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Students, faculty and staff members hold a prayer vigil for the return of Reham Noaman, a student affected by the immigration ban.

## 35 surveillance cameras erected around campus, neighborhood

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Thirty-five cameras have been placed throughout the Atlanta University Center and surrounding neighborhoods to ensure the safety of students.

AUC officials have teamed up with Atlanta Police Department (APD) to improve the well-being of its students.

Campus police chief Joseph L. Little confirmed in September the project had begun. All four institutions in the AUC put up \$100,000 each while Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed funded a \$300,000 grant for the remaining balance. The grand cost of the installation was \$700,000.

The completion of the project was announced on Jan. 24 at press conference hosted by the AUC Consortium Council of Presidents and Mayor Reed. A total of five license plate readers and 35 cameras are strategically placed around the West End.

The sole purpose the cameras serve is to protect students, faculty, staff and residents of the AUC and make their surrounding environment safe.

Graduating senior Antonio Curren said he's glad the schools are finally coming together and doing something about the dangers around campus. "The safety of students should've been the biggest concern. The last four years I've been here so many people have gotten robbed on campus or in the neighborhood and public safety hasn't done much about it. At least it seems that way," Curren said.

Both APD and AUC police departments will have access to the video feeds, monitoring the action on and around campus 24/7.

Chief Little believes that the cameras will reduce the crime. He also created "Lunch with Little," a program where representatives from each graduating class speak on behalf of their classmates about safety concerns to the police chief.

## CAU doctoral student affected by president's immigration ban

By Azurae Coleman

President Trump's executive order banning immigration to the United States from seven countries that are predominately Muslim, has adversely affected a Clark Atlanta University third-year doctoral student, leaving her stuck in another country.

Reham Noaman, from Yemen is in the United States on an F1 visa studying education leadership. Noaman and her sister, a sophomore at Georgia State University, were held at Riyadh airport in Saudi Arabia on Jan. 28, after Trump signed an administrative order banning certain immigrants.

Gwen B. Wade, Director of International Programs at CAU, stated that Noaman's professors are working with her and are allowing her to continue her courses remotely.

A federal appeals court has since rejected the administration's efforts to have the ban lifted by a 3-0 decision.

"While we only have one student affected, the majority of the international students are fearful because they don't know if their country will be added to list.

We have advised them not to travel out of the U.S because we don't know if they'll be able to return," Wade said. Wade also stated that, the CAU family has really embraced the international students on campus.

Students, faculty and staff gathered for a vigil, praying for Noaman's safe return.

Other Saudi Arabian students were displeased with the situation, but preferred to not answer any questions related to the topic.

Senior Megan Lindsey stated, "America is a place where people come to experience the American dream and for those who are denied that opportunity is simply unjust. We can't thrive as people if we're always consumed with tearing each other down."

The International Affairs office is in daily contact with Reham Noaman and is working with other allies to get back to CAU to finish her degree.

## Hundreds of students benefit from CAU annual Career Fair

By Alysha Conner  
MANAGING EDITOR

Clark Atlanta University hosted the annual Spring Career Fair in the Multipurpose Room of the Bishop L. Cornelius Henderson Student Center recently.

As tradition the spring career fair follows the annual fall career fair hosted by the entire Atlanta University Center. In a mass email sent by Donnita P. Ragin, Associate Director of the Career and Professional Development Center, prior to the career fair, she strongly urged students who are seniors and graduate this coming May to attend. She also advised that there would be a number of employers in attendance offering full-time, internships, co-op and fellowship opportunities.

There were many AUC students in attendance at the career fair, dressed in their business professional attire with their resumes and portfolios ready for distribution. As promised, also in attendance were a number of employers seeking to give AUC students' opportunities towards their career goals.

The list of employers and companies present included: Academy

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# NEWS

## High school students receive \$200,000 in CAU scholarships

By Aliyah Johnson

Clark Atlanta University recently awarded approximately \$200,000 in scholarships to local students.

On Dec. 14, CAU representatives personally handed out acceptance letters to 15 high school students. Three students are from KIPP Academy, two at Washington High School and 10 from Westlake High School. A group of nine students from Clark Atlanta University's Class of 2021 were given scholarships for the 2017-2018 school year.

The awarded scholarships and acceptance letters are a part of CAU's early



Scholarship recipients from Westlake High School proudly show their acceptance letters.

## Tips for a good semester

By Alix Young  
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It can be hard to prepare for the new semester, especially spring semester. After all, it is usually always better than the fall. The weather is nice, there are more organizations and extra-curricular activities to partake in, whatever the case may be—it can get a little overwhelming to remain focus.

In order to guarantee a successful spring semester, here are a few tips to get on the right track;

1. Invest in a planner- Stay organized, write down all your activities, events, homework, etc. Even plan accordingly on when to nap if necessary. Trust, it'll come in handy.
2. Step outside your comfort zone- Join organizations and mingle with new faces.
3. Make a playlist- Sounds weird right? Believe it or not, music can be very motivational and helpful. When you have time, come together and create a killer playlist. Play it in the morning getting ready or while doing homework.
4. Ask for help when needed- It's okay to need help. Don't be that person that thinks they can pull through. Get tutoring, join a study group. Kresge hall offers tutoring.
5. BREATHE- Don't forget to breath and just enjoy yourself. You are in college, one of the best times of your life to be young and free.

action plan where students apply to CAU before Nov. 1 and receive a response before January.

Dr. Michael Marshall, associate vice president of enrollment services at CAU says the scholarship money is one step to preparing students for a bright future. "At the end of the day, our mission is to transform students' lives

one student at a time. By extending acceptance offers to these young scholars, we are setting them on a transformative path to success," Marshall said.

The office of Students and Admissions plans on continuing this tradition of handing out acceptance letters in an effort to increase

## Honors Program inducts 64 scholars

Sixty-four new scholars were recently inducted into The Isabella T. Jenkins Honors and Scholars Program at CAU.

Scholars were presented with symbolic red blazers Jan. 21 during the Academic Charge Ceremony. President Ronald A. Johnson and Provost and Vice President Peter Nwosu also imparted words of wisdom to them by reminding the group they are the face of CAU. The added scholars boosted the total number of Honors and Scholars Program participants to 188.

Their majors span the gamut, including biology, pre-med, sociology, mass media arts, business and more. The program is led by Dr. Terri Platt, a faculty member in the Department of Political Science.

One of Dr. Platt's many responsibilities is nurturing new scholars like Linda Ransom.

"It meant a lot," Ransom said, still beaming several days after receiving her red blazer. "It made me feel amazing to be a part of such a great program. It's a lot to live up to, but I have no doubt I'll be able to do it," the freshman continued.

Some of the pre-requisites of membership to the Honors and Scholars Program include a 1000 SAT score or 26 on the ACT, a high school GPA of at least 3.25 and strong teacher recommendations that attest to the student's character and intellectual ability.

The mission of the Honors and Scholars Program is to provide students with the ultimate learning experience while enrolled at CAU. Some of the goals of the program include to nurture and foster intellectual independence, encourage the pursuit of academic excellence and provide a challenging academic curriculum.



Members of the Isabella T. Jenkins Honors Program



## CAU grad among thousands who attended march on Washington

By Breighlynn Polk

The day after President Trump was inaugurated, thousands of women organized and joined the 2017 Women's March on Washington.

