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Beverly Wade Hogan Reflects on her Presidential Tenure at Tougaloo College



I have often described Tougaloo College as a special place. While its historical significance is compelling and enduring, Tougaloo, likewise, has maintained contemporary relevance during each period of its storied history. The education provided to the students has prepared them to be successful in their time. Students entered and exited the historic gates, armed with the knowledge and skills to be competitive in a changing world and to even change the world.

My students, as I always referred to them, were the impetus for my work. The many times I welcomed them to the Tougaloo College family, awarded them their degrees and watched them soar through those same gates to make their marks on the larger world are truly the memories I cherish the most. There are also many other Tougaloo memories that make my heart smile.

I was fortunate – perhaps one could say blessed – to work with a forward thinking, dedicated and engaged Board of Trustees, remarkable faculty and staff, inspiring students, loyal alumni and supportive friends locally and nationally – even internationally. Together, we strengthened one of the most important social institutions the world has ever known – Tougaloo College. We educated some of the world's most productive leaders and responsible citizens, supported extraordinary faculty and collaborated with indefatigable administrators and staff, all dedicated to making the world better. I am eternally grateful for the honor to serve with all of them.

There is always more to do when you are leading a complex academic enterprise. The challenges and opportunities are constantly evolving, given the rapid changes in higher education. However, I left Tougaloo, comfortably knowing I had made a difference during the 17 years of my presidential tenure. I left Tougaloo better than I found it with the help of a wonderful team.

TCNAA Welcomes Dr. Carmen J. Walters

Tougaloo College's 14th President



To see Dr. Walters' greeting to alumni, follow this link - <https://tcnaa.org/dr-walter-message/>

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- The strengthening of the college's governing board, effecting a strong, committed and engaged national Board of Trustees which is the bedrock of any institution.
- A committed, skilled and supportive cadre of administrators, staff and faculty who worked collaboratively to advance Tougaloo on all levels.
- Quality academic programs that remain strong, relevant and competitive, interspersed with expanded learning opportunities which included the Disaster Coastal Studies, Modern Day Slavery, Digital Humanities, Career Services placements within the federal government, research opportunities, study abroad and the addition of ALEX and Fulbright Scholars to teach the critical languages, Mandarin Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Arabic.
- The redesign of the General Education Curriculum, known as CORE (Curriculum Outcomes Redesigned for Engagement) which intentionally focuses on interdisciplinary learning and the skills and knowledge twenty-first learners need to possess.
- The addition of 3 plus 2 law degree programs with Mississippi College School of Law and the University of Mississippi School of Law; chemical and civil engineering programs with Mississippi State University; and public health with Brown University.
- The addition of two graduate degree programs: master of arts in child development and master of arts in teaching.
- The establishment of the Center for International



Center that facilitates faculty-student research across all disciplines, enabling students to develop research skills and publish their works with the assistance of faculty.

- The formation of the Research and Development Foundation to aid the college in securing contracts and grants from state and federal agencies, as well as corporations.
- The Career Pathway Initiative that focuses on the alignment of academic and career preparation, and connecting students to the Career Network Partners through a digital repository, ConneXions, made possible through competitive funding from the UNCF Lilly Endowment Grant.
- The partnership with the Jackson Public School District (JPS) for the Early College High School at Tougaloo College which ideally will serve as a pipe line for students to enter Tougaloo, a model high school focusing on STEM, and an opportunity for Tougaloo to impact JPS, improving the preparation of students entering college.



Studies and Global Change, made possible through funding from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

- The establishment of the Institute for the Study of Modern Day Slavery, the only HBCU in the nation with this program, made possible through funding from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.
- The establishment of the Undergraduate Research

• The college's national rankings in the *U.S. News & World Report*, Princeton Review, Washington Monthly and NICHE; listing among the top twenty HBCUs in the nation; the top ten HBCUs with the highest graduation rates; listing by the National Science Foundation as one of the top twenty-five U.S. institutions whose graduates earn their PhDs in the science and engineering disciplines; listing among the top fifty institutions awarding baccalaureate degrees in the social sciences, and the top ten *Best Bang for the Buck* institutions.

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- Significant technological advancements which place Tougaloo on par with peer institutions and many larger better resourced institutions, including an integrated information management system; campus-wide wireless networks, increased access points and bandwidth that allows students to connect from their residence halls; technologically designed and equipped study lounges in the residence halls; and Smart classrooms in the Owens Health and Wellness Center, the Coleman Library and academic buildings.
- Significant physical enhancements to the campus grounds and facilities, including landscaping; widening and paving of streets; street lights and sidewalks; construction of the Bennie G. Thompson Academic and Civil Rights Research Center; renovations and upgrades in residence halls, Galloway Hall, Holmes Hall, Ballard Hall and Kincheloe Hall, as well as the repurposing and major renovation of the L. Zenobia Coleman Library, transforming it into a twenty-first century learning resource center.
- The work with the City of Jackson to secure funding for the completion of the West County Line Road project, the gateway to the development of the college's land held for investment.
- Securing the funds to complete the restoration of the



Mansion through the Department of Interior and the Mississippi Legislature.

- Increased restricted and unrestricted gifts which included several individual gifts of \$1,000,000, other major gifts of 25,000 - \$500,000, and important sustaining gifts of \$25 - \$25,000.
- Growth in the endowment.



- The acquisition of a commercial television, WLOO, through a gift from Tom Henson, owner and CEO, of American Spirit Media.
- Increased alumni engagement at all levels of participation and engagement with the college on special ad hoc committees and task forces.
- The formation of strategic partnerships with academic institutions, corporations, governments and community organizations to aid in advancing our mission of teaching, research and service.
- Consistent balanced budgets and clean annual audits.
- Financial stability, dissolution of the college's debt and financial solvency.

The troubling aspect of an otherwise remarkable journey of faith was the declining enrollment. I have confidence that the college is moving in the right direction for student enrollment growth.

As I shared in a prior interview, my hope is that Tougaloo will realize sustained growth which includes student enrollment and the monetization of fixed assets which will result in revenue growth. It is also my hope that Tougaloo will continue to provide transformational educational experiences for students, and the graduates will continue to use their education to transform the world. And, I, indeed, hope Tougaloo will be standing and prospering when it celebrates its bicentennial anniversary in 2069.

