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FROM THE PROVOST

Dear CAU Community,

It is my great honor and privilege to provide this annual summary of the rich, diverse, and impactful work executed by the many professionals working across the Division of Academic Affairs.

Our faculty and staff are an amazing community of committed and effective leaders determined to honor the legacy of this illustrious institution. I am grateful for all of the progress they have made as we have relentlessly worked to fulfill the CAU Mission: Building on its social justice history and heritage, through innovative teaching, research, scholarship, and service, Clark Atlanta University (CAU), a historically Black university transforms student lives and equips them for leadership in the global society.

With much gratitude,

Charlene D. Gilbert, Ph.D.



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HIGHLIGHTS, AWARDS, & RECOGNITIONS





SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Dr. Jaideep Chaudhary, Dean

SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES



Academic Excellence

- **Awards:** Won the 2023 Best in Class Award at the HBCU Emerging Technologies & Innovation Showcase.
- **Theatre and Communication Studies:** Ranked third among HBCU performing arts training centers by Edvocate.

Faculty Achievements

- **Awards and Honors:** Dr. Xinle Li received the Aldridge-McMillan Faculty Award for Excellence in Research.
- **Scholarly Productivity/Faculty Publications:** 41 peer reviewed scholarly publications; 30 scholarly presentations by faculty.
- **Grants:** 16 grants awarded totaling over $12 million for various academic and research initiatives.

Programs & Initiatives

- **Curriculum Analytics Project:** In collaboration with Colorado State University to enhance curriculum and program reviews.
- **Public Administration:** Successfully re-accredited by NASPAA.
- **New Programs:** Launched a Master of Science in Material Science and a Certificate in Public and Non-Profit Management.

Events

- **Hosted Events:** National Association of Mathematicians Undergraduate MATHFest, Association of Women in Mathematics Research Symposium, and more.
- **Art and Fashion Week:** Sponsored by major brands like PUMA and Macy's, featuring keynote speaker Charly Palmer.

Alumni Engagement

- **CAU STEM United:** Led by Dr. Jonathan Madison, focusing on recruitment, internships, financial support, and mentoring with regular check-in meetings.

Student Achievements

- **Internships:** Students participated in over 30 organizations, industries, and universities for internships in AY 2023.
- **Research Presentations:** Laura Prince and Anna Rittenhouse presented at major mathematics conferences, including the Association for Women in Mathematics Research Symposium and the Joint Mathematics Meetings.
- **Internship Award:** Karin Barnes, a junior History major, received a Robert Frederick Smith internship for summer 2024 at the National Museum of African American History & Culture.
- **Publication:** Graduate student Ziad Alsudairy's PhD work on 2D COFs became the most cited article in the ACS journal, Precision Chemistry.
- **Summer Program Acceptance:** Laura Prince and Georgia Sanders were accepted into the Summer 2024 Undergraduate Applied Mathematics Institute at Carnegie Mellon University.
- **Student Newspaper:** The Panther Newspaper re-launched with Elainey Bass as Editor-In-Chief, providing new reporting and multimedia coverage.
- **Conference Presentations:** Physics MS student Selena Coye and Chemistry graduate student Normanda Brown presented their research at national conferences, with Brown winning 1st place for her oral presentation.

CAU TV

- **Homecoming Coverage:** Provided extensive coverage of Homecoming activities.
- **Partnerships:** Collaborated with Paramount Global and received a grant from Starz network for equipment upgrades.















SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Dr. Silvanus J. Udoka, Dean

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS



Academic Excellence

- **Deloitte Partnered Consulting Course:** Successfully launched in the 3rd semester.
- **Kevin Odie:** Secured 2nd place in Bloomberg's HBCU ESG Trading Challenge 2023.
- **Mya Pierce:** Awarded the National Black MBA Association Atlanta Chapter MBA scholarship by Delta Air Lines.
- **Toyota Scholarships:** 11 Corporate Scholars and 12 Junior Mentees sponsored in Fall 2023.
- **CISCO Scholarships:** 9 students received scholarships for the CISCO Certified Lease and Finance Professional Foundation course.

Programs & Initiatives

- **CPA Evolution and Infusion Program:** Led by Dr. Osman, redesigned the accounting curriculum and integrated Becker CPA prep labs.
- **Leadership and Professional Development (LPD) Program:** Introduced new course content and initiatives like LPD on the GREEN.
- **Student Managed Investment Fund Project (SMIF):** Approved for $1,000,000 funding by the Board of Trustees.

Faculty Success

- **Publications:** Faculty published in notable journals such as the Atlantic Marketing Journal, Journal of Current Issues in Research & Advertising, and African Journal of Accounting, Finance, and Banking Research.
- **Faculty Research Symposium (AEF).**

Operational Excellence

- **U.S. News and World Report Ranking:** Improved from 110 in 2023 to 93 in 2024.
- **Enhanced Social Media Presence:** Significant growth in LinkedIn engagement.

New Funds & Partnerships

- **Toyota Scholars Funding:** $50,000.
- **PNC Foundation/HU:** $597,022.
- **Kemper Foundation Funding:** $170,000.
- **Modera Scholarships:** $10,000 for 5 Finance and Financial Planning students.

Corporate Engagement

- **Events:** Professional Development Fridays (PDF), Corporate Spotlights, Departmental Round Tables, and Special Corporate Events (Disney, First Look, HBCU, Failure Conference, A Different World Tour).








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SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Dr. J. Fidel Turner, Jr.
Dean

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National Recognition and Rankings

- **Notable Recognition:** Nationally ranked #143 and secured the third position among graduate schools of education in Georgia, following the University of Georgia and Georgia State University.
- **Graduate School:** Recognized as the top graduate school of education among HBCUs in Georgia and third among HBCUs nationwide.

