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MARRIED COUPLES WALK DOWN AISLE AGAIN ... FOR DIPLOMA
AIU Atlanta Graduates Three Pairs Who Went Back to School for Business Degrees

ATLANTA, July 17, 2009 – [American InterContinental University \(AIU\) Atlanta](#) presented diplomas to 442 graduates on June 19 at the Boisefeuillet Jones Atlanta Civic Center. Among them were three married couples who walked down the aisle together again, including [Bridget and Thomas](#) Jackson, who both received a master's in business administration that day.

Bridget, a 46-year-old mother of three who received her MBA with a concentration in project management, is not only a graduate of AIU, but also an employee.

"As an admissions advisor, I am consulting potential students on the importance of education and how AIU can help to obtain their career goals. I chose AIU because I have the same desire of career advancement. I believe in the [AIU programs](#) and I wanted to support the school I speak so highly of daily," she said.

Her husband, 44, is currently a senior manager for AT&T. He was motivated to go back to school by the current job market. "In today's IT industry, the more educational knowledge a person has the better. Education breeds values and marketability which are essential in today's market," he said.

For the Jacksons, one of their biggest inspirations to return to school was their children, ages 22, 20 and 15. "I knew that it was important to be an example to my kids," said Bridget Jackson. "It's true what they say, children watch what you do, not what you say."

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The Jacksons were just one of three married couples who graduated together from AIU Atlanta. Clyde Vincent Moore and Beverly Bernette Jacobs-Moore received MBAs in addition to [Willie James Shy](#) and [Gwendolyn J. Shy](#) who both graduated with honors and obtained bachelor's degrees in business administration.

AIU Atlanta president, Peter Correa, delivered the commencement speech and challenged the graduating class to "work on their game." He expressed to the students that although they have completed their degrees, it is important to continue developing beyond the classroom. He encouraged students to become leaders within their families, careers and in everyday challenges they may face.

As a former professor and staff member of AIU, this was not the first graduation Correa attended where couples were graduating together. "Having both taught and witnessed couples going through their academic pursuits together, I can tell you it is a wonderful event for everyone. While their partnership is both tested and enhanced, the entire learning community benefits from having them part of the learning experience," said Correa.

AIU Atlanta offers degrees in the areas of business administration, criminal justice, information technology and design. The school offers flexible options such as online and night classes to ensure education can fit into every student's life. The faculty and staff of AIU Atlanta are dedicated to providing its students with the skills they will need to succeed in the real world.

About American InterContinental University

Founded in Europe in 1970, American InterContinental University offers a wide range of undergraduate and graduate degrees in programs such as business, IT, criminal justice and fashion design at U.S. campuses in [Atlanta](#), [Los Angeles](#), [Houston](#), [Weston, Fla.](#); an international campus in London; and an internet-based online campus headquartered in suburban Chicago. The award-winning AIU Online Virtual Campus was recognized as "Best of the Best" in the 2009 Computerworld Honors Program.

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