



## TOUGALOO COLLEGE NEWS

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### Tougaloo College Holds Professional Development Workshop

*Tougaloo, Miss.* — Tougaloo College's Division of Continuing Education and Professional Studies in conjunction with the Institute for Pastoral Leadership will host a professional development workshop to teach computer technology skills. The workshop will be held May 31-June 2, 2007 on the Tougaloo College campus and is targeted to pastors, lay leaders, church staff, and religious volunteers. The workshop is the first in a series of activities to be offered by the newly established Institute.

The workshop will focus on the basic principles and practices of using the computer to communicate via e-mail, Word documents and spread sheets. Participants will receive 1.5 continuing education units from the College.

The Institute for Pastoral Leadership is designed to provide professional development programming to augment leadership performance within communities of faith in Mississippi, promote the religious studies degree program at Tougaloo College and to strengthen educational relationships between faith communities in Mississippi and Tougaloo College.

If you have any questions about the workshop or the Institute for Pastoral Leadership, please telephone Ann Calhoun @ 601-977-4435.

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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, over 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.*