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TOUGALOO COLLEGE HOSTS TWENTIETH YEAR ANNUAL BUSINESS LUNCHEON

Tougaloo, MS-Tougaloo College will host its twentieth annual business luncheon at the Jackson Hilton & Convention Center on February 22, 2008 at 12:15 p.m. The keynote speaker for the event will be Charles A. Harvey, President of Johnson Controls Foundation and Vice President for Diversity and Public Affairs, Johnson Controls, Inc. Mr. Harvey earned a Bachelor of Science in English at St. John's University in St. Cloud, Minnesota and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Michigan.

Professor (Ret.) Richard C. Johnson will be presented The Chairman's Award and Dr. Edgar and Mrs. Inez Smith the Outstanding Leadership Award. In addition, two major donors will be inducted into the Tougaloo College Society of Corporate Philanthropists.

This event is held annually to thank individuals, alumni, foundations, and businesses/corporations contributors who continue to assist Tougaloo College in advancing its vision and mission of educating tomorrow's local, national and global leaders.

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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 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 88%, well above the national average, and ranks as one the top five historically black colleges and universities whose graduates earn their PhDs in the sciences. More than half (66%) 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 Tommie 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.