On that day, more than a million people demonstrated worldwide in major cities such as Atlanta, Los Angeles and Chicago. Women of all ethnicities expressed their opposition for Trump's administration protesting against the oppressive limitations placed on their lives.

Clark Atlanta graduate Chyna Davis was among those who participated in the march in Washington. Upon arrival, diving into what she recalled being "a sea of pink and white" proven to the spirit of endurance many women around the world embedded, most specifically women of color.

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Chyna Davis, a CAU graduate, flew from Los Angeles to attend the march on Washington.

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and always have been an integral part of social movements," Davis said.

"By taking a stand against some of the most authoritative figures and policies that have a major influence in the governorship of their communities, women have made an international impact on the real realities of womanhood. While many participants received

backlash by both men and women within their ethnic groups for being ungrateful, it is safe to say that this global uproar is not the last we will be hearing from the Feminist Movement.

"Despite the initial criticisms that suggested the continued marginalization of black women, people of color, and the LGBTQ community, I attended the Women's March. I arrived to a sea of pink and white: pink representing vaginas, white representing white women.

"Even so, I was among 'sistahs,' my people, and step-sisters, white women. Contrary to the criticisms of those who did not attend the march, I was pleased with the level of respect, inclusiveness and desire to learn. We cannot continue to exclude ourselves from social movements because we do not receive an invitation.

"We were excluded from the 15th Amendment that gave black men the right to vote. We pushed on anyway. We were excluded from the Suffrage Movement. We pushed on anyway. We were excluded from the Civil Rights Movement. We pushed on anyway.

When have we ever needed an invitation?

"Did you not hear Anna Julia Cooper the first time? When and where we enter, the whole Negro race enters with us. As black women in America, we've never taken no for an answer.

"Sojourner Truth and Anna Julia Cooper knocked on the door of Suffrage. Katherine Johnson and Diane Nash did a police knock on the door of Civil Rights. Sonia Sanchez and Nicki Giovanni kicked the door in of the Black Arts Movement.

"In 2016, Melissa Harris Perry and Korryn Gaines had us breaking in windows. Next? We're burning down buildings. I say all of this to say: Black women are and have always been an integral part of social movements. We do not need an invitation and we certainly do not need permission. Besides, whether you invite us to the table or not, you're going to say we ate anyway."

Chyna Davis traveled to Washington D.C. from Los Angeles with her mother Stephanie Davis.

## CAU Spirit of Greatness Gala slated for March 18

By Mario Boone

The CAU 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Spirit of Greatness Gala, which recognizes alumni and pioneers who are making a positive impact in the nation Saturday, will take place March 18 at the Omni Atlanta Hotel at the CNN Center.

"Clark Atlanta University is one of the nation's foremost research universities and a global forum for ideas that matter," CAU President Ronald A. Johnson said. "Our graduates have shaped and informed the course of history for more than 150 years, and we are honored to support and celebrate their excellence."

The gala is CAUAA's signature event and benefits the Clark Atlanta University's Scholarship Fund. Since the inception of the Spirit of Greatness Gala, CAUAA has raised more than \$1.5 million for CAU students. The general reception begins at 6 p.m., and the awards ceremony starts promptly at 7:30 p.m.

"The Clark Atlanta University Alumni Association takes pride in honoring our distinguished alumni and nation's trailblazers each year, while raising funds to support the next generation of leaders who are currently matriculating through CAU," said Marshall Taggart, president

of CAUAA. "Each year the number of students with unmet financial needs increases. This event helps bridge the gap and we are proud to help make a difference."

Clark Atlanta University and the Clark Atlanta University Alumni Association honor:

- Kenya Barris, Clark Atlanta University 1996, producer, writer and creator of the critically acclaimed ABC Network sitcom "Black-ish"
- The Honorable Brenda Hill Cole, Atlanta University 1967, Fulton County State Court Senior Judge
- Horace Henry, Clark College 1971, world-renowned photographer
- Anthony White, Clark Atlanta University 1999, Emmy-award winning videographer and journalist
- Al B. Reid, Clark College 1983, vice president of corporate development at Abbott Laboratories
- Steve Ewing, president and owner of Wade Ford

The black-tie gala includes special entertainment by Grammy-winner Howard Hewett, a reception, dinner and awards ceremony and musical entertainment. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.cauaa.org/annual-gala.html](http://www.cauaa.org/annual-gala.html) or [www.cau.edu](http://www.cau.edu).

## Two students nominated for prestigious acting award

By Lakeeda Barbara Johnson

Two Clark Atlanta University Speech and Theatre Arts students were nominated for an Irene Ryan Acting Award.

Skye Pugh and Derrick Robertson were nominated for the Prestigious Theater Award by representatives of the Kennedy Center American College Festival (KCAF) in November for their outstanding performance in the stage play, "Yellowman."

Dael Orlandersmith's "Yellowman" was written in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, which highlights the anguish encounters African-Americans face on the daily basis such as internalized self-hatred, parental abuse, and alcoholism.

Pugh and Robertson will represent the institution at the Region IV Festival at Georgia Southern University this month.

KCACF is located in Washington. It is considered to be a national theater program which consists of 20,000 students from institutions across the world annually.

Professor Johnathon Kitt, director of "Yellowman," said he was extremely happy for the two students. "I want them to be exposed to as much as possible," said Kitt.

Although Pugh and Robertson were chosen by the critics to display their talent, the couple was informed that they would have to compete against one another in the showcase.

"I enjoy the challenge of acting. It's not something that's easy," Pugh said.

"Some people just have it naturally," Robertson said. "When you don't even know the skill of it, yet you have it naturally, and then when you're taught the skill,



Photograph by Taylor Cash

Speech Communication and Theatre Arts majors, Skye Pugh and Derrick Robertson participate in Q&A on stage with the director Jonathan Kitt after their performance in "Yellowman."

that just naturally brings you to a higher level."

Despite the nature of acting, using one's talent to compete requires a higher level of attention and focus.

"More than likely it'll be predominately white, but nevertheless you'll have to know the black scene and the white scene, and you have to know how to navigate the two, so you'll know how to work," Kitt said.

According to Pugh and Robertson,

not only can competitions be a journey that provokes self-growth, but certain pressures such as time restrictions and knowing how to live a balanced, yet healthy life can be challenging.

"I just want to grow and learn more. Like that's my biggest thing. I'm always geared to know more about my craft," Pugh said.

As Pugh and Robertson work toward achieving their personal goals, the process is one to be marveled by.