Though I have retired and departed Tougaloo, I will never leave Tougaloo behind. I will always support the college. I will always be a Tougalooian. It was my absolute honor to serve as the 13th president of my beloved alma mater. And, I am eternally grateful for the opportunity.

TAB Q & A with Tougaloo College Board of Trustees Chair, Wesley F. Prater, MD

Recently, TAB editors, Frances Hutchins Whiteurst and Elane Coleman had the opportunity to hear from Tougaloo College Board of Trustees Chairman, Wesley F. Prater, MD, as he reflected over his 15 years as a Board of Trustees member of which six were spent as Board Chair. He shared major initiatives the Board is working on to ensure Tougaloo College is positioned to sustain its place as a tower of academic excellence in perpetuity. He outlined the accomplishments of the Board under his leadership. In addition, he had a call to action for all alumni.

Furthermore, Dr. Prater, thank you for sharing your thoughts with us and we wish you much success in your new endeavors. Thank you for your service to Tougaloo College and, most of all thank you for your leadership.

We hope you are as inspired and compelled to support our alma mater as we are after reading the interview. Several of the items have been edited for brevity and clarity. An extended version of the interview is available on the TAB website at: <https://tcnaa.org/tab>.

This is your final year as Board Chair, is that correct?

Yes.

How long have you been Board Chair?

Six years. I have been on the Board for 21 years and I have TCNAA to thank for that in that my first service on the Board was as a representative of TCNAA. That is how my tenure on the Board started and once I completed [that] tenure the Board of Trustees of Tougaloo College asked me if I would come on as a, for should I say for the lack of a better word, “regular” member. Just a standard member is probably a better terminology, standard member as opposed to a representative of TCNAA. So that is how I got started and I went from that to being [elected] Chairman about 6 years ago.

Is there a term limit for Chairman of the Board of Trustees?

Not specifically for the Board Chair; however there is a term limit for all Board Members. [Former] Trustee Jerry Nickens [pushed that] helped to guide that through about 10 years ago. So, for about 10 years now we have had term limit for Trustees. Prior to that you could serve forever. Now the terms for a Trustee is, a term is 3 years and a Trustee may serve 3 consecutive [terms] which of course is 9 years and then you have to rotate off. Now Board policy allow you to be voted back on after being off for 1 year. We have not had that to occur and I don’t foresee that occurring so you don’t know what will happen, but board policy does allow you to be voted back on after [being off for] 1 year.

Are there any roles or responsibilities that are different among the different Trustees?

Well, certainly like any other organizations we have



the Chair, Vice-Chair, and by the way the Vice-Chair does not automatically ascend to the Chairmanship, [we have] the Treasurer, the Secretary. Now as you can imagine we have different committees: Audit, Education Policy and Planning, Finance, Governance, Institutional Advancement, Investment, Physical Resources and Student Life, Art, Brown Tougaloo Partnership (BTP) and subcommittees: Information Technology, Tougaloo Economic Development Corporation (TEDC), Owens Health and Wellness Center. The Board/Tougaloo College owns two other corporations, WLOO which is a full service television station, that is governed by 2 Rivers Communications, LLC and The Tougaloo College Research and Development Foundation, Inc. Both of those entities have their own Boards.

What role does the Board serve in the operation of the College?

The Board of Trustees as you can imagine is the policy making arm of the College. We meet, help set policy, but the primary role, [I should have started this way]. Our primary role is to hire and dismiss the President, that is our primary role and I would say set policy]. We do not get into the day-to-day or week-to-week operation of the College. We stay away from human resource questions; I mean, in terms of day-to-day. That is left to the president, and the president is held accountable for the day-to-day operation of the school. You know, we help set the policy that regulate human resources but in terms of the day-to-day operation, we do not do that. And I have to say since I have been on the Board, be it good or bad has stuck with that policy.

Can you give an example of the type of policy that would be set by the Board?

We may have a policy that says, ah, administrators at a certain level for example, say a vice-president would be approved by a certain

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committee of the Board, but certainly not staff or faculty. Yeah, something that deals with the overall operation of the College. Another example is that we have a balanced budget every year. Now it's up to the president to balance the budget. We have an investment committee. The investment committee has a policy that says how much of the endowment should be invested in what type of equity. You know high risk, medium risk, low risk, for example, or how much has to be held in cash tenure. So that's a policy of the investment committee.

Dr. Prater, how much of the Board's decisions are public?

You know when I read that question and when I thought about it, and I don't know, ah in that has never been discussed. As a private institution, I don't know that any of it has to be public, certainly everything should be shared with the board and board members and everything. I can't think of anything except personnel issues that should not be shared with TCNAA. So, within the family, pretty much everything. You know for example our endowment is ten million dollars [\$10,000,000.00]. That's how much we have in endowment. I certainly see no reason why that should be kept [secret] from TCNAA or anyone connected to Tougaloo. Now we are not going out and call the Clarion Ledger and say, 'Oh by the way we have ten million dollars in endowment.' I know I wouldn't. But, if found out, no big deal, you know. So, as a private institution, I don't think anything has to be to release to the public.

I think that you have already answered the question about the relationship between the Board of Trustees and the President of the College.

Well not totally now, not totally.

Ok, then please elaborate.

AGB, Association of Governing Boards is our professional organization for presidents (well one of them) for presidents and Trustees and of course Tougaloo, all of our Trustees and president are members of this organization. And they have ...meetings. One of the things that was said at one of the meetings I went to is that a board chair and president should meet on a regularly scheduled basis. Because a board chair and president should have a relationship close to what you have in a marriage. You need to be close, you have to be able to talk to each other in a confidential manner. The president has to be able to trust the chairperson and the chairperson should be able to trust the president. You should be able to say things in private that you may not want to say in public--in the board meeting when I say in public. So, I actually instituted that. So, President Hogan and I used to meet on a regular basis. Monthly, quarterly, we would have a meeting and I have instituted the same thing with President Walters. We meet on a regular basis to just have a discussion. So that it's not a crisis meeting. I don't be-

lieve in management through crisis. AGB just gave me the ammunition for what I believed in and that was let's meet on a regularly scheduled basis and not meet when there is a crisis. So, this way you help avert crises.

