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TOUGALOO COLLEGE HOSTS 27TH ANNUAL GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL CONFERENCE

Tougaloo College will hold its 27th Annual Graduate and Professional School Conference on Friday, September 16, 2005, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Kroger Gymnasium of the George A. and Ruth B. Owens Health and Wellness Center on the campus. Representatives from more than 60 graduate and professional schools will be onsite to provide information on admissions and financial aid. Students from area colleges and universities are invited to attend.

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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 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.