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Tommie Mabry MISTER TOUGALOO COLLEGE 2010-2011

Tommie Mabry, a native of Jackson, Mississippi, has four brothers and one sister, and he’s the first person in his family to finish high school. Tommie was always considered a trouble maker, having been kicked out of every elementary and middle school he attended. During most of his youth, Tommie was in and out of detention centers and credits being shot as the wake-up call that forced him towards the right path. It was during this time that he discovered both his passion and love of basketball and began playing AAU basketball. With the increase of positive role models, such as actor Tommy Ford from the TV shows Martin, Tommie became a mature and respectful man of integrity.

Tommie graduated from Bailey Magnet High School and went on to attend Missouri State University. While there, he played on the school’s basketball team as a small forward. He also attended Lawson State University, playing on that basketball team, as a small forward, as well. From there, he transferred to Tougaloo College, where he studies to obtain an undergraduate degree in health and recreation education and also played for the nationally ranked basketball team.

Having quickly acclimated into the Tougaloo family, Tommie was elected Mr. Tougaloo by vote of his peers for the 2010-2011 school year, and proudly leads by positive example. Tommie now speaks to kids all around the world hoping to provide inspiration with his story. Tommie graduated from Tougaloo College in May 2011 with a degree in education and is currently a teacher at Whitten Middle School; he also published his first book titled “A Dark Journey to A Light Future”, which made him one of the youngest authors in the state of Mississippi at the age of 24.

While working to accomplish his goals and to leave both a lasting and an influential legacy, Tommie Mabry now lives by the motto ***“I cannot walk in my future with my foot in my past”***

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