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It is my great pleasure to welcome you to our 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Alumni Conference. I would like to take this opportunity to join our local host conference committee chair, Alumna Shaunte Norris in welcoming you to Houston, Texas. The City of Houston recently captured the 2017 World Series Baseball Championship!!  
**A special congratulations goes out to the Houston Astros!**

Clark Atlanta University Alumni Association, Inc., like CAU has achieved much over the past 29 years, all the while uplifting the precious traditions of our parent institutions, Atlanta University (1865) and Clark College (1869). We both continue to provide a strong and solid foundation. We have supported CAU in striving to become, "One Exceptional University" and now to "Lift every Voice". CAU is poised to become one of the top (5) leading comprehensive, private, urban, coeducational institution of higher education with a predominantly African-American heritage.

Our conference affords the opportunity for alumni to engage, exchange, reconnect ideas and friendships alike, while reflecting on this heritage. We are very excited regarding your participation; anticipate hearing more about your alumni experiences; and look forward to for you to learn about the association and your alma mater. We feel we have planned an excellent conference that will provide you with a thought-provoking theme; workshop topics that matter; and speakers that will compel you to action. Our University President, Dr. Ronald A. Johnson will serve as our luncheon speaker. In addition, we have invited alumni and university officials to serve as speakers for our Opening Plenary, Maxie Williams Marshall Corporate Breakfast, three (3) workshops, and a student recruitment event.

The alumni association through its national strategic planning efforts will focus on **'moving forward our organization by charting a course for an international legacy'** beginning in January 2018. Our goal is to partner with the university in order to charter our first international chapter for CAUAA, Inc. in the United States Virgin Islands. Once this happens, we will officially become the **Clark Atlanta University International Alumni Association**.

A special thanks goes out to our local host chapter, CAUAA – Houston for planning activities in which we know you will enjoy! A boat ride will serve as the highlight of entertainment for this years' conference. Hospitality is our hallmark in Houston!

Sincerely Yours,

*Marshall J. Taggart, Jr., CAU '92 '97*

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