Number two is your relationship between our Board and the President. It has always been good for the 21 plus years that I have been on the board. The board and board chairman even before me and president--there always has been a good relationship. We have not been like some of these colleges that have contentious relationships and members of the board fighting each other, you have letters written to the newspapers and all of that kind of nonsense. So, thank God we have not had those kinds of issues. And I think that board members actually trust each other which is important and the President and vice versa. One of the things that I attempted to do is what AGB recommended in order to become more functional, more professional board and that is to have a board that is committee-centric. If you as a chairperson think that you can do everything and take care of all of the committee work that doesn't go well. And so, they recommended that the chairperson of each committee be empowered to meet with the members on a regular basis whatever that means, maybe once a quarter--whatever it means to take care of the business of the committee and the College. That really has been done. So, we have a committee-centric board where members understand that each one has a responsibility and pretty much held accountable. So that's how we operate as a board.

Have you had an opportunity to reflect on your tenure as Board Chairman and if you have, what are some of the achievements, initiatives, milestones, accomplishments that you consider most significant and why?

There are actually quite a few and I would say that a number of them that I have accomplished, they have been accomplished by the Board and the President under my leadership. Number one is the transition from President Hogan to President Walters. So, what I did, I chose a search firm, that's actually AGB that I spoke of earlier. AGB has a separate arm that has a search firm. Our primary goal for the president was to make sure that we had a process that had integrity. That nobody could look back and say the process wasn't one that had integrity. You never know what product you are going to get. And I am pleased that at the end of the day I think that most reasonable people thought that was the process we had, and we made the transition without any hullabaloo. So, we have a new president that I think is going to be very good. So, the transition from President Hogan to President Walters went smooth, professional. And, one of the things I did is I talked with AGB again, they agreed that it would be good to bring her in before the day she started. So, for part of May, let's say the middle of May through June. She was on campus on a regular basis

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under the guidance and leadership of President Hogan who was just absolutely fantastic. Having access to whatever she wanted access to on campus, whoever and whatever so that when she came to work on July 1st, she already had a foothold. So that was one thing.

The other thing was as you all know County Line Road that runs in front of Tougaloo had stops at the railroad track for the last 15 years. One of the first things that I decided when I became chair, was blessed to be in that position [was] to get County Line Road completed. So, I setup an ad hoc committee that had about 30 organizations on it including Representative Bennie Thompson's office, the city of Jackson, Hinds County and of course the College. And within six months we had the money to do County Line Road. Well we had half of it. I thought we had all of it not knowing how these government contracts work, we had half of it then it took another six months to get the other half, so within a year we had all the money. That project is [now] in full swing. Now I [will] tell you in public this: it is taking longer than I am happy with. The project was supposed to be completed October of this year, October 2019. Right now, it's been pushed out to July of [2020]. I would like for you to publish that because people need to know that. The contractor has not lived up to expectations. They have all kinds of reasons as you can imagine. Right now, the project is supposed to be completed in July of 2020. Once that is done, the railroad track will be raised up in the air--'cause some people don't know what that actually means and the road, County Line Road, will remain at grade. That's important because if you keep the road at grade then your property maintains its value. If the road had been raised over the railroad track our property would have lost value. So hopefully that project will be completed July 2020. The way that we sold it now is that this road needs to be completed for the economic development in North Jackson. This project was never developed for the benefit of Tougaloo College. It would never have gotten done that way. So, we pulled it together selling it as economic development for the city of Jackson, North Jackson and South Madison County, which it is. That absolutely is the way it is.

Now most people don't know that we have 90 acres on the north side of [Interstate] 220, (I told you Elane that this could go on forever if you start me to talking) we have 90 acres on the north side of 220 and that is prime property. We are hoping to have that developed into some type of research campus or something that deals with health care... We have the best property in north Jackson, ok, and south Madison County. So, we are going to be able to develop our land... If you all remind me, I will send it [to you] because we have a video... We have a professionally, nationally recognized, quality master plan for the development of our land. That includes hotels, residence space, the whole shooting match. And approximately 150 acres, and this is important, the Board has set aside approximately 150 acres on the core campus for the College. So, it

can't be developed.

Now that leads to another issue that you all raised in terms of the question. The Board has made, I don't mean a declaration and voted on it, but a decision not to sell our land. Now I'll put an asterisk by that. We were educated by a developer that a strategic sell of some property may not be a bad idea. Now, what do I mean by that? Let's say a Hilton hotel wants to come in and put up a major five-star hotel and their policy says that they can't do that unless we sell them the land. Well depending on what the deal is, we may want to sell them 20 acres. But you are not going to sell somebody two acres to put up a service station. A strategic sale is something that may be considered. But other than that, we are not going to sell someone a hundred acres because they want to pay us you know \$50,000.00 an acre and we don't know what they are going to do with it. We are not going to do that. But just in general, we are not going to sell the land.

The Mansion: As you all know the Mansion has been sitting vacant for, I don't know, for 15 years? I'm not really sure. About 10 years ago President Hogan and her staff got money from the Department of Interior so the outside of the Mansion has been restored to its original architecture and is ready to be lived in, based on the outside. However, the inside is just framed and has not been done because they didn't have the money. Well, when the BP oil spill occurred the state of Mississippi got, I don't know--\$400,000,000.00. I'm not sure what they got but a whole bunch of money that they have the discretion to use as they want, basically. So, I worked with Representative Ed Blackmon who is on the Board to get us some of the money from the state to do certain things... It is a national historic building and it's just such a process to go through the federal government, Department of Interior, everything has to be approved by them... Congressman Thompson during that same time got a, I'll say \$350,000.00 to do the interior. So right now, we have, this is an estimation, \$1,350,000.00 to do the interior of the Mansion and it is probably going to cost about \$1,500,00.00. We are not holding up because we need that other \$150,000.00. It is just that they are going through all of the steps that the Interior Department and the Mississippi Department of Finance to get stuff done. So, to get that money from the Mississippi Legislature, and that is the first time that let me say Tougaloo because it is a private institution--as you all know we don't get any state money. That is the first time that anybody is aware of that we have gotten any money from the state for anything.

The last thing is Tougaloo Research and Development Foundation, the Washington Chapter, WATAC came to us about two years ago to develop a research and development foundation. I took it to the Board. I was embarrassed that it never really crossed my mind that we don't have a research and development foundation. I've been donating to the Alcorn Research and Development Foundation for a scholarship in our parents' name for years.