Professional Inductions and Honor Societies

- **Inductions:** In Spring 2024, students were inducted into Chi Sigma Iota, Phi Delta Kappa, and Kappa Delta Pi. These memberships signify the commitment of the School of Education to fostering professional growth and leadership in the educational sector.

Grant - Funded Project Supporting Education and STEM Initiatives

- **Grants:** Multiple grants totaling over $20 million as of August 2024 supported various research and educational initiatives. Key projects included the Upward Bound program, the Talent Search program in Atlanta and LaGrange, and several projects aimed at increasing the African American STEM teacher workforce, funded by agencies such as the U.S. Department of Education, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), and the National Science Foundation (NSF).
- **Tuition and Scholarship Support:** Dr. Annette Teasdell received two important grants from the U.S. Department of Education, which will provide tuition and scholarship support for students enrolled in the MA in Special Education program: The L.A.N.E.Y. Scholars Project totaling $1,249,999$ and the P.A.N.T.H.E.R. Project: (Personnel Acquiring Needed Training to Help), totaling $1,250,000.

HBCU Executive Leadership Institute (ELI)

- **HBCU Funding Success:** Secured substantial funding including a $1.5 million grant from the Truist Foundation, a $1.2 million contribution from the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, and additional grants from the Kellogg Foundation and the Bank of America Foundation.
- **HBCU Fellows:** Welcomed 38 fellows in 2024.
- **HBCU New Initiative:** Launched the New President's Program which will enable ten fellows annually to participate in the Harvard Seminar for New Presidents, supported by over $500,000 in donations from Harvard University's Legacy of Slavery Initiative.

Faculty Achievements and Community Impact

- **Appointment:** Dr. Kristian Douglas appointed as an HBCU Field Representative for the National Literacy Research Association, serving a three-year term.
- **Conference Presentations:** Dr. Towanda Harris presented at the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), exemplifying the School's commitment to academic scholarship and professional engagement.
- **Sponsorship:** Dr. Valerie Bennett participated in Discovering Earth's Secrets School of Rock program in Iceland and Netherland, which was sponsored by the International Ocean Discovery Program.
- **Panel Organization:** In November 2023, during the American Education Week, SOE organized a Superintendents' Panel that addressed key K-12 challenges experienced local school districts.
- **Faculty Talk:** Dr. Annette Teasdell held a TLC talk at the UNCF Teaching and Learning Center on equity and inclusion in higher education.

Innovative Research and Training Programs

- **Simulation Training:** The School organized a Mixed Reality Simulation Training, held at the Winter 2023 School of Education Retreat, which highlighted innovative training methods that prepare educators for real-world teaching scenarios.
- **Conference Presentations:** Faculty contributed to impactful publications and conferences, with presentations at prestigious gatherings like the National Science Foundation's Joint Mathematics Meeting.

Student Leadership and Involvement

- **Undergraduate Leadership:** The School of Education celebrated the election of its students to key leadership positions within the 2024-2025 Student Government. Victoria Smiley, an Elementary Education major, was named Undergraduate SGA President, with fellow Elementary Education major Nila Jones-Burnett as Vice President.
- **Graduate Leadership:** Graduate SGA President Jorvis McGee, pursuing a doctorate in Higher Education Leadership, also represents the School's commitment to fostering future educational leaders.








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WHITNEY M. YOUNG, JR SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Dr. Jenny Jones, Dean



Rankings

- **US News & World Report 2023-2024:** The School of Social Work was ranked #1 among HBCUs in the state of GA; #1 among private schools of GA; #3 in the state of GA; #60 nationally out of 319 Schools of Social Work.
- **Scholarly Productivity/Faculty Publications:** 48 peer reviewed scholarly publications; 10 student/faculty peer reviewed publications; 22 scholarly presentations by faculty; 16 peer reviewed student/faculty presentations.

Faculty Congratulations

- **Dr. Nathan Currie:** Received the Emerging Leader Award (Barbara Vick Impact Award) for exceptional work in HIV community service and advocacy.
- **Dr. Shena Brown:** Asked to serve as a panelist for 'Youth in Diverse Communities' at the 28th Rosalynn Carter Mental Health Forum.

Community & International Partnerships

- **Partnerships:** The School of Social Work partnered with Greater Atlanta Urban League (GAUL) to showcase a documentary about the life of Whitney M. Young, Jr.
- **Host for Delegates:** Hosted delegation from the University of Kwazulu-Natal to discuss international engagement, collaboration, and economic development.

Distinguished Scholars

- **Trauma-Informed Care Course:** Under the coordination of Dr. Nathaniel Currie, seven MSW students completed this course.
- **Integrated Behavioral Health Certificate Program:** Under the coordination of Dr. Shena Leverett Brow, three MSW students graduated with this certificate.
- **Center for Interpersonal Collaboration & Education:** 25 students, including 16 Social Work and 10 Counselor Education students participated in this program during the 2023-2024 academic year.
- **CSWE-Substance Use Disorders Education & Leadership:** Four MSW students participated in the CSWE Fellows Forum held May 13-14, 2024 in Alexandria, VA.
- **Phi Alpha Honor Society:** 26 student scholars were inducted into the society on April 25, 2024.
- **Student Spotlight:** Jeniya Adams was a recipient of a UNCF Scholarship.

Competitions

- **Awards:** Ms. Deshia Elliott, PhD candidate, received 1st prize/People's Choice Award in the University's Graduate Education 'GradTalks Research' competition.
- **Financial Literacy IQ Battle:** School of Social Work (students Asha Clark & Nyaa Parsons) teamed up with the School of Education (students Tyekia Jones & Cledasha Harris) to compete during SMART money week. The team placed 1st and won $2500.00 stipends each. Ms. Deshia Elliott served as the team trainer.




