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ARKANSAS BAPTIST COLLEGE ANNOUNCES NEW PRESIDENT

LITTLE ROCK, AR (August 17, 2020) – Arkansas Baptist College (ABC) announced today that Dr. Carlos R. Clark has been selected to become the College’s 15th president, succeeding Ms. Regina H. Favors who has served as Interim President since August 16, 2018. The Board of Trustees is sincerely grateful to President Favors for her dynamic, entrepreneurial, and visionary leadership. As a result of President Favors’ prudent stewardship of the College’s financial resources, the institution continues to be a dynamic learning resource that empowers students to succeed and fuels the cultural and economic vitality of the city.

Dr. Clark has been an effective, innovative, and collaborative higher education leader for more than 25 years. He currently serves as Provost and Executive Vice President and has worked for the College since 2018 in several leadership positions. He also held various senior level positions at Wilberforce University, Prairie View A&M University, and Alabama A & M University.

The selection of Dr. Clark was determined after a national search and by vote of the Arkansas Baptist College Board of Trustees, led by Richard May, Sr., Chair. “The Trustees are delighted that Dr. Clark has accepted our offer to serve as 15th President of Arkansas Baptist College. In addition to his impressive academic credentials, his experience with the College and his extensive experience gained at several other HBCU institutions is an asset. Dr. Clark has become a serious student of higher education leadership receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degrees in English, a Bachelor of Business Administration in Business Management, as well as, a Master of Arts and a Doctor of Philosophy in Higher Education Administration, with major emphasis in Student Affairs and Statistics from The University of Mississippi. He also received a certificate due to his successful completion of the Management Development Program (MDP) at Harvard University. These opportunities, matched with his vision, energy and passion, will serve the institution well, as the College continues to realize both its historic and current mission under Dr. Clark’s capable leadership,” said Mays.

“I am extremely excited to continue to serve Arkansas Baptist College as President. The mission resonates with me, especially its emphasis on preparing students for personal and professional success and especially its focus on service, social justice, and leadership. I sincerely thank the Board of Trustees and the presidential search committee for this amazing opportunity. I look forward to working in this new capacity with the incredible Arkansas Baptist College faculty, students, staff, and alumni – in a collective effort to deliver the rich promise of ABC to a growing number of students in these challenging times.” said Dr. Clark.

Dr. Clark will begin his term as President on October 1, 2020. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available regarding opportunities to welcome Dr. Clark in this new role.

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