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It never crossed my mind. I'm thinking about OIA, that's not a research and development foundation. So about two years ago the Board sanctioned the establishment of a research and development foundation. John Rosenthal is our president and it [has] its own separate board. But the way that it is set up and Rosenthal won't have to put it in its bylaws is that the [Tougaloo College] Board of Trustees can dissolve the R & D at any time without cause. So, you don't have to worry about the R & D getting out of control and taking over the College, ok. And they are doing a tremendous job, he has gotten some very good contracts and research stuff that the College could not get because foundation and research and development foundations want to give money to research and development foundations not to OIA. So, we are now able to access money that we couldn't access before.

I'll try to be quiet y'all, I could talk about Tougaloo all day.

That's good information. I mean it's a lot. But alums need to know this, I mean they really need to know this.

What advice would you give your successor, the next Board Chairperson?

The first thing is that the next chairperson or the chairperson needs to have a very close, professional, respectful working relationship with the president. And part of the way that you do that is having, by meeting on a regular basis. Number two is communicate on a regular basis in a meaningful way with the board members but especially the chairpersons. And let the chairpersons know what you expect from them.

You mean committee chairpersons?

Committee chairpersons, right. What you expect from them is to carry out their mandate for that committee. In other words, if you are on the Education Policy committee, you should know that the life blood for a small College is enrollment. You are enrollment dependent. So that chairperson does not need to know the schedule when the recruiter is going here and there but what are the goals, what is your policy for recruitment, do you buy ACT scores, I mean just the general policy. So, you can't be the chair of Education Policy and be a good chair and you have no idea what percent of applicants complete the application. And what percent of those who complete the application actually enroll, ok, and don't know when letters of acceptance are sent out. There are certain basic things you need to know. It's not just a feel good position. So, you need to hold your folks accountable. And yet it's a volunteer board, but when you got on the Board you should have known what was expected of you and you need to do it. Just because you're a volunteer doesn't mean that you come on [the Board] and do nothing.

What do you see as the most pressing, significant, critical challenge that the College faces today?

Without any ambiguity it is the low enrollment, and the need to increase our enrollment of students. That is our biggest challenge today. In my opinion there is nothing else that rises to that level.

How can Tougaloo alumni help the College overcome these challenges?

Well, on that particular challenge, first of all, alumni need to know, if don't know you can't do anything about it. And the other thing is...a thing as simple, in my opinion is simple, as wearing Tougaloo paraphernalia. It is amazing how few people wear Tougaloo paraphernalia, hats, sweaters, T-shirts whatever. Jackson State, Alcorn, not to mention Ole Miss, you can't turn around. We don't do ours. Now, I'm not sure why that is but one of theories and facts that I read in some book or article is back in the 40s and 50s when the white power structure was trying to close Tougaloo, if you were a Tougaloo graduate or teacher they wouldn't open a bank account for you in Jackson. And all these kinds of things. But people basically were afraid to do it, to wear Tougaloo paraphernalia. We don't do it. I wear mine a lot. I'm not amazed any more but if I am in public with my T-shirt on (not T-shirt we have a... like a golf shirt) for thirty minutes somebody has a comment to make to me...

One of the things that we need to do is help to recruit, we need to recruit. And of course, that's a two-way street because the College recruitment division has to help you, give you what you need to recruit. So, recruitment is one of the main things.

Now, it goes without saying scholarship dollars are always important and we don't have enough scholarship dollars, now that is just a fact. But it's not always about the dollars, the way you spend them, in terms of scholarships and all. But helping to get more students at Tougaloo. That is paramount.

You may or may not be surprised, but a lot of people probably would be surprised what an influence you could have on these high school students just talking to them and encouraging them to go to Tougaloo.

A follow up question that you touched upon is what does alumni engagement look like to you? You mentioned wearing TC paraphernalia, which I call showing the brand. Could you elaborate on that a little more?

Well, yeah. Being engaged in Tougaloo events. You know we have a very good men's basketball team and a good women's team and we expect them to be better because we have a coach who is a great coach. So just being involved in activities on campus whether it's

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athletic events, coming to a forum like we have during Founder's Day. Any and all of those things make a difference. Beyond that, I don't really know, I didn't think about that that much. But wearing paraphernalia is really important to me. You know, showing the brand.

Dr. Prater what do you think is the one thing that you wish alumni understood better about the Board of Trustees? Or if there was one myth that you could dispel, what would it be?

Well, I don't think that there are any myths that I want to dispel. One [thing] is that alums have the ability to nominate, recommend people for the Board. And that is something that alums just, need to be aware of, ok.

I've like had people call me who would like to be nominated. The Houston Chapter for example, Houston, Chicago, and maybe Washington. Those chapters are good at nominating people. Trustee Tresvant was put to us from the Houston Chapter and it is to the point where somebody thought that I nominated her, but I said no let's set the record clear. This ... from the Governance Committee. But this came from the Houston Chapter. That's important for lots of reasons: First it's obviously true; Number two she had strength behind her because a chapter nominated her.

What was the question again?

Dr. Prater what do you think is the one thing that you wish alumni understood better about the Board of Trustees?

So, I guess one thing would be that alums individually and or chapters can nominate people to the Board. You know, can have it done one kind of way. You know the best way actually would be through your Alumni Representative.

I know that there is a lot that you could add to everything that we asked...I don't think that you answered the question about your term on the Board? I probably didn't, my term is up at the end of the October Board meeting. My term is up as Chairman of the Board and as a board member. So, in October I am going to rotate off of the Board, period. Not only as Chairman but off the Board.

{Elane}{EC} We certainly want to thank you for sharing your thoughts with us and I'm sure that we will be hearing a lot from you and we appreciate you taking the time to sit down to talk with us. Hopefully we can start some dialog where we can get people as you said "informed" about what's going on with the College.

{Frances}{FW} I would add to that, thank you. But I would also add that as an alumnus, I feel more informed and excited and inspired to action to do something for the College.



President Walter's Message

Dear Distinguished Tougaloo Alumni,

In my first three months as president of the historic Tougaloo College, I have been consistently impressed and invigorated by meeting alumni throughout the country who have demonstrated extraordinary passion, loyalty, thoughtfulness, and interest for this special place. As part of my

commitment to strengthening alumni relationships, I promised to keep the lines of communication open. It is my esteemed honor to provide updates that are evident of the College's effectiveness as an institution of higher learning.