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FACULTY EXTERNAL RESEARCH AWARDS

CENTER FOR CANCER RESEARCH & THERAPEUTIC DEVELOPMENT



Bekir Cinar

Awarded **$25,000** by the Georgia Cancer Center for prostate cancer research (2024).



Cimona Hinton

Secured **$17,812** from the Georgia Cancer Center for prostate cancer metastasis research (2024-2025).



Geou-Yarh Liou

Granted **$50,000** by the Georgia Cancer Center for prostate cancer disparity research (2024).



Zhengxin Wang

Granted **$914,016** by the National Science Foundation for research on developmental regulation of WDR77 in prostate growth (2023-2027).



Daqing Wu

Received **$59,618** from the Georgia Research Alliance for cancer treatment research (2023-2024).

Received **$15,000** from the Georgia Cancer Center for prostate cancer suppression research (2024).

FACULTY EXTERNAL RESEARCH AWARDS

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Roy George

Received **$299,895** from the National Science Foundation for research on persistent homology in topological data analysis (2023-2026).



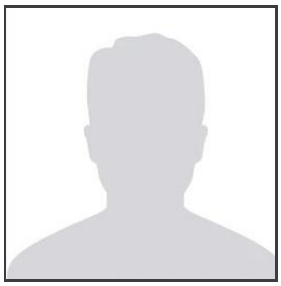
Lakeshia Jones

Secured **$200,000** from the National Science Foundation for advancing cybersecurity technologies in the Central Savannah River Area (2023-2025).



Eric Mintz

Received **$900** from Integrated Solutions Four Systems and **$99,020.82** from the Department of Energy for various research projects (2024-2025).



Frederick Okoh

Awarded **$40,000** by the Department of Energy for a summer enrichment program (2024).

FACULTY EXTERNAL RESEARCH AWARDS

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Olugbemiga Olatidoye

Granted **$750,000** by the Department of Energy for the GAEC-MSI project (2024-2027).



Charles Pierre

Granted **$2,793,132** by the National Science Foundation for the AIHUB@CAU project (2024-2028).



Dinadayalane Tandabany

Received **$186,871** from the National Science Foundation for the Computational and Data Science Curriculum Exchange (2023-2026).



Shanise Walker

Awarded **$299,923** by the National Science Foundation for research on Turan-type problems on partially ordered sets (2023-2026).



Kurt Young

Awarded **$397,999** by the National Science Foundation for the Geospatial Data Systems-Policy Analysis Curriculum Enhancement Project (2023-2026).

FACULTY EXTERNAL RESEARCH AWARDS

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Mesfin Bezuneh

Received **$200,775** from the Department of State for the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders Initiative (2024).

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION



Annette Teasdell

Awarded **$1,249,935** by the Department of Education for the CAU P.A.N.T.H.E.R. Project (2023-2028).

Awarded **$1,249,999** by the Department of Education for the Lucy Craft Laney Scholars Program (2024-2029).

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Shena Brown

Secured **$79,246** from the Spencer Foundation for the SCORE Expansion Project (2024).



Adrienne Goss

Secured **$1,958,852** from HHS for the HBCU Leadership in Education Awareness and Preparation in Behavioral Health project (2023-2028).

EXTERNAL RESEARCH AWARDS

RESEARCH & SPONSORED PROGRAMS



Frances Williams

Secured **$2,666,784** from the National Science Foundation for the AUC-GRANTED project (2024-2029).





CENTER FOR CANCER RESEARCH & THERAPEUTIC DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Jaideep Chaudhary, Interim Director

CENTER FOR CANCER RESEARCH & THERAPEUTIC DEVELOPMENT



Key Achievements

- **Outreach Programs:** Reached over 10,000 individuals city-wide through prostate cancer awareness campaigns, health fairs, and educational seminars.
- **Support Services:** Assisted more than 100 individuals through referrals for support groups and medical care.
- **Prostate Cancer Research:** Worked with our center researchers to highlight and support innovative research on early detection, treatment, and survivorship which they are actively working on.
- **Marketing and Branding:** Redesigned our center's logo, marketing, and promotional giveaway items. Created new and updated informational pamphlets.
- **Social Media:** Created new and engaging social media accounts on Facebook, X (Twitter), and Instagram. With these accounts, we were able to utilize and create Prostate Cancer awareness campaigns as well as tools to promote our events and the events of our partners.

Outreach & Awareness Initiatives

- **Prostate Cancer Awareness Month:** Our month-long campaign reached over 5,000 people via social media and local events, with key messages about the importance of early detection and screening.
- **Community Health Fairs:** Partnered with over 50 local healthcare organizations to host free family health screenings and information sessions in underserved communities.
- **Educational Webinars & Workshops:** Hosted 10 virtual and in-person workshops attended by over 100 individuals; covering topics such as research, risk factors, treatment options, and survivorship.

Patents

- **Patents:** Dr. Shafiq A. Khan, Dr. Zhengxin Wang, Dr. Wu D, and Dr. Daqing Wu have filed 5 patent applications.

