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Tougaloo College Receives \$102,000 Grant from W.K. Kellogg Foundation

Community representatives from around the South are participating in the development of a sustainable network to support capacity building in community-based participatory research (CBPR) and other forms of community-partnering. With this project—*Building Genuine Community-Academic Partnerships for Health in the South*—as a component of a multi-year initiative with several regional and national co-sponsors, the practical and political potential suggested by the outcomes of participatory projects conducted in this region and other regions will be accessed in developing a structure for training and knowledge exchange.

An initiative of the Tougaloo College Center for Civic Engagement & Social Responsibility, the eighteen month, \$175,000 budget, for the *Building Genuine Community-Academic Partnerships for Health in the South* project, includes \$102,000 in direct support from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek Michigan, along with financial and in-kind support from other co-sponsors which include: the Bonner Foundation, Campus Compact, Community-Campus Partnerships for Health, Florida Campus Compact, HBCU Faculty Development Network, Mississippi Higher Education Consortium, Mississippi Policy Forum, Michigan State University *Building Campus to Campus Partnerships* Program, Southeast Community Research Center, and the USDA Agricultural Research Service *Delta Nutrition Intervention Research Initiative*.

The centerpiece of the project is the 2007 summer institute on CBPR being hosted by the Tougaloo College Center for Civic Engagement & Social Responsibility, June 26-29, 2007, at the Hilton Hotel in Jackson, Mississippi. Each of the co-sponsors is promoting the summer institute among their respective networks and relationships, and the preliminary curriculum is designed to provide access to their areas of expertise. All of the co-sponsors are inviting teams to attend the summer institute that include faculty, administrators and representatives from community partners. Registration materials for the summer institute are available at: <http://hbcufdn.org>.

The Center for Civic Engagement & Social Responsibility, in conjunction with the HBCU Faculty Development Network, is promoting the summer institute among HBCUs to:

1) strengthen and expand the capacity of community leaders, researchers, and students to engage in genuine and effective CBPR projects focused on health and health-related topics in the South; 2) increase the capacity of HBCU faculty to successfully gain outside support for their research, and 3) develop partnerships that will stimulate collaborative research projects in geographic areas served by HBCUs.

“We look forward to the opportunity to play a meaningful role in expanding the capacity for community leaders, researchers and students to engage in genuine and effective community-based research that will contribute to healthier southern communities,” states Beverly W. Hogan, President of Tougaloo College.

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation was established in 1930 “to help people help themselves through the practical application of knowledge and resources to improve their quality of life and that of future generations.” To achieve the greatest impact, the Foundation targets its grants toward specific areas. These include: health; food systems and rural development; youth and education; and philanthropy and volunteerism. Within these areas, attention is given to exploring learning opportunities in leadership; information and communication technology; capitalizing on diversity; and social and economic community development. Grants are concentrated in the United States, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the southern African countries of Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa, Swaziland, and Zimbabwe. For further information, please visit the Foundation's Web site at www.wkkf.org. The site offers: in-depth information about the Foundation's programming interests; information on the Foundation's grant application process; a database of current grant recipients; and access to publications which report on Foundation-funded projects.

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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 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.