## Students benefit from annual Career Fair

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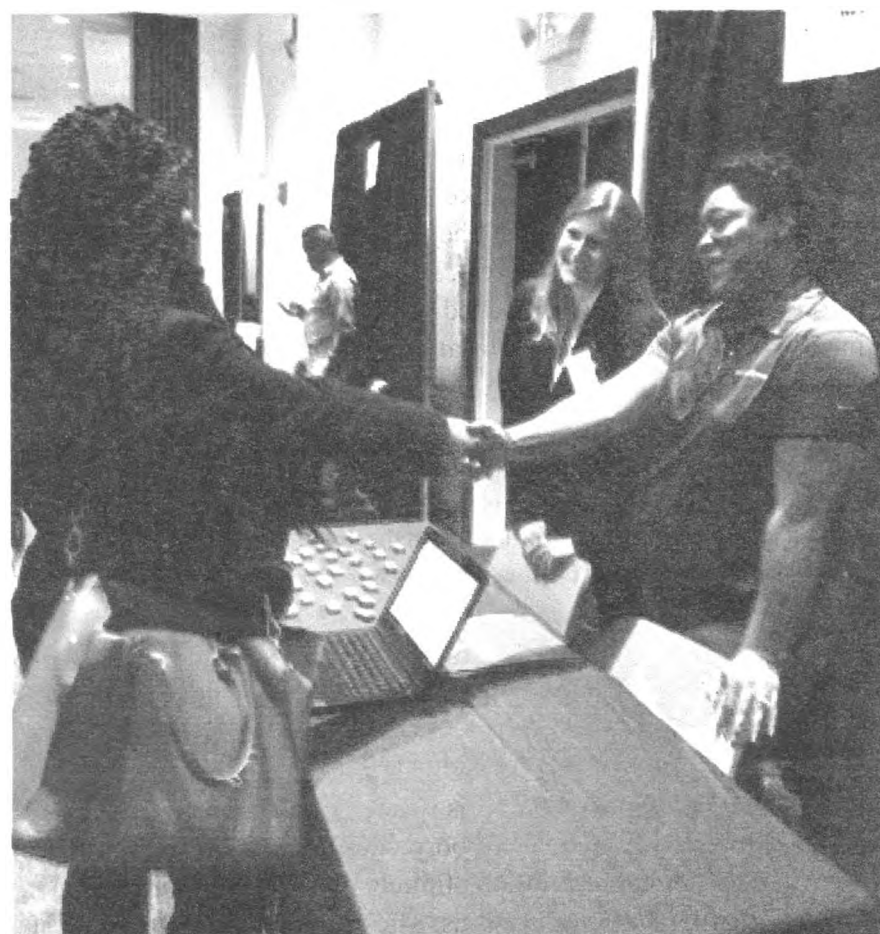
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Donnita Raglin welcomed students at the sign-in table outside the career fair giving last minute advice and information on the employers and their booth locations. Raglin explained, "The

list employers who attend to be selected between one or two ways. Through existing relationships and or through a system we use called 'Handshake', where we are able to openly post our upcoming events and allow people to be able to actually register for the event." The list of employers is a controversial issue amongst the AUC, as it is one of the common reasons why students choose not to attend.

Students also question the success rate of actually obtaining an offer from a company when attending. Responding to the success rate of the career fair, Raglin stated: "It is somewhat undetermined because of one or two reasons. Some students are not quite ready in a sense of not understanding what it takes to matriculate through college and ultimately reach that goal; that at the end of the rainbow a degree and a job goes hand and hand. The other point is that we're still working to sure up our placement data, so to speak. That involves a couple things where we're working

with the employers, connecting with students in such a way that the information is readily available to us or provided to us upon request. We're getting stronger in our ability to capture the placement data in the manner in which we do it. But we still have a ways to go with the process. We're going to get there. We're definitely on our way to get there."



Vendors greet student at Career Fair



## Omega Gents visit CAU

By Alysha Conner  
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The Omega Gents from Morningside High School in Inglewood, California traveled to the Atlanta University Center recently to tour the campuses and get a glimpse of life at Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

Eddie Conner is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Conner founded Omega Gents at Morningside High School in 2004. He has taught AP Government and Economics at Morningside since September 2000, and has served as Activities Director, since 2005.

Conner gives credit to Evelyn Manor, former principal at Morningside High School, for encouraging him to create the Omega Gents. Conner said, "Manor brought it to my attention that there was a need for more Black role models for the male students at Morningside and a

another extra curricular activity for them to be involved in other than sports."

A trip during the spring semester for the graduating seniors to the South to tour HBCU campuses, is just one of the incentives offered by the mentor program. Another incentive offered, is all seniors of the Omega Gents will receive a scholarship for college provided that they meet all requirements upon graduating. All funding for the Gents stems from the Omega Scholarship Endowment Fund. For the young men of Omega Gents, the trip down South is highly anticipated as it is many of the members' first time travelling outside of California or even some of their first times riding on an airplane.

The trip itinerary consists of a four-day trip to visit Alabama and Atlanta. They toured Tuskegee University, Alabama State University, Morehouse College



Members of Omega Gents from Inglewood, California tour campus.

and Clark Atlanta University. At each campus they sat down with admissions to discuss potential enrollment. While on a tour at CAU, Dominic Wells, an Omega Psi Phi Fraternity member and CAU alumni, greeted the young Gents. He shared some words of wisdom from his experiences at CAU, as well as some motivating words for the journey the young men will embark to one day become an Omega man.

Current Omega Gents president, Cameron Brooks, described his experience in the mentorship: "Being an Omega Gent has given me the opportunity to travel and be able to meet people in power while also making connections. It has helped me gain a strong bond with people I never thought I would be close to. Because of Omega Gents, when I graduate I know I will be able to take care of myself and not have to depend on other people."

## Student participates in MLK service

By Alysha Conner  
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Clark Atlanta student selected to speak at the 48<sup>th</sup> Commemorative Service for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. last month at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Blake Osborne, a senior Political Science major, read an excerpt from one of Dr. King's speeches during the five-hour ceremony.

Working as the Operations and Special Projects manager at the Joseph and Evelyn Lowery Institute, Osborne is very active within the community and with the continuance of the fight for racial and social equality. During the portion of the program, Osborne read an excerpt of Dr. King's "Beyond Vietnam" speech. The excerpt of the speech that Osborne recited, read:

"We are called to speak for the weak, for the voiceless, for the victims of our nation and for those it calls "enemy," for no document from human hands can make these humans any less our brothers. They must see Americans as strange liberators. They watch as we poison their water, as we kill a million acres of their crops. They must weep as the bulldozers roar through their areas preparing to destroy the precious trees. They wander into the hospitals with at least twenty casualties from American firepower for one Vietcong-inflicted injury. So far we may have killed a million of them, mostly children. They wander into the towns and see thousands of the children, homeless, without clothes, running in packs on the streets like animals. They see the children degraded by our soldiers as they beg for food. They see the children selling their sisters to our soldiers, soliciting for their mothers. We have destroyed their two most cherished institutions: the family and the village. We have destroyed their land and their crops. We have supported the enemies of the peasants of Saigon. We have corrupted their women and children and killed their men. Here is the true meaning and value of compassion and nonviolence, when it helps us to see the enemy's point of view, to hear his questions, to know his assessment of ourselves. For from his view we may indeed see the basic weaknesses of our own condition, and if we are mature, we may learn and grow and profit from the wisdom of the brothers who are called the opposition."

Osborne was one of the many participants selected to pay homage to Dr. King, other speakers included: Sen. Bernie Sanders, Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed, Sen. Johnny Isakson, along with many community leaders across Atlanta.