CENTER FOR CANCER RESEARCH & THERAPEUTIC DEVELOPMENT

Collaborative Partnerships

- **Augusta University:** The State of Georgia provided an additional $100K in funding for individual and pilot research projects between Clark Atlanta University CCRTD members and Augusta University faculty.
- **Georgia Cancer Center:** Dr. Bekir Cinar received a collaborative pilot project grant with an investigator at Georgia Cancer Center, Augusta University.
- **Xavier University of Louisiana:** Dr. Bekir Cinar along with an Investigator at Xavier University of Louisiana published a research article.
- **Emory University:** Dr. Bekir Cinar established a research collaboration with an investigator at Emory University.
- **Emory University:** Dr. Daquing Wu is working with Dr. Mingji Dai in the Emory University Department of Chemistry, in medicinal chemistry.
- **QuanMol Tech, Inc.:** Dr. Daqing Wu in collaboration with QuanMol Tech is conducting research on AI-assisted drug discovery.
- **Frontage Laboratories, Inc.:** Dr. Daqing Wu is researching the pharmacological evaluation of drug candidates.

Organizational Partnerships & Support

- **Organizational Partnerships:** American Cancer Society, Bristol Myers Squibb, City of Hope, and ConDUC.
- **Fundraising Highlights:** Bristol Myers Squibb-$200,000; American Cancer Society-$75,000; City of Hope $30,000.
- **Individual Support:** Will Daniels - $250,000; Wendy Short-Bartie - $250,000; Kimberly Manning - $125,000; Tosha Downey - $50,000; Louise Wyche - $30,000; Dr. Walter Rayford-$25,000
- While many other gifts support CCRTD, this is a snapshot of some of the donations received.

CENTER FOR CANCER RESEARCH & THERAPEUTIC DEVELOPMENT

Presentation Highlights

- **Dr. Cinar Bekir:** Presented 2 abstracts at the American Association for Cancer Research annual meeting; Presented abstract and made an oral presentation at the Research Centers in Minority Institutions conference; Presented at the Undergraduate Research & Creativity Symposium; Presented an abstract at the Prostate Cancer Foundation annual meeting; Presented at the Consortium on Disparities of Urologic Conditions (ConDUC) Scientific Symposium.
- **Dr. Dr. Xin Li:** Published abstract and poster presentation at the 13th National Symposium on Prostate Cancer; Oral presentation at Prostate Cancer Research US Projects Meeting.
- **Dr. Geou-Yarh Liou:** Along with Crystal Byrd, Woojung Kim, & Tamiya Hobbs - selected for oral presentation and won the 3rd place poster award.

Publications & Grants

- **Peer-Reviewed Journals:** 14 research articles published by faculty, staff, and students.
- Over $12 million in grants received and/or submitted.

Student Achievements

- **PhDs Conferred:** Abdulrahman Dwead & Ava Boston received a PhD in Biology, both chaired by Dr. Bekir Cinar.

CCRTD Membership

- **New Membership:** 7 faculty - Dr. Jaideep Chaudhary, Interim Director, Dr. Nathan Bowen, Dr. Bekir Cinar, Dr. Shafiq Khan, Dr. Geou-Yarh Liou, Dr. Zhengxin Wang, Dr. Daqing Wu; 6 affiliate faculty - Dr. Teri Platt, Dr. Mustapha Alhassan, Dr. Youseung Kim, Elycia Daniel, Dr. Maxine Harlemon; Appointed Affiliated Faculty - Dr. Oyebade Kunle Oyerinde.



OFFICE OF GRADUATE EDUCATION

Dr. Oyebade Kunle Oyerinde, Interim Dean

OFFICE OF GRADUATE EDUCATION



Writing and Research Support

- **Consultations:** Conducted 191 writing and research consultations.

Workshops and Professional Development

- **Workshops:** Hosted 42 academic, technology, and professional workshops with 348 graduate student attendees.

Research and Symposiums

- **GradTalk Research Symposium:** Featured 11 graduate student participants.

Graduate Resource Center (GRC) Engagement

- **Student Utilization:** Over 300 graduate students used GRC services, including computer labs, meeting rooms, and study spaces.

Thesis and Dissertation Support

- **Document Reviews:** Reviewed 18 theses and dissertations.

Scholarships and Financial Support

- **Graduate Conference Scholarships:** Awarded three $500 travel scholarships.

Title III Grad PREP Activities

- **Support for STEM Ph.D. Scholars:** Supported three remaining Title III STEM Ph.D. Scholars.



ISABELLA T. JENKINS HONORS PROGRAM

Dr. Terri Platt, Director

ISABELLA T. JENKINS HONORS PROGRAM



Academic and Literary Engagement

- **Summer 2023 Reading:** Discussed “Souls of Black Folks” by W.E.B. DuBois and “Black on Black” by Daniel Black during Honors Seminar.

Voter Registration and Civic Engagement

- **Voter Registration Events:** Coordinated five events with Fulton County Department of Registration and Elections, featuring the Fulton Votes Mobile Voter Education bus.

Conferences and Competitions

- **HBCU Career Development Marketplace:** Five students attended in November 2023, participating in workshops, mock interviews, and networking.
- **NAAAHP Conference:** Eight students attended in October 2023, winning second place in the oratorical competition and first place in the Model African Union competition.
- **TEDWomen 2023 Conference:** Nine students attended, sponsored by the Arthur Blank Foundation.

STEM and Community Engagement

- **STEAM Expo:** Hosted by 20 honor students in February 2024, featuring interactive stations for campus visitors.
- **Community Service:** Over 200 hours completed, including volunteering at food banks, community gardens, and hosting blood drives.

Workshops and Development

- **Lunch and Learn Workshops:** Topics included national fellowships, LSAT and GRE preparation, and time management.
- **Brainy Breakfasts:** Provided study resources during midterm exams.
- **Geek Week:** Included puppy therapy, resume reviews, an International Expo, and entrepreneurship workshops.

Media and Research Participation

- **BET's America in Black:** Honor students discussed the importance of the 2024 presidential election.
- **Research Conferences and Hackathons:** Over 30 students participated.

