



# Tougaloo College

# STUDENT AFFAIRS

*Cultivating the Gift*

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## Message from the Vice President

Academic and campus life at Tougaloo is filled with many exciting opportunities for students to thrive inside and outside the classroom. You will undoubtedly be challenged in the classroom, gain leadership skills, and achieve personal growth during your matriculation. The Tougaloo experience is unique to each student and making good choices on how to spend free time is a significant responsibility. It is important for you to know College policies and consequences for any violations by reading your student handbook, as sanctions may interrupt your academic plan. The 2013-2016 Student Handbook can be found at <https://www.tougaloo.edu/student-life>.

As a part of this experience, student involvement is a key part of your success! As you enter a new year, I encourage you to set personal and academic goals, get involved in student leadership, seek experiential learning opportunities, and take advantage of campus activities — leverage your learning experiences with an eye on your future. As you blaze a path to success, do not forget the Office of Student Affairs is here to assist you in cultivating your gifts. So, read your Tougaloo e-mail; check the Student Life website; and check out social media to gain insight about programs, services, upcoming events, activities, and opportunities.

## PROGRAMS & SERVICES

### STUDENT ACTIVITIES

*Earl Sanders*  
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### BLACK HISTORY CONVOCATION 2016

#### GUEST SPEAKER SHANI K. COLLINS '03

**AUTHOR, PROFESSOR, RESEARCH SCHOLAR**



Dr. Shani K. Collins is an Assistant Professor of Social Work at Alcorn State University, a National Blood Lung and Heart Institute (NBLHI) Faculty Research Scholar, Chief Executive Officer of Collins Consulting Company, LLC, an educational and professional development company for college and graduate students, and author of *The SHE Devotional: 31 Daily Inspirations for a Woman's Spirit, Health and Emotions*.





## CAREER SERVICES

Whitney F. McDowell

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# ANNUAL CAREER FAIR

The career fair allowed students an opportunity to interact with potential employers from a wide-range of organizations for full-time and part-time employment and internships. Below are the career fair participants for 2016:

## "FEEL THE BERN" EVENT

David Banner, Guest Speaker



## HOMECOMING WEEK 2016



Timeless Fashion Show



Comedy Show – Starring Melvin Sean Larkins

City Year, Inc.  
G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery VA Medical Center  
Ingalls Shipbuilding  
Management & Training Corporation  
Mississippi Department of Corrections  
Mississippi State Personnel Board  
Natchez - Adams School District  
Nissan North America - Canton, MS  
Quitman County School District  
Sanderson Farms, Inc.  
South Panola School District  
Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Co.  
Sysco Jackson, LLC  
Trustmark National Bank  
U.S. Customs and Border Protection  
U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission  
U.S. Navy  
Waffle House





# COUNSELING SERVICES

*Rosie J. Harper*  
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## Smart Safe Dating Tips

Smart, responsible college students know ways to keep safe:

- **Stay in Your Comfort Zone** - Encourage your date to stick close to where you feel safe. If you only feel safe on campus, stay on campus. Try the snack bar & grill as a place to meet for coffee or have a first date.
- **Use Your Circle of Friends**
- **Stay Connected**
- **Set up a Safety Call or Text**
- **Don't Drink! If you do, Drink Responsibly and Don't Drive**
- **Find Out about Previous Relationships**

### Remember

- Always fully charge your cell phone before a date. You never want to be caught in a situation where you need to call 911 but you can't.
- Have some "ready-made" excuses to avoid unwanted physical contact.
- Learn some self-defense techniques and ways to defend yourself.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

*Edna Drake*  
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## CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

Theft is a common occurrence on college campuses. Oftentimes this is due to the fact theft is a crime of opportunity. Confined living arrangements, recreation facilities, and many open classrooms and laboratories provide thieves with effortless opportunities. Occupants of the residence halls often feel a sense of security and home atmosphere and become too trusting of their peers, while others leave classrooms and laboratories unlocked when not occupied for short periods of time.