Ebenezer Baptist Church is where King once served as a co-pastor. His birthday was Jan. 15. Osborne described his experience stating:

"It was an honor. It was definitely a humbling moment getting up there and reciting Dr. King's words. The more you recited, then the more you realize what he was going through during that time when he was

writing that speech. They say that's the speech that got him killed, with his opinions and stance on Vietnam. So you know, now I'm here reciting these words and also hearing how eerily similar they were to what we're going through today with Syria and a lot of our other conflicts. It was prophetic, enlightening and very humbling, so it was an honor to do that in every way. I felt a sense of pride for being able to be on the stage and representing CAU," Osborne said.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Ice Cube to speak at Clark Atlanta University Feb. 16

Renowned actor Ice Cube is coming to Clark Atlanta University Feb. 16 to promote his new film "Fist Fight" in the Multipurpose Room of the Student Center. Doors will open at 2 p.m. and the activity will begin at 3 p.m.

The event is open to all Atlanta University Center students. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. The movie will open in theaters nationwide Feb. 17.

### CAU alumna to receive Career Achievement Award

Clark College alumna and former Clark Atlanta University trustee Reatha Clark King (Class of '58), will be awarded the Colquitt County Career Achievement Award. She was the first African-American woman to be hired as a chemist by the National Bureau of Standards in Washington. Her research contributed to the NASA space program.

### Music professor named vocal coach

CAU music professor and alumna Ann Marie McPhail has been named vocal coach for Chiwetel Ejiofor, star of groundbreaking films like "12 Years a Slave," Amistad, and Triple 9.

### Fitness Center opens in Student Center

Clark Atlanta University has opened a new student fitness center. Panther Fit is a state-of-the-art workout facility with superior fitness equipment from Inflight Fitness. Located inside the completely renovated former recreation room in Henderson Student Center, Panther Fit includes treadmills, elliptical trainers, liberator cross fit machine, fitness and spin bikes, free weights with benches, medicine balls, kettle bells and aerobic equipment. The project was designed and built by Advantage Fitness.

Panther Fit comes just in time as students begin to tone their bodies for Spring Break, or those who want to develop healthier lifestyle habits. The new exercise center was spearheaded by members of the Progressive Impact Administration headed by Undergraduate Student Government Association President Adrain Artary.

# LIFESTYLE

## How is technology affecting this generation's understanding of relationships & what is love?

By Alysha Conner  
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Valentine's Day just passed. Many students find themselves questioning the idea of love, or in some cases feeling down about having no one to spend the holidays with.

Generational differences are inevitable, especially when dealing with the matter of the heart. Though each individual's encounter or perspective of the controversial subject of love varies, generations tend to have its trend on the meaning of love.

In an interview, Simon Sinek on an episode of "Inside Quest," was asked "The Millennial Question" where he broke down the reasoning behind millennial actions. He said millennials feel as if they are entitled, having no idea what it is they actually desire.

Sinek said, "You have an entire generation that has access to an addictive numbing chemical called dopamine, through social media and cell phones, as they are going through the high stress of adolescence. Too many kids don't know how to form deep meaningful relationships. They will admit that many of their friendships are superficial.

"They will admit that they don't rely on their friends. They have fun with their friends, but they also know that their friends will cancel on them if something better comes along. Deep meaningful relationships aren't there because they never practiced the skill set, and worse they don't have the coping mechanisms to deal with stress. So when significant stress starts to show up in their lives, they're not turning to a person, they're turning to a device, social media, they're turning to these things that offer temporary relief."

Tyler Harrington, a junior at Clark Atlanta University, shared his input on the notion: "How we communicate love is different from past generations. Our social capabilities have increased, but have become a handicap because of technology. You can't blame us. We were born into a generation of technology. We don't communicate love; we just have a different way of showing it. Many of our actions are at fault from us being misguided."

At the end of last semester, Dr. Kanika Bell from the Department of Psychology hosted "The Dating Game." The event

consisted of a game show that tested students' dating savvy and conflict resolution skills. It was held in one of the large lecture rooms in Carl and Mary Ware Hall where many students were of attendance eager to participate in the game show. Questions incorporated informative statistics such as "one out of four women are victims of serious intimate partner violence," and for men it is "one out of seven."

***"People are afraid of love just because they don't know what it is. The word gets tossed around loosely."***

Dr. Bell also displayed three words scenarios such as, "Breath Mints, Protection, and the Truth." She then asked the audience, "in what case you would need the three items?"

Answers varied amongst the crowd. One male participant in particular responded, "When you are trying to sleep with someone."

Another scenario read, "Yelling/cursing, demeaning statements, and controlling behaviors."

A female student answered insinuating that the traits would potentially attract a woman to a man.

Paul Hudson from *Elite Daily* said, "My greatest worry is our generation will be looked at as the generation that gave up on love. We date for the sake of dating. The generation that forgot how to love — which is ridiculous. Most people have never had a good understanding of love, just a poor interpretation of it."

As witnessed at "The Dating Game" event, the responses given portrayed the disconnect students had from the concept of how to genuinely love.

According to a study reported in an article titled "Tales From the Millennial Sexual Revolution" published in *Rolling Stone*, "Today's college students are significantly less likely to report having a regular sexual partner (77.1 percent versus 84.5 percent), while they're more likely to report having sex casually with a friend or random partner."

Elizabeth Armstrong, a sociologist at the University of Michigan who studies sexuality, further points out in the article, "Hookups may be a way of hedging one's bets for all genders: They allow for physical pleasure while avoiding emotional risks."

Moreover, Jarrett Thurgood, a recent Morehouse graduate, stated, "People are afraid of love just because they

don't know what it is. The word gets tossed around loosely. Some people get caught up in the word, and not the actions. People say it because they feel like they have to, but don't really mean it. But when someone actually genuinely loves you, people can't even see it."

According to an article in *The Huffington Post*, historically, humans are going where no human has gone before, hooked up to apps offering unprecedented exposure to the innermost thoughts and actions of others, as well as new avenues to spy on loved ones, cheat, and cover the tracks.

"The science of epigenetics has shown that our experiences may permanently, even heritably, transform our DNA. This means that things we feel, like trauma and loss, change the way future generations are wired. By this logic, can communication physically transform us?" the article says.

A 2014 Nielsen survey found that the average American spends 11 hours on social media, and more than half of that time is spent looking at a smartphone or tablet.

"Technology has put our relationships in beta, redefining how we communicate our desires and trust one another," the report says.

The study also concludes that technology is accelerating new relationships, is mobilizing the LGBT community and also changing the way we mourn.

## Record of nearly 400 international students from 21 countries enroll at CAU this semester

Students returning to Clark Atlanta University for the Spring '17 semester will find one of the most diverse HBCUs in the nation. That's because nearly 400 international students from 21 countries, the most ever, are pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees at CAU.

Eighty-seven percent of all international students enrolled at CAU are from Saudi Arabia. Others hail from countries like Nigeria, Yemen, China and India, to name a few.

"Besides the strategic efforts of the University to enroll a diverse student population, international students have indicated they value their experiences at CAU," said Gwen Wade, director of International Programs. The numbers seem to prove her right.

During Fall '14, CAU enrolled only 167 international students. Within two years that number had more than doubled. The surge in the number of international students is being met by a boost in University resources to accommodate their needs.

"I feel at home," said Yakuba Adderly, a junior business major from The Bahamas. "I feel a sense of belonging. I feel more welcome here than at other colleges," Adderly said.