Graduate School Acceptances

- **May 2024 Graduates:** Accepted into prestigious programs at universities including Emory, NYU, Howard, and the University of Chicago.




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Dr. Charmayne E. Patterson, Director



Conference Presentations

- **QM Connect 2023:** Partnered with Online Learning & Continuing Education, Dr. Charmayne E. Patterson, Dr. Mary A. Hooper, & Ms. Brooke Jones presented - Blueprint Courses and Collaboration: An Innovative HBCU Case in Course Design and Quality Assurance.
- **UNITE 2023:** Collaborating with Online Learning & Continuing Education, Dr. Charmayne E. Patterson, Dr. Mary A. Hooper, Dr. Kathleen Mapson, & Ms. Brooke Jones presented - Digital Content in the CAU Metaverse: Using AR/VR to Enhance Student Engagement.
- **UNITE 2024:** Partnered with Online Learning & Continuing Education, Dr. Charmayne E. Patterson, Dr. Mary A. Hooper, & Ms. Brooke Jones presented - Course Design Communities of Practice: Amplifying Excellence in Teaching and Learning.

Artificial Intelligence Campus Engagement

- **AI at CAU:** Hosted the first AI campus engagement session (AI's Not So Spooky) for CAU faculty. Invited speaker was Adam Balwant, CEO & Co-Founder of Trainify, an AI training company.
- **AI Task Force:** The CITLE led the establishing of an AI Task Force which was comprised of CAU faculty, students, and staff. The Task Force developed comprehensive guidelines for integrating AI within CAU courses.

Opening Institutes & Closing Faculty Retreat

- **Faculty Sessions:** Led the planning for the Fall 2023 and 2024 Opening Institutes and the 2024 Closing Faculty Retreat. Provided overall event and technology support during all sessions.

Professional Development

- **AR/VR Training & Showcase:** Facilitated a three day summer series on EON XR technology for 12 CAU faculty participants. Faculty created models that would be integrated into teaching. After implementation, faculty showcased models and shared how students engaged with the models.
- **Student Learning Labs:** Provided training to over 150 students on how to create virtual worlds and the EON XR platform for Dr. Tamara Hill's English course project.
- **Faculty Trainings:** Hosted over 20 training sessions ranging from the Scholarship of Teaching & Learning to Creating Accessible Content.

Research Support

- **Qualitative Research Team:** Partnered with faculty across departments to explore and select a tool that faculty and students can use to conduct qualitative research.

Partnerships

- **AUC Teaching Slam:** Served on the planning committee in partnership with Morehouse College and Spelman University to explore innovative pedagogies that celebrate diversity, promote critical thinking, and equip students with the tools to navigate a complex world. Co-hosed the Teaching Slam in partnership with Morehouse and Spelman.
- **OER Affiliate:** Partnering with Tennessee State University and other HBCUs to build Open Educational Resources for our institutions.
- **NYU Faculty Resource Network (FRN):** CAU faculty have participated in the Network Summer, Network Winter, Leadership Initiative, Remote Scholars Fellowship Program, Teach Share, and Generative AI events.
- **UNCF/Mellon Faculty Career Enhancement Program:** The UNCF/Mellon Faculty Career Enhancement Programs are a suite of opportunities intended to support the research, scholarship, and teaching of HBCU faculty, particularly junior faculty.









ONLINE LEARNING & CONTINUING EDUCATION

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Dr. Mary A. Hooper, Director



Current Capacity and Key Results

- **Online Graduate Programs:** There are three online programs with a Fall 2024 enrollment of 118 students.
- **Online Courses:** There are 225 (18% of all courses). There are 44 partially online courses and 181 fully online courses.

Graduate Online Enrollment Trends

- **Ed.D. Higher Education Leadership:** F18 - 10; F19 - 30; F20 - 37; F21 - 47; F22 - 36; F23 - 37; F24 - 42.
- **Online Masters Educational Leadership:** Sp23 - 14.; Sm23 - 13; F23 - 40; Sp24 - 38; Sm24 - 17; F24 - 51
- **Online Educational Leadership Certification:** Sp23 - 28; F23 - 64; Sp24 - 39; Sm24 - 1; F24 - 25.

Current Program Portfolio: Grants and Agreements

- **Google Fellows Career and Community Development Academy - Grant:** Established sustainable infrastructure for career development and credential programs. Awarded 363 Digital Badges to learners completing PLACE programs. Engaged 16 APS students in summer programming & 2 on-demand leadership courses. Engaged 13 learners in 81 on-demand workforce development courses.
- **HBCU Executive Leadership Institute – Grants:** Two Micro-Credentials developed; three additional in pipeline. Managed & Facilitated all ELI application and registration, as well as virtual Learning experiences. Administered 360 assessments for all Fellows.
- **Jobs With Justice – Service Agreement (2024):** Designed four micro-credentials for Labor Studies Specialty Certificate.
- **The Vision School: Malaysia – Service Agreement (2024 – pending):** Facilitate four micro-credentials for School & Teacher Leadership Specialty Certificate.

Most Promising Online Graduate Programs

- **Already Offered - Adapt for Online:** Master's Social Work - 60; Master's Public Administration - 17; Master's Business Administration - 34.
- **Recommended for Online - Not Yet Offered:** Master's Curriculum & Instruction - 23; Master's Health Care Administration - 10; Master's Cybersecurity - 11.
- **Market Research:** Partner with UQ Solutions. We began the partnership in 2023 and with grant funding will continue working with them through 2027. UQ leverages multiple sources of data including academic programs from IPEDS as well as job and skill set demand, and prospective salary data from Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Professional Learning

- **Career Credentials:** International Accreditors for Continuing Education & Training (IACET); Micro Credentials/Certificates; Executive, Community, and Social Justice Leadership - HBCU ELI (School of Education); Jobs for Justice (W.E.B. Du Boise Center); City of Atlanta Community Leadership Institute; Leading Educational Equity and Excellence (Clayton County Public Schools).
- **Market Driven:** EAB Adult Learner Network; Association for Continuing Higher Education; University Professional & Continuing Education.




