



## TOUGALOO COLLEGE NEWS

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### 14<sup>th</sup> Annual “A Night of Jazz” to Honor Tom Joyner, Jr.

*Houston, TX* - The Houston Area Alumni Chapter of Tougaloo College is set to host its 14<sup>th</sup> Annual “A Night of Jazz” on Saturday, August 26, 2006 at 8:00 p.m.. This year’s event will honor The Tom Joyner Foundation’s Chairman and CEO, Thomas Joyner, Jr. Music will be provided by Quiet Storm.

“A Night of Jazz” is the Houston Area Alumni Chapter’s largest fundraising event for Tougaloo College, a historically black four-year liberal arts institution located in Tougaloo, Mississippi.

The festivities will take place at the Houston-Renaissance Hotel at 6 Greenway Plaza East. Ticket prices are \$50 per person.

Jazz lovers are invited to come and enjoy a night of great jazz music, food, fun, and dancing!

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*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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.*