The College has undergone a huge amount of transition in a very short period of time. Most of the executive leadership team will be new with the retirement of the vice president for finance, vice president for institutional advancement, and most recently, the vice president for facilities management. The vice president for academic affairs opted to return to the classroom so this position must also be

filled. The search to fill the vice presidents for finance and institutional advancement has concluded and these appointments will be announced at the October board meeting. The search for the vice presidents for academic affairs and facilities management is well underway and, hopefully, will conclude by the end of November or early December.

I have immensely enjoyed meeting with corporate and foundation executives and program officers. I visited the Andrew Mellon Foundation to express our appreciation for awarding the College \$200,000 to continue preserving and digitizing our art collections and the Henry Luce Foundation to present a proposal requesting funding for an Object Study Room. I met with Brown University President Dr. Christina Paxson. We concluded our meeting more committed to strengthening the Brown-Tougaloo partnership. BankPlus' executive team hosted a luncheon for me and other college representatives. Trustmark's executive team unveiled its inaugural financial scholars program that features an interactive learning platform specifically designed to teach students the fundamentals of money management. It is important to maintain these and other partnerships that are vital to our work and to building stronger communities locally, regionally, and nationally.

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To date, alumni have contributed \$62,786 toward the \$1.2 million goal. Thank you for all that you do for Tougaloo. It is through your generous support that we are able to consistently distinguish Tougaloo as a leader in higher education, providing the best educational experience for our students. To continue achieving greatness, we need your help. Alumni support is the hallmark of every remarkable institution of higher learning. Tougaloo College is no exception. The enthusiasm and engagement of our alumni are integral to shaping and realizing our goals. When you receive a request to support the College, especially for annual giving, I ask that you include your alma mater among your philanthropic priorities. Thank you in advance for your support and encouragement.

Our new students are getting settled into their new residences, and I am delighted to report that we have an impressive and talented first-year class. We look forward to the contributions of these students to the enrichment of our experience on campus. This year's enrollment increased slightly to 740 (undergraduate, graduate, and dual enrolled students) from 736 in 2018. I am optimistic about the enrollment for our upcoming year. We have expanded the enrollment team welcoming back home Mr. Paul Scott as Director of Admissions and Mr. James Louis as Enrollment Officer. Additionally, enrollment management is now under the leadership of Dr. Eric W. Jackson who has extensive years of experience in recruiting and enrolling students.

Our returning students continue to excel inside and outside of the classroom. Junior presidential scholar Enleyona Weir, completing a dual degree in chemistry and mathematics, conducted research this summer at the University of Illinois as a St. Elmo Brady Scholar. Senior elementary education major Haley McHenry was one of 44 students selected as a 2019 HBCU Competitiveness Scholar by the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. As its highest honor, the initiative recognizes students who are preparing to compete for top opportunities based on academic achievement, campus and civic involvement, and entrepreneurial attitude.

The Michelle Obama Early College High School started its second cohort of high-achieving students, including 50 ninth graders, 22 eleventh graders, and 11 tenth graders. These young people are able to take up to 12 credit hours of general education courses that count towards earning both a high school diploma and an associate's degree (or up to two years of college credit toward a bachelor's degree). We are excited about their presence on our campus, and we wish them the very best in their academic pursuits. The high school is under the leadership of the Division of Education and is also a learning laboratory for elementary education majors.

I invite alumni to attend the "Mass Incarceration and Slavery," conference October 11-12, 2019. The Institute for the Study of Modern-Day Slavery and the Historians Against Slavery are planning the two-day conference that

will bring academicians, activists, survivors, public officials, and others to the campus to deliberate on two goals: 1) to understand the history and current state of mass incarceration and its connections to slavery, and 2) to use that knowledge to encourage reform and social justice. In July, I shared with you that we are gearing up to start another strategic planning process to craft a new strategic plan that will guide the institution over the next five years (2020-2025). The strategic planning team will consist of trustees, administrators, faculty, staff, students, alumni, and external stakeholders. The vision and voice of our alumni are essential as we seek to move Tougaloo to a new level of excellence. Our work will commence after Founders Week, and we welcome alumni engagement. After Founders, you can also expect to receive the "President's First 100 Days Report."

This is an amazing time at Tougaloo. We look forward to welcoming alumni and families to the campus for the 150th Founders Week Celebration. A few highlights include the festivities on Saturday, October 19, 2019: the alumni tailgate, 150th Founders Parade at 10:00 a.m., 150th Founders Celebration at 7:00 p.m., featuring Tougaloo STARS Rhonda Chambers-Davis, Tonya Boyd Cannon, Bridget Hathorn-Shields, and several other special surprises, which means you must be present. While on campus be sure to snap a photo or selfie using hashtag #Tougaloo2019 and email it to lrrobinson@tougaloo.edu so it can be posted. View the entire 150th schedule of activities on the College's website at www.tougaloo.edu.

I look forward to seeing many of you in just a few days for the 150th festivities that are sure to create wonderful, lasting memories. Safe travels as you make your way home to Tougaloo for this very special tradition.

We are Tougaloo!



Carmen J. Walters, PhD
President

TCNAA Hall of Fame Class of 2019



Dr. Albert Bazar Britton, Jr.

(posthumously), is a 1947 graduate of Tougaloo College. Dr. Britton's lifelong mission was to ensure that citizens of Mississippi, particularly African Americans, received quality healthcare. Education and public service were paramount in Dr. Britton's life. He believed in serving his community and his country. Dr. Britton was the first African American physician admitted to the staff of Baptist Hospital. He later went on to practice general medicine with a specialty in obstetrics and gynecology for sixty-four years, until his passing. Dr. Britton's contributions to the medical profession, his struggle for civil rights and work in the armed forces ensure that although he is no longer with us, his legacy will on.



Mrs. Carolyn Voncile Walker Henderson

is a 1966 graduate of Tougaloo College, where she earned a degree in Mathematics. Mrs. Henderson is a Life Member of Tougaloo College National Alumni Association and an active member of the Atlanta Tougaloo College Alumni Chapter. She has contributed both time and resources to the College over the past fifty plus years. In 2016, she established the endowed Walker-Henderson STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) scholarship at the College. Mrs. Henderson has stepdaughter, Teresa Henderson, son Jesse Henderson III, daughter-in-law Leyla Henderson and a delightful grandson, Cyrus, who is the love of her life.



