



TOUGALOO COLLEGE NEWS

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Third Annual Nissan Student Government Leadership Program Slated for July 29 – August 2, 2007 in Jackson, Mississippi

Tougaloo, Miss. — (May 14, 2007) – Sixty Student Government Presidents from the nation's historically black colleges and universities will descend upon Jackson, Mississippi for the third annual Nissan Student Government Leadership Program (NSGLP). The program will be held July 29 - August 2 on the campus of Tougaloo College. A nationally-recognized slate of speakers has been invited to participate and share their wisdom regarding leadership.

Because of the overwhelming success of this three-day leadership training experience, Nissan once again offers an experience that will firmly position participants of the program as leaders on their campuses and in their personal and professional communities. The program exposes SGA Presidents to a curriculum designed for young executives entering corporate America and continues to underscore Nissan's commitment to HBCUs and the world's future leaders.

"The Nissan Student Government Leadership Program is an outstanding hands-on opportunity for college leaders to prepare for corporate leadership. We've gathered some of the brightest minds in the country to design a program that is meaningful and has high impact for the student participants," said Stephanie Valdez Streaty, Nissan North America Sr. Manager, Philanthropy & Diversity Communications and the team leader for the NSGLP.

Confirmed speakers for the 2007 program include: Valerie Montgomery Rice, M.D., nationally renowned educator, clinician and researcher in women's reproductive health at Meharry Medical College School of Medicine, Reverend Dr. Nelson Rivers – corporate Chief Operating Officer of the NAACP, **Gregory Anderson**, writer of the No. 1 Box Office Hit "**Stomp the Yard**" and former NSGLP corporate participant and American Idol Winner **Ruben Studdard**.

Invitations for the program were extended to all HBCUs across the country. Only the first 60 schools to return completed forms are accepted into each all-expense-paid NSGLP session.

For more information on the Nissan Student Government Leadership Program visit www.nissansglp.com or contact Phanalphie Rhue or Jocelyn Coleman at 336-884-0744.

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 68%.

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 The Princeton Review (2007 edition) and the only Mississippi institution ranked among the top 20 liberal arts institutions in the nation by 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.