



TOUGALOO COLLEGE NEWS

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***Princeton Review* Names Tougaloo College One of the “Best in the Southeast”**

Tougaloo College is included among a prestigious group of 18 percent of the 790 Southern four-year colleges and universities. Tougaloo is one of 146 colleges and universities on the *Princeton Review*'s 2006-2007 list of the Best Colleges and Universities in the Southeast. This year's inclusion marks the first time that the college has been included.

“Tougaloo College has a distinguished reputation as a quality academic institution, educating both the brain and the heart. Our student population is comprised largely of first generation entrants whose lives are transformed in the College's nurturing living and learning environment. They excel academically and graduate, gaining admission to some of the most prestigious graduate and professional schools in the nation. They are responsible citizens who are prepared to compete in the global economy and make meaningful contributions to society. Recognition by the *Princeton Review* and our #18 ranking by *The Washington Monthly* last week acknowledge our commitment to the ideals of educational excellence and the accompanying measure of social responsibility,” said President Beverly W. Hogan.

More than 65% of the College's graduates enter graduate or professional school immediately after attainment of their Tougaloo degrees. According to the National Science Foundation, 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. In addition, the College has produced more graduates who completed their PhD degrees through the Mellon Doctoral Fellowship Program than any other institution in the nation.

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, a 1973 graduate of the College and a native Mississippian.

Under President Hogan’s visionary leadership, the College has increased its enrollment by 12% and boasts a student retention rate of 78%. 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 Mississippi’s African American attorneys and educators including teachers, principals, school superintendents, college/university faculty and administrators.

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