

CAU WAY MAKER

MR. MARK O'RILEY & MS. SHANNON M. O'RILEY

What is your relationship with CAU?

I am Mark C. O'Riley, a graduate of Atlanta University, MPA, class of 1980, and I am Shannon M. O'Riley, a 2010 graduate of Clark Atlanta University, BS, Business.

Whom or what was your motivation for creating a scholarship at CAU?

We established an endowment in honor of our mother and grandmother, Marie L.



Ms. Marie L. (Clarke) O'Riley

(Clarke) O'Riley. "Mom" provided encouraging words and tough, motherly love at every stage of not only our lives but also to our family and community. She instilled strong values and the confidence that we could achieve anything. Mom passed away in 2019, and now we wish to pay it forward.



Mr. Mark C. O'Riley
Atlanta University, Class of 1980

Ms. Shannon M. O'Riley
Clark Atlanta University, Class of 2010

What do you hope to accomplish through your scholarship?

We want to offer a CAU student the same chance at a high-quality education that Mom worked so hard to offer us. We appreciate the opportunity to contribute to the fulfillment and promise of a fellow CAU student through the same values she poured into us.

What word of advice would you share with current or incoming CAU students?

Our advice to incoming students is individually, your education offers an opportunity to grow and realize lifelong dreams, and generationally, it helps to grow your family and community. We need you to realize your dreams and carry them forward in your own way.

Shannon, Christopher, Yvonne, and Mark O'Riley

