt by all of us. In this time of immense sorrow, let us come together to support one another and offer solace to those who are grieving.

We understand that the pain from this tragedy may be overwhelming, and we want to remind every member of our community that counseling services are available for those who need them. Please reach out to The Office of Counseling and Disability Services at 404-880-8044 if you require assistance or need to talk to someone. We will provide further information regarding memorial services as it becomes available.

As we navigate this difficult period, let us lean on each other for strength and comfort. Together, we can honor the memory of Hugh and Christian by supporting one another and cherishing the time we shared with them.

Our thoughts and prayers are with their families, friends, and the entire AUC community during this unimaginably difficult time.

With heartfelt sympathy and solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George T. French, Jr." in a cursive script.

George T. French, Jr., Ph.D.
President