

Milligan installs Clay as Paul Clark Chair of Teacher Education

MILLIGAN COLLEGE, Tenn. (Jan. 31, 2017)—Milligan College installed Dr. Tausha Clay as the Paul Clark Chair of Teacher Education today.

The chair, made possible through the generosity of Milligan alumnus Kenneth Richardson and his wife, Revenna, of Clayton, Indiana, honors the memory of Dr. Paul Clark, who served on Milligan's education faculty from 1965 until 1998. Considered by many as the "Father of Teacher Education at Milligan," Clark's vision and leadership led to Milligan's initial accreditation with the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), the expansion of the current curriculum and the development of the Master of Education (M.Ed.) program. Milligan continues its commitment to helping area teachers by launching two new graduate programs this summer: Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership (Ed.D.) and Education Specialist (Ed.S.).

Clay succeeds Dr. Lyn Howell, who previously held the Paul Clark Chair of Teacher Education before retiring at the end of the fall 2016 semester after 15 years of service at Milligan.

At Tuesday's installation service, Clay was honored for her work in continuing Clark's legacy.

"Thanks to the hard work and dedication of Dr. Clay and the entire education faculty, our education graduates are among the most sought-after teachers in area school systems," said Dr. Garland Young, vice president for academic affairs at Milligan. "Dr. Clay's consistent excellence in classroom teaching and in student mentoring fully reflects the purpose of the Paul Clark Chair of Teacher Education. Her high academic standards challenge our teacher education students, and her strong focus on the needs of each individual student exemplifies the model of servant leadership to which everyone at Milligan is committed."

Dr. Tausha Clay holds a Bachelor of Science ('94), Master of Education ('00) and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis ('05) from East Tennessee State University (ETSU). Prior to joining Milligan's faculty in 2005, she served as a doctoral fellow and adjunct instructor at ETSU. Clay's past teaching experiences include working as a kindergarten, multi-age and fourth grade teacher in North Carolina and Tennessee.

Serving as associate professor of education at Milligan, her responsibilities include teaching courses in child guidance, foundations, curriculum and methods, and professional teaching standards. In addition, Clay coordinates all student teaching and internship placements. She has made numerous presentations at both regional and national conferences, and Clay has provided in-service trainings for private and local school systems.

Learn more about Milligan's education and teacher preparation programs at www.milligan.edu/education.

For more information about Tausha Clay click [here](#).

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Report as one of the best regional universities in the South for quality and value; named one of Washington Monthly's "top 20 master's universities in the nation; and listed as the No. 2 best college in Tennessee by BestColleges.com. To learn more about Milligan College, visit www.milligan.edu or call 423.461.8700.