



TOUGALOO COLLEGE NEWS

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Tougaloo College Receives CIPA II Grant from NASA

Tougaloo, MS - A proposal submitted by Tougaloo College was selected as part of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) "Curriculum Improvement Partnership Award II (CIPA II) program. The United Negro College Fund, Special Programs Corporation (UNCFSP) administers the CIPA II.

CIPA II seeks to provide science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) curriculum enhancement in both two-year and four-year institutions through the incorporation of capstone projects/courses with interdisciplinary focus on project management.

Dr. Santanu Banerjee, Chair of the Physics Department at Tougaloo, submitted the proposal and he has already hosted a pre-award site visit from the awards committee. Dr. Banerjee will be focusing on the evaluation and enhancement of the mathematics curriculum and pre-engineering offerings of the College, ultimately, providing students with more, and better, choices in these fields.

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Founded in 1869, Tougaloo College is a private, historically black, coeducational, four-year liberal arts institution, located in Madison County, 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 president, Dr. Beverly Wade Hogan. The 13th president of Tougaloo College, Dr. Hogan is a 1973 graduate of the College and a native Mississippian. Under her visionary leadership, the College boasts a student retention rate of 78% and ranks as one the top five historically black colleges and universities whose graduates earn their PhDs in the sciences. More than half (66%) of its graduates enter graduate and professional schools immediately after graduation. Today, 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. It has produced more than one-third of the state's African American attorneys and educators, including teachers, principals, and school superintendents.