Wade said the growing presence of international students is a win for the entire CAU community. "International students provide enriching opportunities for the CAU community to broaden individual perspectives and enhance learning experiences on cultures, languages, religions and customs, which might be new or different," Wade said.

"I have always valued interactions with international students and visitors. I sincerely believe students who have the ability to interact with people of different ethnicities and worldviews enhance their understanding of the global community we share," she added.

# LIFESTYLE

## I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream!

By Alexis Imani Cranford

Move over Dunkin Donuts, there's a new sheriff in town. Clark Atlanta has added a Marble Slab Creamery. Marble Slab was founded in 1983 and has been making fresh homemade ice cream since. With a selection of over 75 different flavor choices, Marble Slab also offers smoothies and shakes as well as sweet treats.

Contractors began working on the project back in December at the start of winter break. The newly added ice cream shop is located on the second floor of the Student Center where the 'quiet room' once was.

Aliyah Johnson says she cannot wait for the ice cream shop to officially open and thinks it will improve the campus lifestyle. "I think it will help out and more people will be in the Student Center now hanging out enjoying their time. It'll bring more of a united feeling back to CAU."

It has been confirmed by a worker that like Moe's Mexican Grill and Dunkin Donuts, Marble Slab will be taking flex dollars. The grand opening of Clark Atlanta's newest eatery was Feb. 8. Students are already going crazy over it.



Marble Slab worker eagerly awaits it's grand opening.

## Taking Pride in African-American culture, CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

By Glenneisha Stevenson  
COPY EDITOR

Dolls, makeup, lingerie and films have more in common than the average person would believe.

A recent surge in African-American representation has become more common and mainstream. African-American style, culture and overall essence can be seen more often in many forms, whether it is in dolls, makeup, lingerie or films.

Many African-Americans have a strong belief that representation of their culture and heritage is very important in grasping the attention of African-American youth. In essence, many African-Americans believe that mainstream representation of their culture inspires youth and provides an image of success and security in one's self-esteem.

The film "Hidden Figures" showcases the intelligence of three African-American women who worked at NASA and held key roles in launching the first American into orbit. As a representation of African-American culture provides perspective, the film has indeed inspired many people of color.

Among those inspired are three girls from Milwaukee. Morgan Coleman, Ambrielle-Baker Rogers and Miah Bell-Olson dressed as Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson, the three African-American women featured in the film.

According to *The Huffington Post*, Coleman, Rogers and Bell-Olson were taking part in a

Black History Month project at Milwaukee College Prep started by a teacher, Terrance Sims.

"His goal is to create a series of posters that positively affirm the excellence of his students in addition to the other students in the school as well as shine light on the beauty of African-American culture in preparation for Black History Month," Rogers's mother, Jerrica, said in an interview with *The Huffington Post*.

"Hidden Figures" and its fan reaction is the exact cause and effect demonstration of what mainstream African-American representation is believed to achieve—a vision for youth aspiration and positive self-image.

"Hidden Figures" is a film that provides positive images of African-Americans and supplements a stable foundation of African-American positive representation.

Naturally Perfect, Ikuzi Dolls and ToyiToyi Toys, are just a few brands that supply African-American dolls that offer self-representation to raise the esteem of African-American girls. Nubian Skin and Iman Cosmetics are brands that supply lingerie and makeup, respectively, for women of color.

African-American mainstream representation has expanded and inspired many people. Children aspire to be what they dream, and representation of self furthers their dreams. With further portrayal and expansion of positive African-American images, the vision of the youth will be limitless.

## Program launched to increase male enrollment

On a campus where more than 70 percent of the student population is female, Clark Atlanta University recognizes more has to be done to increase the number of African-American men enrolling in, and graduating from colleges and universities.

The school specifically wants to encourage African-American men to consider CAU to continue their education. To further this important cause, CAU is launching a new program targeting young African-American men who are still in high school. The Black Male Sunday Initiative is the brainchild of CAU Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Peter Nwosu.

The Initiative calls for teams of students, faculty and staff to be dispatched to churches across Metro Atlanta during Sunday service throughout the month of February. Each team of "CAU Ambassadors," will speak before church congregations to explain how a degree from CAU will enhance the lives of African-American men, improve their earning potential and make them productive members of society.

CAU President Ronald A. Johnson, as well as Board of Trustees Chairman Gregory Morrison, Trustee Tharon Johnson, Dr. Henry Elonge, president of the Faculty Assembly and other key students, faculty, staff and alumni are also among the ambassadors taking our message of higher education for black men on the road.

Nearly two dozen churches have signed on to participate in the first phase of the Initiative. It kicked off Feb. 5 with a visit to Flipper Temple A.M.E Church. Other participating churches include Jackson Memorial Baptist Church, Impact Church, Hillside Chapel and Truth Center and Central United Methodist Church, to name a few. Following short remarks by ambassadors, a team of CAU admissions staff will be on hand at each church to provide university application and financial aid information and assist with other questions.

For more information on the Black Male Sunday Initiative call the CAU Office of Admissions at 404.880.6605 or email [admissions@cau.edu](mailto:admissions@cau.edu).

## Earn six semester credit hours; study in Jamaica this summer

Applications are being accepted for the annual Jamaica Study Abroad Program that started in 1995 in conjunction with the University of the West Indies. It is open to all majors.

The primary objective is for students to experience another culture. Participants enroll in the course Caribbean Culture and Society at UWI and also do an independent project under the supervision of CAU faculty. The program is based in Kingston, but students travel throughout the island.

For more information and an application, contact James D. McJunkins, program director, in Room G16 of the lower level of the Woodruff Library ([jamesolaf@comcast.net](mailto:jamesolaf@comcast.net)) or Gwen Wade, director of International Programs, in Trailer #3 across from the Student Center. Visit the Clark Atlanta University Jamaica Study Abroad Program on Facebook also.



# EDITORIAL

## An unelectable candidate who upset the political world

By Omoh T. Ojior, Ph.D.  
Professor of Political Science

What goes wrong, Africa; what is wrong Africa and Africans in the Diaspora, and what went wrong, America?

What has Africa and Africans done wrong; why the onslaught of the White Supremacists directed against Africans everywhere and why is Hillary Clinton being robbed of her political victory in the recent elections when the county of the popular votes shows that the former Secretary of State had scored over 2.2 million votes above in excess against her opponent, Donald Trump?

Why so much hate and not love for Hillary, other nationals, the Africans, particularly, and their many White admirers in the United States? America was in a political doldrums, but America was rescued by a president who was the first Black man to hold the position. Why the disrespect and hatred for President Barack Obama in spite of his achievement at a time America was in a socio-economic mess?

These questions here and many more that should be asked, but for brevity, are as a result of pundits' political miscalculations of what went on in the recent American Presidential election. In my opinion, what went on and what is still going on with President Donald J. Trump, and what humanity is witnessing is beyond mundane political analyses and calculations. The American media have hardly misfired in their political projections of a winner or calculations from during campaigns, after and when voting takes place in America. That they blew it this time, is an indication that something unholy has been activated, and the sooner it is checked if it's not too late, America may join the league of Third World nations or become one.

