Tougaloo College 2017 Class Announced

Tougaloo College will recognize a select group of young alumni for outstanding achievement and leadership at its Second Annual Forty Under Forty Alumni Awards Luncheon Saturday, October 14, 2017.

“Tougaloo College produces amazing alumni who are contributing in all phases of society around the world. These forty are being recognized because of their outstanding achievements at such a tender age,” said Forty Under Forty Awards Chair John Rosenthall. “This awards luncheon recognizes these forty for their accomplishments and will inspire students and alumni to strive for greater heights.”

Included among Tougaloo’s Forty Under Forty awardees are attorneys, dentists, doctors, educators, entrepreneurs and other professionals.

Tougaloo created the Forty Under Forty program to honor outstanding young alumni who have distinguished themselves by virtue of their accomplishments.

Co-hosts for the luncheon are two former honorees, Antwyn Brown and Ranada Robinson. Both were in the first cohort of Forty Under Forty recipients awarded in 2016.

The 2017 Awards Luncheon is set for 12:00 Noon, Saturday, October 14, 2017 at the Hilton Jackson, 1001 East County Line Road in Jackson.

Tickets are $30 per person and will be available at www.tougaloo.edu/ between September 15 and October 11, 2017.

For information on sponsorship and ticket opportunities, please visit www.tougaloo.edu/ or contact John Rosenthall at jrosenthall@msn.com or 703-624-2257.
The 2017 Tougaloo Forty Under Forty awardees are:

1. Monica Davis Allen, Esq., 2002, Attorney for the City of Jackson
2. Paul Alleyne, MD, 2002, Family Practitioner, Anwane Wellness Center
3. Cassio Batteast, 2003, Owner, K.I.N.G.S. Leadership & Development Institute
5. Marlow Butler, MFA, 2001, Founder, MKB Education Consultant
6. Jason Campbell, MBA, 1999, Director, Strategy Planning and Analysis, FedEx
8. Alvin Carter, M.Th., 2003, Assistant Director of Athletics, Tougaloo College
10. Stanitia Davis, DPM, 2004 Podiatrist, Capitol Foot Clinic, Baptist Hospital, and Meredith Health Central
11. Shahara Tova Dente, Ph.D., 2006, Assistant Professor, Mississippi Valley State University
13. Tia Haslett, 2003, Workforce Development Division, Directorate of Contracting, Headquarters, United States Army Corps of Engineers
15. Stacey Blalock Henry, Ph.D., 2001, Owner, The Hills LLC and Adjunct Professor, University of Southern Mississippi
17. Ayanna Jenkins-Sutton, MD, 2000, Family Medicine Department Director, Jackson-Hinds Comprehensive Health Center
18. Lars Johnson, Ph.D., 2007, Assistant Professor, Wayne State University and Equal Opportunity Management Institute Research Fellow, Department of Defense
19. Charles Lawrence, Jr., Esq., 2003, Charles Lawrence Law Offices
21. Tommie Mabry, 2011, Enrollment Manager, Tougaloo College and CEO Tommie Mabry Company
22. Whitney McDowell Robinson, 2010, Director, Career Services, Tougaloo College
23. Tanecka Moore, Esq., 2003, Attorney, Court Facilitator
25. Alysia Osborne, 2000, Director, Historic West End Initiative
26. Shanna Pegues, 1998, Executive Assistant to the Medical Center Director, Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System
27. Takiyah Perkins, Esq., 2004, Assistant District Attorney, Fourth Judicial District of Mississippi
28. Tanjala Purnell, Ph.D., MPH, 2005, Assistant Professor of Surgery, Epidemiology, and Health Behavior and Society, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
29. Nkenge Ransom-Friday, Ed.D., 2006, Director of Student Affairs, School for International Training Graduate Institute
30. Naomi Shelton, 2001, Director, K-12 Advocacy, United Negro College Fund
31. Ashley Simmons, 2005, Ph.D., Student, University of Kentucky
32. Shawonda Smith, Ed.D., 2001, Associate Director, Hearts to Nourish Hope
33. Ahmad Smith, Esq., 2003, Associate Attorney, Forman, Watkins & Krutz. LLC
34. Jason F. Tate, Ph.D., 1998, Product Manager, Lieutenant Colonel, United States Army
35. Kerry Thomas, MBA, 2007, Director, Sponsored Programs, Tougaloo College
36. LaTonya Ware, DDS, 2001, Owner, Ware Family Dental
37. Terrance Ware, DDS, 2002, Owner, Terrance Ware, DDS, PLLC
38. Demetrice Wells, Esq., 2002, Owner, Williams Wells Law Firm, PLLC
39. Darryl Wilson, Esq., 2011, Associate Attorney, Maron Marvel Bradley Anderson & Tardy, LLC.
40. LaFarra Young-Gaylor, MD, 2000, Pathologist, King’s Daughters Medical Center and Young Pathology, LLC