Dr. Delores Bolden Stamps is a 1968 graduate of Tougaloo College. She has more than 50 years of successful leadership and senior level experience in higher education and public service. She has served in a myriad of capacities including college vice-president and professor, president of a foundation, program administrator and CEO of a consulting firm. A motivational speaker and lecturer, Dr. Bolden-Stamps has received numerous awards and honors. Her love for God and family reign paramount in her life. She is an active member of Pearl Street AME Church. She and her husband Alvin have four adult children and seven wonderful grandchildren.



Dr. John Veasley is a 1979 graduate of Tougaloo College. A dedicated servant to the Tougaloo College family, Dr. Veasley understood the value of an education early on as a child. He is the first person in his immediate family to earn a college education. Active in the community, John is a lifetime member of the NAACP and the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., at a state and national level. He is an active member of the Pensacola Cokebury United Methodist Church, where he serves as a Sunday School teacher, class president and Bible Study teacher. He along with his wife, the former Barbara Banks '79, have two daughters Jessica and Allison (Jarvis) Brazzel '09.



Dr. Earnestine Willis is a 1972 graduate of Tougaloo College. Dr. Willis' academic career extends over four decades with her humble beginnings in the close-knit community of Hollandale, Mississippi. Over her career, she has demonstrated her transformative leadership abilities both at a local and national level. In 1995, she joined the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) where she has worked for the last 25 years in various roles, including rising to the rank of Professor in 2010. She continues to be recognized for her outstanding contributions throughout her career. Dr. Willis is the mother of two sons, Amos Paul Kennedy, III and Adric Paul Kennedy.

TCNAA Board Chairwoman Delk

Tougaloo College's 150th Anniversary culminates during Founders Week. During this period, there will be numerous celebrations and traditions which allow alumni, friends, and supporters to make their way to these hallowed grounds to celebrate the rich history and legacy of our great institution. Tougaloo College continues to embrace traditions while embarking into uncharted territories that will ultimately preserve our longevity.

It is incumbent upon alumni to give unparalleled support through advocacy, financial contributions and other resources.

We encourage alumni to be more informed and engaged in order to strengthen the future of our Eagle Queen. Let's work together to increase alumni giving and participation and create a long standing atmosphere and culture for the Tougaloo College we know and for the Tougaloo College we want others to experience.

Joyce Small Delk '72, MPA
TCNAA Board Chair



TCNAA President's Report

Dear Fellow Alumni,

As we gather to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of our beloved Eagle Queen, I extend a heartfelt welcome. This October is a very special time in the history of Tougaloo, and I am pleased that you have chosen to return to the campus to join us in this celebration.

I want to extend a special congratulations to the 2019 Hall of Fame honorees: Albert Bazar Britton, Jr., MD '43 (Medicine); Carolyn Voncile Walker Henderson '66 (Community Service); Delores Bolden Stamps, PhD '68 (Education); John Veasley, DDS '79 (Medicine); Earnestine Willis, MD '72 (Medicine). Your induction in 2019 means that your accomplishments are being honored during the Alumni Association's banquet while we are honoring the founding of the college. What a special honor!

Outlined below are some campus highlights:

- Early College High School Program started its second cohort of high achieving high school students. This year's cohort includes 50 ninth graders, 22 eleventh graders, and 11 tenth graders who are being immersed into the everyday activities of the college. These students are able to take up to 12 credit hours of general education courses.
- The renovations for the President's house are complete and Dr. Walters moved in on Friday, September 27, 2019.
- Fundraising information: For the period July 1, 2019 to September 13, 2019, the fundraising total is \$380,713.25. Compared to giving this same time period in 2018, when gifts and pledges totaled \$364,524.83, this reflects a

\$16,188.42 or 4.44 percent increase. The alumni fundraising goal is \$1.2 million. As of September 13, 2019, the alumni have contributed \$51,470.00 or 4.2% of the goal.

- Senior elementary education major Haley McHenry was one of 44 students selected as a 2019 HBCU Competitivities Scholar by the White House Initiatives on Historically Black Colleges and Universities.
- Tougaloo College students, faculty and staff welcomed Trustmark representatives to the campus on Friday, August 30, 2019 to launch the **Trustmark Financial Scholars Program**, the first of its kind on a college campus. The program features an interactive, new-media learning platform specifically designed to introduce financial literacy skills and build financial capacity as students navigate through adulthood.
- Construction on the West Line County Line Road realignment project is well underway. Currently, construction crews are preparing the area needed for the relocation of the railroad tracks and the feeder road that will connect Brown Street to the Tougaloo Village Road. Additionally, the crews are driving the foundation pilings for the two new railroad bridges that will cross over both W. County Line Road and the Tougaloo Village Road.

TAB (Tougaloo Alumni Bulletin) COMMITTEE

The TAB Committee met on Sunday, October 6, 2019 to finalize the articles for publication in the newsletter which will be published on Saturday, October 12, 2019.

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- **Special Call Meeting for TCNAA**

A special Call Meeting of TCNAA has been scheduled for 8:00am on Saturday, October 19, 2019 to ratify the By-laws adopted at the May 2019 TCNAA meeting followed immediately by a meeting of the board of directors of TCNAA.

- **Resolution for Attorney Herbert Lee, Jr.**

Attorney Herbert Lee, Jr., 2011 Hall of Fame Class, passed away on August 22, 2019 and a Resolution from TCNAA was presented at the funeral. For the sake of time at the funeral, the resolution was not read but acknowledged and presented by Doris Bridgeman to the family.

- **Renovation of Alumni House**

Ewing & Ray Foundation provided the analysis of the alumni house as following:

1. The foundation is constructed of at least two layers of brick, which was common but not necessarily typical of the time the homes were constructed (i.e. the late teens or early 20's of the 20th century).
2. Although the foundation does appear to be fairly structurally sound and there was no notable movement, there does seem to be cracking of the brick and mortar in several areas.
3. The basement/cellar of the house consistently holds 3-4 feet of water. As mentioned above, the foundation is brick masonry and brick is, by nature, porous. Although the builder probably used some kind of tar on the outside of the foundation as a waterproofing membrane, there is no sign of a perimeter French drain system to collect and remove the ground water from around the foundation. It appears that there is water seeping into the foundation through the brick. However, it is also possible that the water is entering the foundation through an underground spring. The TRIO house, which is near the Health and Wellness Center, is a similarly built structure. However, the basement is much drier than the Alumni House. It could be because the house sits higher than the Alumni House and therefore a spring is not supplying water to the basement.

