



TOUGALOO COLLEGE NEWS

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Tougaloo College Hosts Civil Rights Series in Woodworth Chapel

Tougaloo, MS - On August 9, 2006, Tougaloo College will host the second event in the “If You Gon’ Be a Leader, Don’t Stay Behind” – Remembering the Jackson Movement series. The event will deal with area college students and their involvement in the Freedom Struggle, particularly, the role of the NAACP Youth Chapters.

Tougaloo College, known nationally as “The Cradle of the Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi,” is proud of its own role in the Mississippi Movement. The College took on a leadership role and it was its stand for what is right that makes it possible today for African Americans to sit...in boardrooms, executive offices and other leadership positions. Woodworth Chapel, where the event will be held, is often referenced as the “soul” of the campus and it was from its pulpit that luminaries of the movement – icons like Stokely Carmichael, Medgar Evers, Fannie Lou Hamer, Robert Kennedy, and Martin Luther King, Jr. – addressed both students and community activists

The event will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will last approximately ninety minutes. Remembering the Jackson Movement is sponsored by The Hamer Institute at Jackson State University, Tougaloo College, Mississippi Department of Archives & History, Veterans of the Civil Rights Movement and The Mississippi Humanities Council. For more information, visit www.tougaloo.edu or for a downloadable brochure, please visit <http://www.jsu.ms.edu/~hamer.institute/> or call (601) 979-1564.

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 13th 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.