It is surprising that many Americans are not conscious enough to know what took place in November. It beats my feeble imagination that people are imputing what was not there into the classic campaigns of Hillary Clinton. Secretary Clinton displayed positive energies with clear plans with coherency in the manners she presented herself and interacted with the public all the time. She told the world what her plans were and how the plans would be implemented in a manner understandable to all including the youths and children of America.

On the other hand, Donald Trump was always without a plan, which he needed to explain to the Americans; he was always incoherent and had sound-bites in his presentation to the disgust of every reasonable and informed American. I will argue that it is always easy to criticize. Criticizing and discrediting with insults on the person of the U.S. President and all that President Obama had achieved for America and Americans was what Donald Trump talked about throughout the campaigns incoherently, without even the ability and knowledge to show that he knows and understands what it takes to govern a country such as the United States of America. Donald Trump was never a politician. Apart from all the deficiencies as displayed and noted by the citizens, young and old, of this great nation, candidate Trump lacks the social decency of the moral world of our time.

What did members of the Electoral College see in Trump in terms of experience and articulation that qualifies him to meet the

requirement of the most qualified or the right person for the presidency of the United States at this time of ours, over Hillary?

According to a professor of Law at Yale University, the real reason for the existence of the Electoral College is federalism and slavery. American citizens have now been told that the framers of the Constitution had entrenched the provision of the Electoral College in the Constitution in 1787 to ensure that the right qualified person was elected to the position of president. Mind you, this was at a time when not many were enlightened and informed politically; and there were many slaves that were feared, that one day they will become freed men and women who would participate in the political process, and today, there are. This assertion cannot be doubted because the minds of the framers of the Constitution were far reaching. However, I will argue that the framers of the founding document in spite of their far reaching minds, did not envision that the Electoral College provision will be used as it is being used today because there is a provision to amend the Constitution if a need should arise. They knew that humanity was evolving and would get to where we are today, and we have evolved beyond the negro-phobic thinking of some early Americans.

It is surprising that the earlier thinking of some people had not been overtaken by the magnificent advancement of those who were thought to be subhuman, as it has been displayed by those who have rigged themselves into an office they have the least knowledge and skills, to run.

I would further argue that those who were yelling and dinning to our hearing of "I will be rigged out," "this is a rigged system," "the media will rig me out in favor of Hillary" were actually the rigger of the system. There is a need for an investigation to know why and how Donald J. Trump reached the conclusion that the electoral system had become a rigged system in which the media were the facilitator or an accomplice. My suspicion needs to be invalidated for credibility purpose judging that the "rigged-President-elect" has claimed again that he was rigged out of the popular votes in which Hilary Clinton is leading with over 2.2 million votes without providing any evidence of such fraudulent practice.

Furthermore, I would argue that the personal attacks and open insults rained on the person of the president of the United States, President Barack Obama, whose name was not on the ballot shows the amount of the deep hatred for blacks. Further, the Affordable Healthcare Act, tagged "Obamacare," was God sent for the majority of Americans. Many of them have been crossing the borders to neighboring countries like Canada and Mexico to take advantage of their liberalized healthcare system with their moderately priced medicines respectively, to get cured of their illness. Yet, members of the Republican Party and Tom Price could not team up with the Democrats in the House to produce an inexpensive healthcare plan to save the people.

In their thinking, if Hillary is the next President, apart from realizing her personal political manifestos, she will complete the unfinished programs and projects of President Obama, which will be beneficial to the majority of Americans that include blacks, other minorities and the down trodden, less fortunate Americans.

Arguably, this planned agenda of the Democratic Party is offensive to Mr. Trump and many of the America's 1 percent business moguls, some of whom are not in accord with the white supremacists' agenda "to make America great again."

Consequently, one would further contest that the racist overtone of Mr. Donald J. Trump during the campaigns, which most informed and reasonable Americans are rejecting was directed at President Barack Obama whom he claimed was an African who was not born in America. As a result, President Trump hates President Obama and Africans, espousing the idea that black Africans must be shipped back to Africa. Nigerians have been specifically included on Trump's agenda to be shipped away because, according to Trump, they take jobs away from Americans; unknown to Trump, there are enormous contributions that Nigerian academic professors, medical doctors and others are making in the American economy.

For this and other negro-phobic thinking, everything was done to prevent the survival of the Obama legacy even if it meant one rigging him or herself into the office of the president of the United States. If the above opinions and arguments are in doubt, how do we explain that from day one to the last, on the campaign trails, Donald Trump claimed that he will be rigged out, that the process was a rigged system spearheaded by the media in America?

From the onset, the cry of "a rigged system" was a shield to prevent failure to rig out Hillary Clinton. In order to protect the integrity of the American western democracy, there is an urgent need to investigate the President-elect; for the Media to protect its reputation, it must lead the investigation into Trump's un-evidenced and un-substantiated allegations and claims.

Finally, the Mr. Trump must be informed that America, as the leader of the free world, cannot afford a dictator in the White House who does not believe in the well being of others humans. He needs to be re-educated to know that America has a secret destiny for mankind; that the power of American democracy came from the remote past, from the deep shadows of the medieval world, (Manly P. Hall); that Africans are no strangers to this shore; that Africans populated the Americas before the American Indians and before Columbus landed on the American shores; that America was meant to be the melting pot of human ideas and ideals, it is one of the reasons the best minds are attracted to America. It appears Mr. Donald J. Trump is drunk on his material wealth without the understanding that worldly means alone is not enough to be the leader of the free world; it takes mind, character and learning with skills to interact with others. For now Mr. Donald Trump has been adjudged to lack these humane attributes necessary for this age.

The Founding Fathers, victims of the puritan era, who landed on the Mayflower 1620 knew these truths. hence the provision of amendment with 2/3 member of Congress to amend the Constitution when necessary to accommodate and to strengthen the Republic. It is not an accident that America is attractive and inviting. Those who are racist and harbor hatred and discrimination in their hearts need to look deep into themselves and request the God of their hearts to forgive them. America cannot afford to yield the world's leadership position at this time; to whom?



# EDITORIAL

Let's see. In my first two weeks in office, I picked a billionaire Secretary of Education who has never worked in public schools, always sent her kids to private schools and is a staunch advocate for school vouchers; I picked a millionaire Secretary of State who is a close friend of Putin; I picked



an Attorney General who has a record of fighting against voting rights and civil rights; I picked a Secretary of Health and Human Services who just hates Obamacare; I picked two staff members who are now under investigation for ethical violations; I made it easier for the mentally challenged to

buys guns; I started allowing mining companies to dump their waste in waterways again; I started allowing pastors to endorse political candidates; I put a ban on people from seven Muslim countries from crossing our borders; I alienated Australia, one of our longtime and closest allies; I authorized construction of a wall between the United States and Mexico, which the American people are going to pay for through tariffs. . . I don't know about you but. . .

*I think I'm on a roll!!!*

**Have you learned your lesson?**

*Your vote can make a difference!*

By Alana Howard

The election of Donald Trump sparked many different negative emotions and oppositions between different groups of people.

Because of President Trump's controversial ideas and policies, many different opinions and oppositions have arisen. His plans of dropping the Affordable Health Care Act, cutting federal funding on certain governmental programs, building a wall on the United States border with Mexico, dropping trade deals that took years to establish, along with creating easier avenues for big business are campaign promises he is expected to try to keep.

