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**GOVERNOR HALEY BARBOUR TO HOST  
Inaugural Mississippi Governor's Luncheon  
"A Salute to Education"**

*Benefiting Tougaloo and Rust Colleges*

Education and information come together at the Inaugural Mississippi Governor's Luncheon on Tuesday, May 22 at the Jackson Hilton Hotel in Jackson, Mississippi. This luncheon is being hosted by the Honorable Haley Barbour, Governor of the great State of Mississippi who is also the keynote speaker. The luncheon will become an annual event hosted by the governor to benefit UNCF Mississippi institutions, Tougaloo and Rust Colleges

"This event is part of a collective effort to build support for our UNCF member institutions in each state," said Dr. Beverly W. Hogan, president of Tougaloo College. "Governor Barbour clearly understands the importance of Tougaloo and Rust Colleges and our impact on the economic and social fabrics of our great state. Rust College president, Dr. David L. Beckley, added "We are very grateful for the leadership role that Governor Barbour has assumed and for the support of Mayo Flint, AT&T Mississippi president, the major sponsor of the luncheon."

**Additional information**

The event is open to the public and individual tickets are available for \$75.00. Sponsorships begin at \$1,500. For more information, contact Dr. Amelia E. Hunter in Tougaloo College's Office of Institutional Advancement at (601) 977-7841 or 977-7871.

**About Rust College**

Founded in 1866, Rust College is the oldest of the eleven Historically Black Colleges and Universities related to the United Methodist Church, the second oldest private college in Mississippi, the oldest historically Black College in the State, and one of the remaining five historically Black Colleges in America founded before 1867.

**About Tougaloo College**

Founded in 1869, Tougaloo College ranks among the top 50 U.S. institutions whose graduates earn Ph.D. degrees 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 completed their Ph.D. degrees through the UNCF-Mellon Doctoral Fellowship Program than any other institution in the nation.

Tougaloo College is 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 the *Washington Monthly*. *Money* magazine's 2005 ranking of the most affordable private institutions in the nation lists Tougaloo College as number 5.

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