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MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Through a combination of education, engagement, and empowerment activities, the Office of Student Affairs continues to provide programs and services to enhance students' overall growth and development.

It is our desire to aid students in gaining a sense of direction, clarity, confirmation, courage, and self-confidence to persist in the rigor of college life. Similarly, we encourage you to continue to attend our activities or seek the resources available on our Student Life website.

I do hope you are inspired and more informed through this publication. It takes all of us to make a difference across the board at the College.

Educationally yours,



CORONATION 2015



The 2015 Coronation Ceremony marks the formal installation of the College's Mister and Miss for the academic year. This ceremony also introduces the King and Queen's royal court (Class Misters and Misses) along with club/organizations Misters and Misses.



Mister Tougaloo College Jonathan Taylor 2015-2016

Miss Tougaloo College Taralyn Rowell 2015-2016

INSTALLATION 2015



Ms. Acacia Cooper 2015-2016 SGA President/Speaker



The elected officers of the Student Government Association (SGA) were introduced to the College community during the annual installation, which was held on Wednesday, October 14th. The Installation Ceremony is an opportunity for the College and student body to recognize student leaders/scholars who represent the College for an academic year. These students stand out for their leadership, academic record, and commitment to Tougaloo's mission and values.

Spirit Week 2015



Fall Fest 2015



CAREER SERVICES Whitney F. McDowell (601) 977-7815

PREPARING FOR GRADUATE SCHOOL Checklist

Most deadlines for the fall's entering class are during your senior year between December and March. However, some schools follow a different schedule, so it is important to check with your prospective program(s) for exact deadlines.

FALL – SENIOR YEAR

(8-12 months before starting graduate school)

- For some admissions exams, this is the last chance to take or re-take exams before your application is due.
- Work hard in your classes to help secure high grades.
- Request official transcripts from the campus registrar.
- Finish your personal statement.
- Request letters of recommendation from your professors and supervisors who know you well. Make sure to provide a draft of your personal statement and any additional information the writer might need, such as resume or teaching philosophy.
- ☐ Know that some schools require you to apply to both the prospective graduate school and the program's specific department separately. This means you might need to go through two different application processes for one program. Research this ahead of time to avoid these unexpected surprises.
- Submit your completed applications as early as possible.
- Contact the graduate schools you applied to and verify that they received all the requested application materials before their deadlines. Start research options for additional financial aid, work-study, and internships.

COUNSELING SERVICES Rosie J. Harper (601) 977-7818 Domestic Violence Convocation



The Counseling Services' Convocation brought in a survivor of domestic violence to tell her story of abuse in her own words. This convocation brought awareness and education of the many types of domestic violence and how to seek help. The Mississippi Coalition against Domestic Violence was on hand for student to Take The Pledge Against Domestic Violence and receive information, answer questions, and giveaways.

NATIONAL DAY WITHOUT STIGMA



Mental health issues are a leading impediment to academic success among college students. Untreated mental illness in the college student population — including depression, anxiety, and eating disorders — is associated with lower GPA and higher probability of dropping out of school. Treatment is effective and available, but because of an unnecessary shame surrounding these issues, mental health is not discussed and too many students are suffering in silence. Know the facts to help a friend and save a life!

PUBLIC SAFETY Edna Drake (601) 977-7876

ENHANCED SAFETY POLICIES

The role of the Office of Public Safety is to work toward ensuring the safety of all individuals while on campus and provide for the security of all property of the College. In doing so, it is recognized that security at Tougaloo College is everybody's business. Although no community can be totally risk-free in today's society, Public Safety works toward securing partnerships with students, faculty, staff, administration and guests in creating an atmosphere that is safe and conducive to learning.

It is important that Public Safety have a philosophy that is consistent with contemporary policing and campus expectations. Therefore, we ask that you always adhere to all established *Rules and Regulations* governing conduct and behavior while on campus.

Policies and procedures of the College are not designed to restrict your freedom, but rather to ensure that the rights and privileges of all individuals on campus are protected. To ensure we do our best to provide service to protect the campus community, we have hired three additional certified law enforcement officers. We are strengthening our screening process at the front gate. All members of the campus community are asked to provide identification when entering the gate. You can speed this process up by having your Student, Faculty, and Staff ID present when coming on the campus. All persons who are driving a vehicle must have a valid driver's license and insurance. All guests in a vehicle must be identified. In the past, officers who knew individuals have allowed them to continue through the gate without asking for identification; however, it will now be necessary for everyone entering the campus to provide ID regardless of whether the officer knows you are not.

All these measures help to ensure our campus is safe. We solicit the help of the campus community to assist us in keeping our campus safe by following policies and procedures and the instructions of Public Safety Officers. We ask your help if you see some suspicious person or activity, please report it. If you prefer to remain anonymous, all we want is your information and not your name. You can call (601) 977-7876, Chief Edna Drake, (601) 977-4419, Lt. Gregory Waters, (601) 977-7817, Lt. Clifton Paige or (601) 977-7857, Front Gate.

We look forward to being of service to members of the Tougaloo community and to continue to provide a safe and secure environment on a daily basis.

DON'T DRINK & DRIVE SIMULATOR



Jackson Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit, in conjunction with the Department of Public Safety, presented a safety presentation using alcohol induced goggles of all stages of intoxication. Officer Trina Yarber and Corporal Frederick Suttles had students try on goggles and attempt to drive a driving course. The intent of this exercise was to promote and encourage a NO driving after drinking lifestyle.







RESIDENTIAL LIFE Albert Goines (601) 977-7819



Mini Olympics

Residential Life sponsored events inside and outside the residence halls. Students participated in mind game on the Athletic Complex Facility.

NEW STAFF



Sametra Gardner Residential Life Coordinator - New Women Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

Teach for America Informational November 4, 2015 * 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Warren Hall Co-Op

City Year, Incorporated Informational November 11, 2015 * 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Warren Hall Co-Op

> 2015 Neophyte Greek Show November 12, 2015 * 7:00 PM Health & Wellness Center

Student Leadership Workshop November 13, 2015 * 10:00 AM Bennie G. Thompson Lecture Hall

"Read & Feed" Movie Night in conjunction with the English Department November 17, 2015 * 6:00 PM Bennie G. Thompson Lecture Hall

Miss Tougaloo College "Unveiling the Façade" November 18, 2015 * 6:00 PM Location: TBA

"UMOJA" Night November 19, 2015 * 7:00 PM Warren Hall Co-Op