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Greetings CAU community,

As we experience an enjoyable homecoming week for our students, faculty, staff, alumni and visitors, please review the following safety tips:

## **SAFETY TIPS: BE PREPARED AND STAY SAFE!**

- Program emergency phones numbers into your personal cell phone.
  - CAU Public Safety Department: 404-880-8911 (Emergency) or 404-880-8623 (Non-Emergency)
- Ensure that your information is up to date on Banner Web to receive emergency notifications.
- Familiarize yourself with the layout of the campus. Survey the campus while classes are in session and after dark to see which academic buildings, walkways, facilities, and parking lots are adequately secured and well lighted.
- Plan the safest route to and from your destination; choose well-lighted, busy pathways and streets; avoid alleyways or "short cuts" through isolated areas.
- Share your class schedule with your parents and trusted friends and give them your telephone numbers. Tell a friend or roommate where you are going and what time you expect to return.
- Travel in groups and avoid going out alone at night.
- Use the campus escort or shuttle services at night.
- If you are being followed, change direction, go to the nearest business or home, and call the police immediately. Note the description of the person following you.
- Walk near the curb and avoid shrubbery or other places of potential concealment.
- Stay alert to your surroundings and the people around you.
- Carry your purse close to your body and keep a firm grip on it; carry your wallet in an inside coat pocket or your front pant pocket.
- Keep your keys separate from your purse or backpack.
- Do not overload yourself with bags or packages and avoid wearing shoes that restrict your movements.
- Walk with a confident stride; keep your head up and look around.
- If a motorist stops and asks for directions, keep your distance from the car.

Remember, as always, Clark Atlanta University is a **DRUG AND WEAPON FREE** campus.

SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!