



## TOUGALOO COLLEGE NEWS

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### **The Honorable Harvey Johnson, Jr. to Deliver Summer Commencement Address**

*Tougaloo, Miss.* — Tougaloo College is proud to announce that The Honorable Harvey Johnson, Jr., Mayor of the City of Jackson, will deliver the address at the annual Summer Commencement Exercise on Monday, August 9, 2010. The ceremony, which will take place at 6:00 p.m. in the Kroger Gymnasium on the Tougaloo College campus, will honor more than 50 young people who have completed work towards a bachelor's or associate's degree.

“We are always excited to host Mayor Johnson here on our campus,” said President Beverly W. Hogan. “He has always been a friend to Tougaloo and exhibits the kind of exemplary leadership and strength of character that we encourage in our students.”

For more information, contact Dr. O W. Johnson, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs at 601-977-7889.

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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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 (2007,2008, 2009 and 2010 editions), a top 20 ranking on U.S. News and World Report's list of “America's Best Black Colleges” (2009) and ranked among the top 50 liberal arts institutions in the nation by Washington Monthly (2009), 60% 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.*