4. There is some wood rot occurring on the framing of the house near the south window of the conference room, but this looks to be caused by rainwater seeping in through a deteriorated sill and not necessarily the water in the cellar. This could be easily repaired.
5. A sump pit needs to be constructed with a commercial grade sump pump to remove the water from the cellar as it collects. Ideally, it would be suggested to connect the drain line from the pump directly into a storm drain, but there is no storm drain system near the house.
6. In general, the foundation can be repaired cheaper than it can be replaced.

We are a **TEAM** (Together Everyone Achieves More)!

Yours for Tougaloo,

David E. Miller, Esq.



Celebrate Your Reunion!

It's not too late to call your old roommate, teammate, fraternity brother, sorority sister, or classmate today and make plans to re-connect. If you are a member of the class of 1950, 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015 or 2019, then **Friday – Sunday, May 1-3, 2019** is your special time to celebrate! As always, all other classes are invited to celebrate with the classes of 0s and 5s. Join together for great food, music, fellowship & fun!

Contact Your Class Agent | Tougaloo Ambassador...

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2019	Ms. Akira Nicole Black	akirablack4@gmail.com



At your service

Doris Griffith Bridgeman '69

**Director of Alumni Relations/
Pre-Alumni Council Advisor**

This is also a time to support our beloved Tougaloo with our financial resources. Alumni are challenged to raise \$1,250,000 during the 2019-2020 fiscal year; won't you help us reach our goal?!!!!

Here's how you can help:

Make a gift by June 30, 2020.

Mail donation to: Tougaloo College

Office of Institutional Advancement

500 W. County Line Road

Tougaloo, MS 39174

Give Online: <https://donate.tougaloo.edu/donation/>

Encourage fellow alumni to make a gift whether celebrating a special year or not; every year is a reunion year!

**** All Tougaloo alumni and former students are invited to return and celebrate this special place where history still meets the future and where students remain committed to excellence in scholarship and service. For information on commencement weekend activities or other opportunities to support the College, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 601.977.7836 or the Office of Institutional Advancement at 601.977.7871**

UNCF NAC/NPAC Report

The Pre-Alumni Council for the academic school year of 2019-2020.

Submitted by Vanetta Brownlow

Executive Board Members

Vanetta Brownlow - President

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Victor Tate - Chaplin

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Doris Bridgeman - Advisor

Membership Chair - Courtney Thomas

Community Service Chair - Taylor Turnage

NPAC Representative - LaShon Webb

The executive board members worked diligently to recruit members for the Pre-Alumni Council at the organization fair on August 19, 2019 held in Holmes Hall Auditorium. Currently, PAC has 54 active members registered and ready to serve their campus and community. Here are some of this semester's activities; The Pre-Alumni Council hosted its National Day of Service and Remembrance Agency Fair on September 11, 2019 in the Kroger Gymnasium. This event allowed students to connect with various organizations throughout the community. Students were presented with employment, internships, and volunteer opportunities. There were about



18 organizations in attendance to present opportunities to roughly 200 students of Tougaloo College.

Also, in remembrance of September 11, members of the Pre-Alumni Council partnered with the Central Mississippi Hub to



Executive board members with Tougaloo PAC and NPAC Advisors provide kind acts of service for the men and women of the Jackson Fire Department.

Six executive board members traveled to Philander Smith College in Little Rock, Arkansas on September 13-14, 2019 to attend the 2019 NPAC Southwest Regional Conference. The theme for the conference was **Lead.Educate.Aspire.Determine (LEAD)**.

Lastly, PAC hosted Field Day on September 18, 2019 on the Campus Green. Students became acquainted with executive board members and their peers by playing various games such as flag football, Ultimate Frisbee, and more.

We are actively planning for our first general body meeting on Monday, October 7, gearing up for '**PAC Goes Pink**' on October 9 and the M/M UNCF Pageant on October 29. We are making plans to engage 20 members of the Council in this year's National UNCF NAC/NPAC Conference that will be held in Charlotte, NC.



Tougaloo College History Celebrating 150 Years!

Submitted by Linda L. Daniels, Ph.D.

Tougaloo College is a private, coeducational, historically black four-year liberal arts, church related, but not church controlled institution. It sits on five hundred acres of land located on West County Line Road on the northern edge of Jackson, Mississippi. In biblical style, one might say that the Amistad, the famous court case that freed enslaved Africans, who were charged with mutiny after they killed members of the crew aboard the slave ship Amistad and took over the vessel, begot the American Missionary Association, and the American Missionary Association begot Tougaloo College and her five sister institutions.

In 1869, the American Missionary Association of New York purchased five hundred acres of land from John Boddie, owner of the Boddie Plantation, to establish a school for the training of young people “irrespective of religious tenets and conducted on the most liberal principles for the benefit of our citizens in general.” The Mississippi State Legislature granted the institution a charter under the name of “Tougaloo University” in 1871. The Normal Department was recognized as a teacher training school until 1892, at which time the College ceased to receive aid from the state. Courses for college credit were first offered in 1897, and in 1901, the first Bachelor of Arts degree was awarded to Traverse S. Crawford. In 1916, the name of the institution was changed to Tougaloo College.

Six years after Tougaloo College’s founding, the Home Missionary Society of the Disciples of Christ obtained a charter from the Mississippi State Legislature to establish Southern Christian Institute (SCI) in Edwards, Mississippi. Determining later that Tougaloo College and SCI had similar missions and goals, the supporting churches merged the two institutions in 1954 and named the new institution Tougaloo Southern Christian College. Combining the resources of the two supporting bodies, the new institution renewed its commitment to educational advancement and the improvement of race relations in Mississippi. The alumni bodies united to become the National Alumni Association of Tougaloo Southern Christian College. In 1962, by vote of the Board of Trustees and with the agreement of the supporting bodies, the name was changed again to Tougaloo College.

Tougaloo College has gained national respect for its high academic standards and level of social responsibility.



The College reached the ultimate demonstration of its social commitment during the turbulent years of the 1960s. During that period Tougaloo College was in the forefront of the Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi, serving as the safe haven for those who fought for freedom, equality and justice and the sanctuary within which the strategies were devised and implemented to end segregation and improve race relations. Tougaloo College’s leadership, courage in opening its campus to the Freedom Riders and other Civil Rights workers and leaders, and its bravery in supporting a movement whose time had come, helped to change the economic, political and social fabric of the state of Mississippi and the nation.