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CENTER FOR ACADEMIC AND STUDENT SUCCESS

Dr. Cynthia Clem, Assistant Provost



Increasing Persistence and Retention Rates for First-Year Freshmen

- **Academic Showcase:** Developed the Academic Showcase component of the CAU Experience in collaboration with the four Schools and their respective Academic Departments.
- **First-Year and Transfer Students:** CASS hosted Sessions with the new first-year and transfer students facilitated by the Retention and Graduation Specialists. The sessions included discussions related to the academic expectations with new first-year students and first-year transfer students.
- **Go-Live:** CASS Hosted Go-Live with Your RGS Sessions via zoom to address student concerns after attending NSO.
- **First-Time Freshmen:** The First-Time Freshmen (FFM) 2023 cohort included 1069 students. One thousand four (1004) of the 1069 (94%) of the FFM Fall 2023 cohort were registered for at least 15 credit hours for the Fall 2023 term.
- **Financial Aid Student Workshops:** Collaborated with the Office of Financial Aid to offer Financial Aid/FAFSA workshops in the First-Year Seminar classes to assist students with understanding the Financial Aid and Satisfactory Academic Progress policies and procedures.
- **First-Time Freshmen Cohort:** The First-Time Freshmen Fall 2023 (FFM 2023) cohort persisted to Spring 2024 at a rate of 92%. Nine hundred eighty-five (985) of one thousand sixty-nine (1069) or (92%) of the first-year students persisted from Fall 2023 to Spring 2024.
- **Fall 2024 Registration:** Assisted eight hundred eighty-four (884) of the 1069 (83%) FFM 2023 cohort or 884 of 985 (90%) students registered for Spring 2024 to complete registration for Fall 2024. Seven hundred sixty-seven (767) of the 1069 (72%) of the FFM 2023 cohort is enrolled for Fall 2024, including readmits.
- **First-Year Honors:** Recognized the first-year students who earned First-Year Honors, Fall 2023. Recognized five hundred seven (506) of 1069 students in FFM 2023. The first-year class included one thousand sixty-nine (1069) students. CASS recognized (506) students or (47%) of the Fall 2023 entering class. Of the 506 honorees, fifty-six (56) students were recognized for earning a 4.0 average.
- **The First-Time Freshmen Cohort:** The (FFM) 2024 cohort includes 1000 students. Nine hundred thirty-one (931) of the 1000 (93%) students in the FFM Fall 2024 cohort are registered for at least 15 credit hours for the Fall 2024 term.

Academic Advisement

- **Mandatory Advisement:** CASS facilitated mandatory academic advisement workshops to assist all (first-year, sophomore, junior) students with advisement, registration and enrollment information to increase persistence and enrollment to the subsequent academic term.
- **Mandatory Academic Student Success Junior Workshops:** Fall 2023, 404 of 445 or 91% and Spring 2024, 317 of 334 or 95% juniors participated in MASS Workshops for Juniors to prepare for Advisement and Registration for Spring, Summer and Fall 2024.
- **Mandatory Sophomore Academic Student Success Workshops:** Fall 2023, 417 of 541 or 77% and Spring 2024, 370 of 405 or 91% of sophomores participated in SASS Workshops to prepare students for Advisement and Registration for Spring Summer and Fall 2024.
- **First-Year Seminar Advisement and Registration Sessions:** First-Year Seminar Advisement and Registration Sessions in 100% of the classes Fall 2023, 24 sections and Spring 2024, 24 sections.





STUDENT SUCCESS PROJECT

Dr. Dakira Watkins, Director



Consultation and Assessment

- **External Consultant Onboarding:** Serena Matsunaga from TSE Consulting LLC joined in January 2024.
- **Meetings and Focus Groups:** Conducted with CASS, Registrar's Office, Title III Team, and students.
- **Landscape Assessment Presentation:** Delivered to Academic Affairs Leadership Team.
- **Student Climate Survey:** Administered to all students.

Key Events and Campaigns

- **Student Success Retreat:** Held on April 29, 2024, with the Student Success Committee and University Registrar.
- **USC Visit:** Title III Director and team visited USC to review their Student Success Center and programs.
- **Early Alert Campaign:** Conducted in February 2024 for all undergraduates.
- Mid-Term Progress Report Campaign: Conducted in March 2024 for students with grades below "C."
- **Graduate Student Athlete Alert Campaign:** Conducted in March 2024.

Tutoring and Study Hall

- **Tutoring Sessions:** 238 students participated, with 119 attending multiple sessions.
- **Study Hall Participation:** 215 student athletes attended, exceeding required hours.
- **Study Hall Renovations:** Rooms 309 and 302 in Epps Gym renovated for study hall services.

Recognition and Engagement

- **Dean's List Dessert Reception:** Held on April 17, 2024, for over 300 Dean's List Scholars.
- **UNCF On-Site Visit:** Included discussions on transformational efforts and presentations by initiative owners.

General Education and Study Abroad

- **General Education Retreat:** Hosted on April 11, 2024, focusing on innovative education experiences.
- **RHBB Study Abroad Trip:** Six scholars traveled to South Africa in March 2024, focusing on entrepreneurship and innovation.
- **Study Abroad Participation:** 54 students participated in various international programs.

