



## TOUGALOO COLLEGE NEWS

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### Tenth Annual Tougaloo College Art Colony July 16-22, 2006

Tougaloo, MS - The Tougaloo Art Colony is a week-long indulgence in the visual arts for artists, art educators, art enthusiasts, and art students. Classes will be available in jewelry making, papermaking, pastel painting, serigraphy, woodcarving, building a ceramics kiln, and preserving your memories in art. Featured instructors this year include Betsy Liles (jewelry making) and George Berry (woodcarving), as well as Charmagne Andrews (papermaking), Ricky Calloway (serigraphy) and Mary Hardy (memory-scapes). In addition, participants can participate in a six-day salt kiln building experience with Dong Hun Chung and then salt-fire their glaze bisque in the finished kiln (think Extreme Makeover: Kiln Edition!!).

For more information and/or to register, visit [www.tougaloo.edu/artcolony](http://www.tougaloo.edu/artcolony). You may also contact Minnie Watson at 601-977-7839, [mwatson@tougaloo.edu](mailto:mwatson@tougaloo.edu) or Johnnie Gilbert at 601-856-8159, [jgilbert@tougaloo.edu](mailto:jgilbert@tougaloo.edu) or [jmmaberry2@aol.com](mailto:jmmaberry2@aol.com) for information.

On July 22, 2006, there will be a free 10<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration Arts Festival that will be open to the public. The event will feature Hot Art Exhibits, as well as open studios.

All events take place on the campus of historic Tougaloo College in Tougaloo, MS.

*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 78%. 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 Mellon Doctoral Fellowship Program than any other institution in the nation. Listed as one of the best colleges in the Southeast by Princeton Review (2007 edition), 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.*