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Tougaloo College Student Selected for Participation In Operation Crossroads Africa (OCA)

Tougaloo, MS – Junior Mass Communication major, Jasmine Hughes, from Greenwood, MS, was recently notified of her selection to participate in Operation Crossroads Africa, a mission program that allows students to contribute to community development projects in Africa.

Jasmine will serve in Kenya from June 12th through August 12th, working at a local orphanage while completing a community development project in a rural village. "I chose this venture for many reasons," Hughes states. "I believe that global experiences are necessary to succeed in today's society. We no longer live in a world where the people with whom we work or attend school are necessarily from the U.S."

OCA is designed to promote an understanding of Africa and the African Diaspora. Established in 1957, the organization highlights the need for communication between people of different races, cultures, and ideologies.

Founded in 1869, Tougaloo College is a private, historically black, coeducational, four-year liberal arts institution, located in Madison County, 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. 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.