Research and Creativity

- **Undergraduate Research Symposium:** Hosted in March 2024, featuring 77 student presentations and awarding $10,000 in prizes.




PATHWAY TO PANTHER PRIDE



OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

Ms. Susan Gibson, Director



Candidates for Graduation 2023 - 2024

- **Summer 2023:** Awarded 37; Graduate Doctorate (11); Graduate Masters (3); Undergraduates (23).
- **Fall 2023:** Awarded 99; Graduate Doctorate (8); Graduate Masters (20); Undergraduates (71).
- **Spring 2024:** Candidates 491; Graduate Doctorate (9); Graduate Masters (115); Undergraduates (367).
- **Spring Graduating Class:** Total - 627

Degree Programs	Candidates
Graduate Doctorate	**28**
Doctor of Education	19
Doctor of Philosophy	9
Graduate Masters	**138**
Master of Arts	31
Master of Arts Teaching	3
Master of Business Administration	41
Master of Public Administration	23
Master of Science	10
Master of Social Work	30
Undergraduate	**461**
Bachelor of Arts	382
Bachelor of Science	66
Bachelor of Social Work	13
Grand Total	**627**

Graduate Doctorate Candidates by School and Major

Major Field of Study	Candidates
Graduate Doctorate	28
School of Arts and Sciences	7
Biology	1
Chemistry	4
Humanities	1
Political Science	1
School of Education	19
Educational Leadership	2
Higher Education Leadership Online	11
Higher Education Leadership	6
School of Social Work	2
Social Work Policy Plan Administration & Social Science	2
Grand Total	28

Graduate Masters Candidates by School and Major

Major Field Of Study	Candidates
Graduate Masters	138
School of Arts and Sciences	40
African American Studies	2
Africana Women's Studies	4
Computer Science	4
Mathematics	5
Physics	1
Public Administration	23
Sociology	1
School of Business	44
Accounting	3
Business Administration	41
School of Education	24
Clinical Mental Health Counseling	6
Educational Leadership	12
School Counseling	2
Secondary Education	3
Special Education-General Curriculum	1
School of Social Work	30
Social Work	30
Grand Total	138

Undergraduate Candidates by School and Major

School of Arts and Sciences	Candidates
Undergraduate	461
Art	7
Art History	1
Biology	29
Chemistry	8
Dual Degree Engineering Program	2
Computer Science	7
Dual Degree Engineering Program	1
Criminal Justice Admin	40
Cybersecurity	7
English	1
Fashion Design/Merchandising	25
History	2
Mass Media Arts	75
Mathematics	2
Music	3
Physics	1
Dual Degree Engineering Program	5
Political Science	15
Psychology	64
Psychology - BS Degree	4
Religion	2
Sociology	4
Speech Communication	5
Theatre Arts	10
Grand Total	320

Undergraduate	141
School of Business	120
Accounting	6
Business Administration	112
Finance	8
Finance and Financial Planning	2
International Business	2
Management	56
Marketing	41
Supply Chain Management	3
Economics	2
School of Education	8
Educational Studies	2
Elementary Education	6
School of Social Work	13
Social Work	13
Grand Total	141

Miscellaneous Information

- **Oldest Candidate:** 62 years of age.
- **Youngest Candidate:** 19 years of age.
- **Certified Veterans and Dependents:** 39

Candidates by Gender	Candidates
Female	462
Graduate Doctorate	16
Graduate Masters	97
Undergraduate	349
Male	135
Graduate Doctorate	12
Graduate Masters	37
Undergraduate	86
Not Indicated	30
Graduate Masters	4
Undergraduate	26
Grand Total	627

Candidates by Residency	Candidates
Georgia State Resident	194
Graduate Doctorate	17
Graduate Masters	50
Undergraduate	127
International/Foreign Resident	10
Graduate Doctorate	3
Graduate Masters	5
Undergraduate	2
Out of State Resident	421
Graduate Doctorate	8
Graduate Masters	83
Undergraduate	330
Resident Alien/Green Card	2
Undergraduate	2
Grand Total	627

Top Honors - Posthumous Degree

- **Valedictorian:** Shannay Porter; Mass Media Major - Journalism, 4.00 GPA.
- **Salutatorian:** Jitarra Ellis; Mass Media Ars - Concentration: Radio/TV/Film, 3.9675 GPA.
- **Elsa Jesus Leon (Posthumous Degree):** Doctor of Philosophy; B.A., Spanish & Teacher Education - Georgia State University, 1990; M.A.T., Georgia State University, 1996, Dissertation Title: "Learning English as a Second Language: The Positive and Negative Effects on Young Adults and Adults of Foreign Origin in the United States".

Latin Honors and Honor Roll

- **Summa Cum Laude** *(with highest distinction)*: 30 *(3.80+ GPA)*.
- **Magna Cum Laude** *(with great distinction)*: 86 *(3.50 GPA, but below 3.80 GPA)*.
- **Cum Laude** *(with distinction)*: 113 *(3.25 GPA, but below 3.50 GPA)*.
- **University Honor Roll:** Graduate - 29 (Transfer with 4.0 cumulative GPA); Undergraduate - 29 (Transfer students with 3.25+ cumulative GPA).



OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

Ms. Tiara Arnold, Director

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Career Fairs and Campus Engagement

- **Career Fairs:** Hosted 3 fairs (AUCC, MSI, CAU).
- **Companies on Campus:** 104 companies, including 73 at the CAU Fair.
- **Student Walk-ins:** 207 unique students.

Professional Development

- **Mock Interviews:** 152 completed.
- **Resume Reviews:** 304 completed.

