



TOUGALOO COLLEGE NEWS

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TOUGALOO COLLEGE ESTABLISHES STUDENT AID FUND FOR HURRICANE VICTIMS

Tougaloo, MS – President Beverly W. Hogan announced today the establishment of a fund to aid college students impacted by Hurricane Katrina. Almost half of the College’s current student population was affected including the displacement of many students’ families. In addition, the fund will assist with the academic and personal needs of newly enrolled students from Dillard and Xavier Universities as well as other schools in the Mississippi and Louisiana areas that were devastated by the hurricane.

President Hogan said, “Creation of the **Tougaloo Student Aid Fund** is in keeping with the legacy of this special place. Our students are taught to use their education to uplift humanity and advance the ideas of a democratic society. This fund will enable us to assist our students who were impacted by the hurricane so that they may attain their degrees and carry on the Tougaloo tradition of becoming servant-leaders. Donations will be used to provide for any essential needs that these students may have such as books, educational supplies, and clothing.”

As of today, twenty students from affected institutions have enrolled at Tougaloo College. Hogan indicated that the College is prepared to enroll additional students and that the special registration period will continue through September 16th. Students or parents interested in enrollment information should contact the Office of the Provost at (601) 977-7735.

Donations to the Fund should be directed to the following address:

**Tougaloo Student Aid Fund
Tougaloo College
Office of Institutional Advancement
500 West County Line Road
Tougaloo, MS 39174**

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 president, Dr. Beverly Wade Hogan. The 13th president of Tougaloo College, Dr. Hogan is a 1973 graduate of the College and a native Mississippian. Under her visionary leadership, the College boasts a student retention rate of 78%, and ranks as one the top five historically black colleges and universities whose graduates earn their PhDs in the sciences. Over 60% of its graduates enter graduate and professional schools immediately after graduation. Today, 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. It has produced more than one-third of the state's African American attorneys and educators, including teachers, principals, and school superintendents. Its alumni include Congressman Bennie Thompson, Judges Tomie Green, Denise Sweet Owens and Constance Slaughter-Harvey; scholars and educators Dr. Jayne Sargent, Dr. Jerry Ward, Dr. Oscar Rodgers, Dr. Joffre Whisenton, Dr. Rosentene B. Purnell, and Dr. Joyce Ladner; Attorneys Reuben Anderson, Edward Blackmon, Isaac K. Byrd, Robert Gibbs, Precious Martin and Dennis Sweet; physicians Dr. Aaron Shirley, Dr. Malcolm Taylor, Dr. Myrna Alexander Nickens and Dr. Alphonso Willis; and Dr. Walter J. Turnbull, founder of the Boys Choir of Harlem.