



TOUGALOO COLLEGE NEWS

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Tougaloo College Basketball Coach, Lafayette Stribling Receives Honor from the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC)

Tougaloo, Miss. —Coach Lafayette Stribling and the Tougaloo College basketball team were honored at the 2007 NABC-Hillyard Champions Luncheon held during the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Convention in Atlanta, Georgia on March 30, 2007. Coach Stribling was recognized and presented a plaque in honor of his basketball team's accomplishments.

The Tougaloo College Bulldogs were named the 2006-2007 Gulf Coast Athletic Conference (GCAC) Regular Season Co-Champions. The team won its last 7 regular-season games to capture the title. The team received an automatic bid to compete in the 2007 Buffalo Funds-NAIA Division I Men's Basketball National Championship for the first time in the college's history.

Coach Stribling coached at Mississippi Valley State University, in Itta Bena, Miss., for 22 years. The team won its first SWAC Championship in his third year as head coach. He retired with 7 SWAC championships, a Black College Championship, and 3 NCAA Division I Tournament berths. Stribling is also a member of the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) Hall of Fame.

For more information about Coach Stribling's award and/or the Tougaloo College Bulldogs, please contact Markeshia Jiles @ 601-977-6161.

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.