In the first two weeks of being in office, he either issued an executive order or memo to his top aides to review the Dodd-Frank financial regulatory law, ban immigrants from seven Muslim countries, restructure the National Security Council, revive the construction of the Keystone pipeline, withdraw from the Trans-Pacific partnership, direct federal agencies to ease the regulatory burdens of Obamacare, and impose a hiring freeze on some federal government workers.

Along with his demanding presidential agenda, the hiccups and political drama that occurred while president Trump was running for office played a dynamic part in why so people have negative feelings about him. Inaugurations have always been representations of new beginnings because of the pristine ideals and policies the new president guarantees to bring to the table. Instead of the nation coming together for Trump's inauguration, the nation was very much divided.

**Only 53.5  
percent of voting-  
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Many protests have been taking place not only across the nation, but also throughout the world since Trump has taken office. Some protests have been peaceful, but others turned out to be violent. Stores and restaurants have



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been looted and protestors have clashed with law enforcement officers and other protestors.

Studies show that the number of people who voted in the 2016 presidential election was the lowest in two decades. Only 53.5 percent of voting-age citizens turned out. It would take another 18.7 million votes to reach the high point of voter turnout in 2008, when nearly 64 percent of voting age citizens turned out.

If more people had voted, the outcome probably would have been different, hence not causing as much controversy. Even though many citizens may not agree with the current president, it is vital to move on and adjust to what is happening in the country. America has spoken and Donald John Trump is the president.

If you didn't vote, don't gripe!

## SPORTS



Derek Harper fires a three-pointer against Morehouse

## SPOTLIGHT ON: Derek Harper

By Craig Allen Brown  
SPORTS EDITOR

After two subpar seasons that saw the CAU men's basketball team win only seven and nine games, Derek Harper has lit a spark in the 2016-2017 team. As of press time, the Panthers have won 13 games, and are one game out of first place in the SIAC East.

For the last four seasons, Harper has been an integral component of the men's basketball team. This is evidenced by his surpassing 1,000 points for his career, a feat accomplished by only one other Panther in the last 20 years. Harper credits this achievement as being one of two that he is most proud of on the court.

The other is the "Space Jam"...

On Jan. 2, in a game against LeMoyne-Owen College, Harper was executing a play drawn up by head coach Darrell Walker. With roughly three minutes remaining in the game, he crossed over one defender, and dribbled into the lane. When another defender attempted to take a charge, the 5'11" Harper jumped, using momentum from contact with the defender to propel him to the rim. He dunked the ball emphatically with both hands, and was awarded a personal foul. The play was significant for two reasons: the basket gave him 999 career points; the subsequent made free throw would give him 1,000 points for his career. And second: video of the dunk would go viral. The play would be featured on media everywhere, from Sportscenter to USAToday.com.

Despite much individual success, Harper is clearly focused on a successful season for the entire team. He states that the goal of the team is to win a national championship. When asked about the team's biggest strength, he responded: "We don't give up, and we don't quit, regardless of what's going on."

Harper plans to play professionally overseas after he graduates. He credits his time at Clark Atlanta as pivotal in preparing him for success in life after college. "I've enjoyed my four years here at Clark Atlanta, and I wouldn't change it for anything."

## SPOTLIGHT ON Lawrence Triplett

By Craig Allen Brown  
SPORTS EDITOR

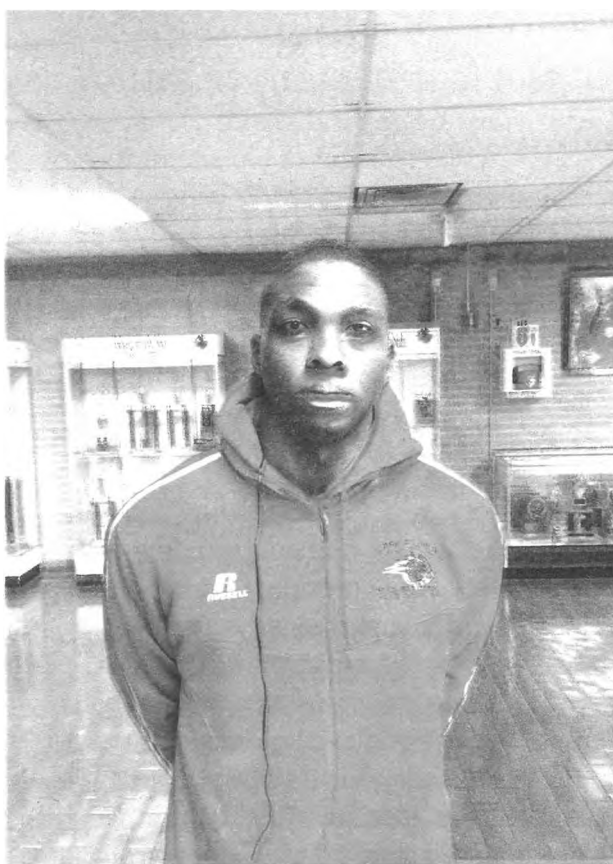
Despite being an undersized forward, Lawrence Triplett certainly does not play small. As of press time, the 6'3" senior is ranked second in rebounding, fifth in offensive rebounds, and second in defensive rebounds in the entire Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. His play made him an easy selection for SIAC Player of the Week.

The senior from Miami, Florida notes that hard work, focus, and dedication make these kinds of accolades not only possible, but probable. But he also acknowledges his teammates as being equally responsible. "I do understand that I can't do that without my teammates," he said. "Without my teammates, none of that is possible. It's truly a blessing, but I just want to continue to work so we can win championships."

Triplett has had his fair share of road blocks during his career. He cites losing family members during the season as clearly one of his most significant hurdles. He has attended four schools in five years, he has been doubted by coaches, he has been doubted by himself, and he has had to bounce back from significant injuries. But he states that overcoming these obstacles is what makes the whole process so worthwhile.

When asked how he is able to be such a prolific rebounder at his size, he replied, "Effort. My favorite athlete, Ray Lewis, says that effort is between you and you. No one can control your effort. I feel that rebounding is an 'effort' process that I am completely in control of. It doesn't matter what size you are; you just have to have the willingness to go do it."

Triplett does not have a single moment



Lawrence Triplett

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**Triplett**

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this season that he is most fond of. He states that the season in totality is special, and is something that he will always remember. He also reflected on the difficulties of playing for Coach Darrell Walker, a former NBA player and NBA coach. He cites his demanding nature as a catalyst to go out every night and perform to his utmost capabilities.

Triplett's dedication to the game and commitment to his team will most certainly continue to have a positive effect on the Panthers' success. "There will never be a game where I don't give it my all. I want my legacy to reflect that I was the toughest individual on the court at all times."



## SPORTS

## Clark Atlanta defeats Morehouse College, 71-66

By Alix Young  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

After struggling in the opening half, the Clark Atlanta Panthers rebounded to defeat their AUC rivals, the Morehouse Maroon Tigers, 71-66.

Despite trailing 32-25 at halftime, the Panthers were able to turn the game around and secure their 13<sup>th</sup> win of the season.

Five minutes into the second half, the Panthers were able to tie the game at 33, aided by six points by Tajai Johnson. Shortly after, the Maroon Tigers took the lead once again, but not for long. Shooting guard Derek Harper tied the game at 49 with a 3-pointer.

