



Silenced for Many Years: **Clark Atlanta University Bells of Harkness Hall to Ring Again**

For many years, the bells located in the clock tower of Clark Atlanta University's Harkness Hall have been silent. The sound of the bells ringing throughout the CAU campus and the surrounding community has always created a feeling of hope, nostalgia and pride. Following nearly three decades of silence, the nostalgia returns.

The purpose of ringing church bells in modern times was to signify the time for worshippers to gather for a church service. On Sunday, April 12, after an extensive six-month refurbishing project of Harkness Hall including the tower that houses the bells, Clark Atlanta University will again ring the bells at high noon joining the local community and communities across our nation and world in celebration of Easter Sunday and the culmination of Holy Week.

"The bells of Harkness Hall have not tolled for many years. I believe on this Easter Sunday it is most appropriate that these bells come back to life in symbolic resurrection," said George T. French Jr., Ph.D., President of Clark Atlanta University. "This gesture is one way we encourage our students to stay safe, honor those who continue to provide healthcare on the front lines of the pandemic as well as celebrate the refurbishing and preservation of an historic treasure," said President French.



Dr. French views the bells of Harkness Hall located on the campus of Clark Atlanta University.

Join us Sunday, April 12, 2020, 12:00 Noon/EDT via Facebook Live at <https://www.facebook.com/ClarkAtlantaUniversity/> to listen to the bells of Harkness Hall tribute.