

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

**Dr. Michael Adams
President
The University of Georgia**

Now in his 13th year as President of the University of Georgia, Michael F. Adams has led the institution to new heights of academic strength and reputation. UGA has been recognized as one of America's very best public research universities for 10 consecutive years by U.S. News & World Report. The 2009 freshman class posted very strong academic credentials: an average SAT score of 1263 and a core-curriculum GPA of 3.82, the highest in UGA's history.

Private giving to the university is at its highest level ever, and UGA completed the Archway to Excellence campaign with almost \$654 million in gifts and pledges.

Dr. Adams has been named one of Georgia's 100 most influential citizens by Georgia Trend magazine eight years in a row. He is a leader in advancing higher education in the national arena and has served as chair of the American Council on Education, the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges and the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. He currently chairs the NCAA Executive Committee.

He holds a Ph.D. from The Ohio State University and is the recipient of five honorary degrees. The recipient of more than 20 national awards for leadership in higher education, Dr. Adams won the 1996 Award for National Presidential Leadership from the prestigious Knight Foundation and in 2005 received the James T. Rogers Distinguished Leadership Award from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Please join me in welcoming the 21st President of The University of Georgia, Dr. Michael F. Adams.

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The statement above has been prepared for general introductions of President Michael F. Adams. If additional information is required, a biographical statement and curriculum vita are also available. Any questions regarding this introduction may be referred to Chuck Toney in the Office of the Vice President for Public Affairs at 706/542-8090.