



TOUGALOO COLLEGE NEWS

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CROSS COUNTRY SET TO BEGIN SEASON

Tougaloo, Miss. — The Tougaloo College Bulldogs cross country team is looking forward to the 2006 season. Due to Hurricane Katrina last year, the team was not able to compete in many meets. This year, the team is slated to participate in five meets.

The Bulldogs will kick-off their season at the 26th Annual Southern Miss. Cross Country Invitational on Friday, September 8, 2006 in Hattiesburg, MS. The women will start running at 4:30 p.m., followed by the men at 5:00 p.m. The team will also participate in Jackson State University's Invitational on Saturday, September 23, 2006, followed by a meet at Mississippi College on Saturday, October 14, 2006. The 2006 Gulf Coast Athletic Conference Championships will be on Saturday, October 21, 2006 in Jackson. The team will end the season by participating in the 2006 NAIA Region XIII Championships also held in Jackson on November 4, 2006.

The top two runners for the men's cross country team are Derrick Calvert and Keithdrick Harris. The top runners for the women's team are NaTasha Taylor and Jasmine Lindsay.

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 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 UNCF-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) and the only Mississippi institution ranked among the top 20 liberal arts institutions in the nation by The 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.