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### **Ambassador Andrew Young to deliver Atlanta Metropolitan College's Honors Day Address**

College will Honor the Academic Accomplishments of Students

Atlanta, Georgia — April 10, 2009 —Atlanta Metropolitan College will celebrate its 34th Annual Honors Day on Thursday, April 16 at 10:00 a.m. in the Physical Education Gymnasium. This event will honor the academic accomplishments of more than 200 students. Of the 2009 honorees, one student will be given the honorary title of University System of Georgia Academic Recognition Day Scholar.

Introduced in 1975, Honors Day is the occasion when students who have achieved academic excellence are honored by academic officers and members of the faculty. The Honors Day Celebration includes a processional of student honorees, presentation of medallions to Distinguished College Scholars by academic officers, inspirational messages and celebratory music.

Former Ambassador Andrew Young, will deliver the 2009 Honors Day Program Address. Ambassador Young is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. He has published two books, *A Way Out of No Way*, Thomas Nelson, and *An Easy Burden*, Harper Collins. His awards include the Presidential Medal of Freedom and many honorary degrees. Young served three terms in the US Congress from the 5<sup>th</sup> district of Georgia. In 1977, President Jimmy Carter named him Ambassador to the United Nations. He also served two terms as Mayor of Atlanta and was Co-Chairman of the Centennial Olympic Games in 1996.

Ambassador Young served as a top aide to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during the civil rights movement from its inception, and served as Vice-President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

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