

KENNETH BANCROFT CLARK

Is Distinguished University Professor at City University of New York, and President of the Metropolitan Applied Research Center. He is a research psychologist and also a civil rights leader whose approach is rational, moderate and responsible, yet insistent, effective and broadly influential.

Professor Clark was reared in New York City, where his mother was a garment worker who helped to organize a union. His degrees in higher education are from Howard and Columbia Universities. His research and writing in psychology brought him a distinguished chair at City University of New York and the presidency of the American Psychological Association.

For many such a career would have been more than enough, but this dynamic leader has made his influence felt from the City of New York to the international sphere. With his wife, Dr. Mamie Phipps Clark, he founded the center now known as the Metropolitan Applied Research Center, which has benefited large numbers of children, both black and white. Through his research and his own strenuous efforts he has helped to bring about reform both in the schools of the New York City system and in the nation. The United States Supreme Court cited one of his books in its historic 1954 desegregation decision.

This University is pleased to honor one who has made his mark both as assiduous scholar and persistent doer.