



TOUGALOO COLLEGE NEWS

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Tougaloo College Jackson Heart Study Scholars to Visit NIH

Tougaloo, Miss. — The Jackson Heart Study (JHS) Scholars are headed to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, Maryland to learn more about biomedical research and public health careers. Every year since 2004, rising sophomore scholars at Tougaloo College have made the trip. Dr. Helena Mishoe, Director of Minority Health Affairs, NHLBI, greets the students on the first day. The students are then given a tour of the NIH and have an opportunity to visit sites in the Washington, DC area such as the Marian Koshland Science Museum and the National Academy of Sciences. A former Tougaloo student and Jackson Heart Study Scholar, Angel Byrd, will present to the students information about integrating medicine into a research career. Angel is currently an MD/PhD student at Brown University. The trip will conclude with a visit to the White House that was planned by Congressman Bennie Thompson, a 1968 Tougaloo College graduate.

The students will be accompanied by Mary Crump, the Clinical Director for the Jackson Heart Study and Dr. Nimr Fahmy, professor of Mathematics at Tougaloo College. The group will depart on Monday, July 27 and return on Thursday, July 30.

The sophomore JHS Scholars and their hometowns are as follows:

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Brandon, Mississippi

Maurice Crawford

Cleveland, Mississippi

Edjoiner Phillips

Clinton, Mississippi

Tamera Hughes

Zakia Butler

Jackson, Mississippi

Jordan Henley

Ashley Poullard

Daren Walters

Jasmine Washington

Lakeland, Florida

Janae Roberts

Monroe, Louisiana

Grejika Abram

JeMarcus Welch

Ridgeland, Mississippi

Obie McNair

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