With a pressing defenses by both teams, the lead was no larger than three points for either team for the remainder of the game. With less than two minutes on the clock, Lawrance Triplett went to the free-throw line, where his free throws gave the team a one point lead, 67-66. Forced to the foul line in the last 40 seconds, Morehouse had the chance to tie the game at 67, but was unsuccessful.

Following a made Johnson jump shot, Triplett closed the deal as he was sent back to the foul line, making both shots.

The Panthers were led by Damien Davis



*Damien Davis sinks a free throw against Morehouse*

who scored 19 points. Johnson scored 18 points, and Harper contributed 17 points.

The win gave the Panthers an overall record of 13-8.

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## SPOTLIGHT ON Makeda Level

those times when outcomes look bleak for  
CAU's athletic teams.

The junior Mass Media Arts major from Fayetteville, Georgia has been cheering since she was eight years old. She speaks with great adoration when she discusses why she opted to attend Clark Atlanta University.

"My dad is a Clark College grad," she said. "I wanted to continue the tradition of attending this great institution. Also, I've never attended a school that was predominantly African-American, so the idea of attending an HBCU was intriguing. Coming here was one of the best decisions I've ever made."

Level credits teamwork, dedication and strong camaraderie as reasons that allow her squad to be a focal point during games, rallies, and other events. Hard work is another crucial component, as the Panther cheerleaders execute demanding practices several days a week, which include strength and cardio training. And while she loves

to cheerlead, she does not allow herself to lose focus on her academic pursuits.

Level says that she doesn't have an absolute favorite moment during her time at CAU, because every day has allowed her to make memories that she will cherish for a lifetime. After completing her degree, Level intends to become a news anchor, or serve as a co-host for eNews.



**Makeda Level**

By Craig Allen Brown  
SPORTS EDITOR

Makeda Level takes an extreme amount of pride in her role as a cheerleader for Clark Atlanta University. She sees her responsibility as not just to cheer and dance, but to infuse a high level of spirit into the student body, administration, and alumni, especially during

## SPORTS

## Panthers come from behind to beat Paine College, 73-72

By Craig Allen Brown  
SPORTS EDITOR

Despite Paine College's 0-10 record in conference play, CAU Coach Darrell Walker did not take the men's lightly.

"Paine has some good players. I knew that this was going to be a fight."

A fight it was. The Panthers did not lead at any point in the game until the last 34 seconds. They were able to claw from behind to pull out a 73-72 win over a scrappy Paine College team at L. S. Epps Gymnasium.

Paine started the game on fire. The Lions quickly jumped to a 12-1 lead, aided by two deep three pointers by Malcom Whittington.

CAU would pick it up offensively, going on a 8-2 run, capped by a layup by Michael Brittain.

After a layup by Paine's Deonte Moses, the Panthers would pick up the pace, going on a 13-0 run, which made the score 34-32 in favor of the Lions. Made free throws by Yusef Riley would give Paine a 42-34 lead at halftime.

With 6:30 remaining in the game, the Panthers would find themselves in trouble when Paine's Kaderious Compton would heat up. He would singlehandedly go on a 7-0 run, hitting on successive free throws, jump shots, and layups.

However, CAU would answer. Lawrence Triplett would hit back-to-back layups, and Tajai Johnson would hit two free throws to pull within five, 59-64.

Down four with one minute remaining in the game, Derek Harper would again step up for the Panthers. After sinking two free throws, he is again fouled on a three-point attempt. He calmly went to the free throw line and sank all three free throws, giving the Panthers their first lead of the game.

The Panthers fouled Riley with 33 seconds left in the game. His two made free throws gave Paine the lead 72-71.

However, on CAU's next possession, Johnson would again attack the rim, hitting the game winning-shot with only four seconds remaining. Paine's desperation shot at the buzzer would not find the basket.

All five starters scored in double digits for the Panthers. Johnson and Damien Davis lead the way with 18 and 15 points, respectively.

When asked about the game, Coach Walker said, "I told our guys, if you want to keep playing for first place, you have to come out in the second half and get after it. We started pressuring; the pressure bothered them a lot. We forced 26 turnovers, and were able to get back in the game. We made some big plays."



Damien Davis guards Paine player.

## SPOTLIGHT ON Chuka Eneh

By Craig Allen Brown  
SPORTS EDITOR

Six-foot-7-inch forward Chuka Eneh has consistently had to overcome adversity during his basketball career.

The star player from Woodrow Wilson High School in Dallas, Texas was originally recruited by Florida A&M University. When the coach he signed on to play for was let go by the university after one year, Eneh felt compelled to transfer. After a year at Tyler Junior College, he made his way to Clark Atlanta University.

His first two years at CAU were difficult. The team only managed seven and nine wins, respectively, for the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 seasons. More importantly, Eneh had to come to terms with the death of his beloved grandmother. His grandmother raised him, and he credits her with much of the success he has had in life. "The loss of my grandmother was one of the biggest obstacles that I have ever had to deal with," he said.

Even when the climate changed with the hire of Coach Darrell Walker, Eneh was faced with adversity. A hip injury drastically shortened the amount of time per game that he was able to participate. Currently, he is dealing with a thumb injury that requires him to play with a brace on his shooting hand.

But none of these obstacles have prevented him from making a significant difference on the court. Eneh is one of the Panthers' better shooters; he is currently first on

the team in three-point field goal percentage, shooting better than 45%. Eneh says that he patterns his game after athletic big men who can shoot the basketball, specifically Kevin Durant and Rudy Gay.

Eneh credits his enrollment at CAU as being one of the best decisions he has made. He further credits Coach Walker for changing the culture of the men's basketball program into a winning one. Currently, the Panthers are tied for first in the SIAC East.

Eneh hopes to finish the season strong. He aspires to win the SIAC men's basketball tournament, therefore securing a berth in the National Division II Men's Tournament.

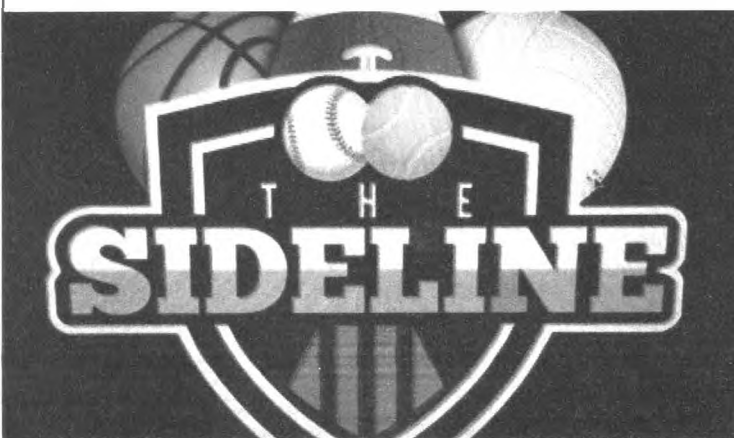
He takes pride in his ability to work hard in both the classroom and on the basketball court, despite the obstacles he's faced in life. He wants to continue to strive for success as a part of the CAU men's program, and desires to see the student body and alumni become equally excited about their chance.

"Everybody should come out and support us," he said. "We can definitely use it."



Chuka Eneh

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