It is important to be very vigilant when it comes to suspicious persons. Never leave items and valuables lying around unsecured. Doors should be locked at all times. The following is a list of suggestions to help you not fall victim of theft:

- Keep doors to residence halls, labs, classrooms locked when not occupied.
- Do not provide access to unauthorized persons in the buildings or classrooms.

- Do not keep large amounts of money with you.
- Lock all valuables, money, jewelry, checkbooks in a lock box or locked drawer.
- Keep a list of all valuable possessions including the makes, models, and serial numbers.
- Take advantage of the Engraving Programs to have all valuables engraved with specific identifying marks.
- Do not leave laptop computers or textbooks unattended in labs or libraries, even if it is for a short period of time.
- Do not lend credit cards or identification cards to anyone.
- Report loitering persons or suspicious persons to police immediately; don't take any chances.

Identity theft is a crime in which someone wrongfully obtains and uses another person's personal information in some ways that involve fraud or deception, typically for economic gain. This personal data could be a Social Security number, bank account, or credit card information. Persons involved in identity theft often use computers or other forms of media to assist them. There are measures you can take to prevent this from happening to you:

- Do not give anyone your personal information unless there is a reason to trust them and the release is for good reason.
- Never give your credit card information, date of birth, or other information over the telephone, unless you can confirm the person receiving that information.
- Complete a credit check frequently to assure there is no suspicious activity.
- Examine financial information often to assure all transactions are authorized and accounted for.
- Use of computer security software on computers and installation of firewalls are good.

## ACTIVE SHOOTER CLASSROOM TRAINING



# SAFETY TIPS

## What to do in case of a Tornado:

- Go to the lowest level of the home, an inner hallway, or smaller inner room without windows, such as a closet or bathroom.
- Get away from windows and go to the center of the room. Avoid corners, because they tend to attract debris.
- Get under a sturdy piece of furniture, such as a workbench or heavy table.

## If you are in a mobile home:

- Evacuate the mobile home, even if it is equipped with tie-downs. Take shelter in a building with a strong foundation, or if one is not available, lie in a ditch or low-lying area a safe distance away from the mobile home. Tornadoes cannot change elevation quickly enough to pick someone up out of a ditch, especially a deep ditch or culvert.

## If you are at work or school:

- Go to the basement or to an inside hallway at the lowest level of the building.
- Avoid places with wide-span roofs, such as auditoriums, cafeterias, large hallways or shopping malls.
- Use your arms to protect your head and neck.

## If outdoors:

- If possible, get inside a sturdy building with a concrete foundation.
- If shelter is not available, or there is no time to get indoors, lie in a ditch or low-lying area or crouch near a strong building.
- Be aware of the potential for flooding.

## If you are in a vehicle:

- Never try to out drive a tornado in your vehicle. Tornadoes can change direction very quickly and can lift a vehicle and toss it in the air.
- Get out of the vehicle and take shelter in a nearby building.
- If there is no time to get indoors, get out of the vehicle and lie in a ditch or low-lying area away from the vehicle.

## NEW STAFF



**Mr. Kelly Thomas**  
**Residential Life Coordinator – Berkshire Hall**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Women's History Month  
March 3, 2016 \* 6:00 PM  
Bennie G. Thompson Lecture Hall

Landing that Job after College  
March 4, 2016 \* 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM  
Bennie G. Thompson Lecture Hall

Spring Break  
March 5, 2016 – March 13, 2016

Residential Life Week  
March 20-24, 2016

SGA Executive Board Elections  
March 22, 2016  
ONLINE (Moodle)

Sanderson Farms, Inc.'s  
Mississippi 2016 Super Chicken Road Show  
March 23-24, 2016  
Sign-Up in Jamerson Hall by March 9<sup>th</sup>

Omega Week  
March 28-April 1, 2016

Religious Emphasis Convocation  
March 30, 2016  
10:00 AM \* Woodworth Chapel

Are You Prepared or Nah? – When Reality Hits  
March 30, 2016  
11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon  
Warren Hall

Mental Health and Wellness Fair  
April 7, 2016  
8:30 AM – 1:00 PM  
Warren Hall