



## TOUGALOO COLLEGE NEWS

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### Tougaloo College To Hold Summer Commencement Exercise on August 9

*Tougaloo, Miss.* – On Thursday, August 9, 2007, Tougaloo College will hold its 2007 summer commencement exercise in the historic Woodworth Chapel. The ceremony will be held at 6:00 p.m.

This celebration is only the second time in its 138-year history that the College has held a summer exercise. “We began holding our summer commencement ceremony just last year because we felt that it was important to honor our summer graduates. These students have earned a Tougaloo College degree and, in so doing, the recognition that accompanies this achievement,” says Tougaloo College president, Beverly W. Hogan. President Hogan will also serve as this year’s commencement speaker.

Please contact Dr. O. W. Johnson, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs for more information (601-977-7889).

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*Founded in 1869, Tougaloo College is a private, historically black, coeducational four-year liberal arts institution, located on the northern edge of Jackson, Mississippi. Known nationally as “The Cradle of the Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi,” the College is led by its first female and 13<sup>th</sup> president, Dr. Beverly Wade Hogan. Dr. Hogan is a 1973 graduate of the College and a native Mississippian. Under her visionary leadership, the College has increased its enrollment by 12% and boasts a student retention rate of 68%.*

*Tougaloo College ranks among the top 50 U.S. institutions whose graduates earn PhDs in science and engineering disciplines and among the top 15 historically black colleges and universities in the graduation of females with undergraduate degrees in the physical sciences. The College has produced more graduates who have completed their PhD degrees through the UNCF-Mellon Doctoral Fellowship Program than any other institution in the nation.*

*Listed as one of the Best Colleges in the Southeast by The Princeton Review (2007 edition) and the only Mississippi institution ranked among the top 20 liberal arts institutions in the nation by Washington Monthly, 66% of its graduates enter professional and graduate schools immediately after graduation. Tougaloo College is the leading producer of African American health professionals, including over 40% of the physicians and dentists, practicing in the state of Mississippi. Among its graduates are more than one-third of the state’s African American attorneys and educators including teachers, principals, school superintendents, college/university faculty and administrators.*