Placement and Recruiting

- **Placement Rate:** 74.4% as of August 2024 (previous year: 78.9%).
- **Recruiting Partners:** Over 46,523 employers registered on Handshake.
- **Active Jobs in Handshake:** 43,864+ as of August 2024.

Student Support and Programming

- **Resume Reviews:** Approximately 412 from August 2023 to May 2024.
- **Classroom Visits:** 23 from August 2023 to May 2024.
- **Student Appointments:** 94 return and 132 first-time appointments from August 2023 to May 2024.
- **Mock Interviews:** 152+ conducted from August 2023 to May 2024.
- **CPD Hosted Programming:** 57 events from August 2023 to May 2024.



OFFICE OF SPIRITUAL LIFE AND ENGAGEMENT

Rev. Dr. Tonya Miles, Dean



Devotionals and Sermons

- **Publications:** Weekly devotional messages to the community as a means of inspiration and hope.
- **Sermon Series:** During the Tuesday Worship Experience student leaders were encouraged to preach for the first time. They enjoyed the process of studying and preparing a message.

Program Cohort

- **Servant Leaders:** Welcomed the second cohort of the Bonner Servant Leader program which encourages student leaders who passionately serve the community and encourages others to do the same.

Community Service & Partnerships

- **Day of Service:** Participated in the 4th Annual MLK Day of service. Participation increases every year and 100% of students not only enjoy it, but continue to serve after this event.
- **Service Partnership:** Partnered with the Department of Religion and Philosophy to launch a community service initiative between UMC Congregations, and CAU students to encourage discernment and relationship building. This program was funded by a grant awarded by the Fund for Theological Exploration.
- **Industry Partnership:** Partnered with Motown to host a talkback with Ricky Dillard 'The Choirmaster' on Good Friday to encourage CAU students.

Off-Campus Experiences

- **Tours:** Traveled with SCLC/WOMEN, Inc. touring some of the main markers of the Civil Rights Movement in Alabama including a march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge to commemorate Bloody Sunday. Funding was provided by the North Georgia Conference of The United Methodist Church.

New Associations

- **Student Association:** Established a Muslim Student Association to support students in their observance of Ramadan and other religious holidays.

Continuous Work

- **Servant Leadership:** Continue to provide a space where CAU constituents of all faith traditions are welcomed to enjoy the student center prayer space.
- **Other Duties:** Provide worship planning, pastoral care and counseling, and other community responsibilities (worship, bible student, community service, and small group facilitation for students, faculty, and staff.






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CAU ART MUSEUM

Dr. Danielle Taylor, Director

CAU ART MUSEUM



Exhibitions

- **New Exhibit:** *Hidden Gems: AUC Faculty & Staff*. First faculty staff show in the AUC. Ten (10) faculty and staff members shared their art with the community.
- **Exhibit:** Audacious Platform, Black Spring of the Eternal and Portal to a New World; Wilay Peaz continued until June 2023.

Major Loans & Exhibitions

- **CAUAM Permanent Collection:** This collection continues to be in demand for loans, rights to reproduce images, and visits by scholars for research. Five (5) were borrowed by the Metropolitan Museum of Art for the exhibition *The Harlem Renaissance*. The conditions for the loans included conservation on two major pieces.
- **Panel Discussion:** Dr. Denise Murrell also included her HBCU lenders in a "Creative Convening" where a panel of the directors from Fisk, Hampton, Howard and CAU discussed the legacy of HBCU art museums and collections.
- **Upcoming Exhibitions:** *Black Revolutionary: Elizabeth Catlett*, at the Brooklyn Museum of Art will include a HBCU night and panel. "Creative Convening" in March with Dr. Vanessa Thaxton-Ward (Hampton) & Dr. Taylor in conversation with Dr. Catherine Morris (Brooklyn Museum).

Grants

- **Art Bridges Access for All:** Provides a summer intern and graphic designer for producing print materials used in advertising and fundraising.
- **Institute for Museums and Library Services:** $100,000 to hire a Registrar/Collection Manager, the first the museum has ever had.
- **National Museum of African American History & Culture HBCU History and Culture Access Consortium:** Year 3 of 5 year grant. Digitizing the collections, intern training, and developing a traveling exhibit, *At the Vanguard*.
- **Teagle Foundation:** 10x project including the murals. Museum Director is editing a volume of Phylon to document the faculty work at CAU and Tuskegee.
- **Terra Foundation Research:** Grant applied by Clarke Brown for exhibition of Jewel Simon's work.
- **Bank of America Foundation:** Grant applied for to conserve and reconstruct an oil portrait of President John Hope.

CAU ART MUSEUM



New Initiatives

- **Breakfast:** Hosted the opening breakfast for the Inaugural Collectors Salon joint programing with Spelman Museum March 24.
- **Collaboration:** Discussed with Emory University the LaVaughn Belle exhibition for Fall 24.
- **Art Appraisals:** Began the process of appraising the entire art collection in May.

Staff Development

- **Staff Travel:** The entire staff and two interns were able to travel to New York to see the Harlem Renaissance exhibition. Museum Director also participated on a panel.
- **The National Museum of African American History & Culture-History & Culture Access Consortium:** This organization convened in Houston and was attended by staff and two interns.

New Hires

- **Staff Travel:** Shyheim Williams joined the museum in July ’23 as the Digital Collection Manager. Clarke Brown was hired in October as Special Projects Curator. David Clapp was hired Feb ’24 as Registrar/Collections Manager. Staff increased from two to five.

Articles

- **ARTSATL & the AJC:** Clark Atlanta Museum artwork on loan to Met Museum for landmark show
- **The AJC:** The museums at Atlanta’s HBCUs are treasure troves of Black art

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