Aside from its social commitment, Tougaloo College has continued to strive to create an environment of academic excellence and a campus of engaged learners. The administration and faculty continue to challenge students to be prepared to take advantage of opportunities available in a global economy and to become leaders who will effect change. The faculty has grown in quality and size, diversity has been enhanced and the physical landscape and campus infrastructure is evolving. Current curricula have been added. Partnerships and networking relationships have been established with many institutions such as Brown University, Boston College, Mississippi State University, Mississippi College School of Law, New York University, Tufts Medical and Dental Schools, University of Mississippi Medical Center and other international programs.

Tougaloo's Best Birthday Gift

Inclusion In National Museum Of African American History And Culture

Contributed by Tony Bounds



Archivist Tony Bounds transports Tougaloo archives for digitization.

The story of Tougaloo College and its beginnings will soon be shared worldwide via the world's largest museum, education and research complex, the Smithsonian Institute. The College's Post-Antebellum to mid-20th century artifacts are being added to the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture. With phase one of artifact digitization taking place just before the College celebrates its 150th birthday on October 19, 2019, the goal of preserving the College's history is being accomplished while College administration focuses on building a sustainable future.

"The endeavor was to digitize materials that are in danger of deteriorating," said Tougaloo College archivist Tony Bounds, who met the Museum's digital archiving team at a designated location in downtown Jackson, MS this fall to begin this process. "Once these images become available, I'm sure we will begin to see them in a wide array of academic publications around the world." Among the artifacts digitized and added to the Museum's collection are early photos of the Tougaloo College campus, which was transformed from a plantation to a welcoming place where people from all walks of life can receive an invaluable education. Also being added to the collection are photos of faculty; curriculum; publications; classes; athletics; and buildings, such as the Robert O. Wilder building, known as The Mansion, which is the oldest building on campus.

The National Museum of African American History and Culture was established to tell the story of African

Americans and to recognize the fact that Black History is American History. After former presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama each signed bills authorizing federal funding, the museum, which preserves African American culture and history, was established by an Act of Congress in 2003 and opened in September 2016, following 16 years of petitioning for support and resources to make the museum a reality.

The National Museum of African American History and Culture contains more than 36,000 artifacts, is the 19th museum of the Smithsonian Institution and now Tougaloo College is officially being added to the Museum as evidence of the College's role in American history. Phase two of Tougaloo's artifact digitization is planned for Spring 2020. The whole collection should be complete by Summer 2020.

"The rich history and promise for the future are part of what attracted me to Tougaloo, and I realize a great responsibility lies on the shoulders of institutions of higher learning like Tougaloo to produce the next generation of leaders for the betterment of society," said President Carmen J. Walters, who began leading the College as its 14th president July 1, 2019. "As we build on the College's iconic strengths of academic excellence and social responsibility, I am proud to know the world will have the opportunity to learn about the endeavors of Tougaloo College, which remain in alignment with the College's current mission."

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Chicago Tougaloo Alumni Chapter (CTAA) News

Submitted by Willie L. Lewis, Jr.

This year the Chicago Tougaloo Alumni Chapter celebrated its fifth-year partnership with the Phoenix Pact. This relationship was initiated by Joyce Small Delk, Addie Hudson and Willie L. Lewis, Jr. when they attended an event at North Lawndale College Prep which is located on the West side of Chicago. After many discussions and a site visit to Tougaloo, we became a Phoenix Pact School which means that they only send their students to schools that have a nurturing environment that successfully graduates students of all backgrounds. We are one of two HBCU's in their network of nineteen colleges and universities. So, what does the Phoenix Pact do? They award scholarships so that students can go to college without having to pay anything out of pocket. They secure grants for the students so that student loan debt is kept to a manageable amount. Finally, they provide one-to-one counseling and financial support for students throughout their college journey. We have twenty PACT students enrolled at Tougaloo. Since its founding in 2002, Phoenix Pact has helped over 500 graduates from North Lawndale College Prep. The Chicago Tougaloo Alumni Chapter is proud of this partnership as we continue to work hand in hand with the PACT so that students will be able to attend Tougaloo.

On Saturday, June 8, 2019, the Chicago Tougaloo Alumni Chapter celebrated its 2019 Honors Brunch at the Oak Lawn Hilton in Oak Lawn, Illinois. This year's event was dedicated to President Beverly Wade Hogan, our immediate past President of the College. President Beverly Wade Hogan attended every major fundraising event that the Chapter sponsored during her 17 years as the President of the College. This year's event was hosted by Cassius Rudolph, '14. It was our honor to celebrate the following individuals:

Mrs. Robin-Mitchell Henry, presented by Michael K. Harris, Jr., '17



Mrs. Rose Small Ramey, presented by Bivian Ramey, '11 and Rosalynn Ramey, '15
The Phoenix Pact, presented by Willie L. Lewis, Jr, '72.
Mrs. Evon Grant Nixon, presented by Dr. Diana Grant Burke, '75
Dr. Robert Saddley, presented by Mr. Wilbert Smith, '57
Commander Zetia Merchant, presented by Mr. Thomas Gray, '69
Dr. Beverly Wade Hogan, presented by Tougaloo Trustee Dr. Blondean Y. Davis

Our Immediate Past President Joyce Small Delk, who recently moved to Dallas Texas, received an award for her 13 years of service as the President of the Chapter.



The Houston Area Tougaloo College Alumni Chapter

27th Annual Night of Jazz and Touch of R&B (ANOJRB)

Submitted by Emleigh Mitchell

On August 3, 2019, The Houston Area Alumni Chapter celebrated its 27th Annual Night of Jazz and Touch of R&B (ANOJRB) event at the Buffalo Soldiers National Museum. The evening was well attended and included our College President, Dr. Carmen Walters and Director of Alumni Affairs, Mrs. Doris Bridgeman. During our signature fundraising event, Genà Peters was presented with the Annell Thompson Jones Scholarship by Beverly Caruthers, '87 the scholarships benefactor. The Soaring Eagle Award was presented to Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff of Brentwood Baptist Church. Ms. Marion Tresvant, a Tougaloo College board member, eloquently made a plea to all in attendance to stay connected to Tougaloo. Ms. Tresvant established a \$25,000 Endowment in the name of the Houston Chapter.

Thank you everyone for your collective commitment in executing the weekend of events. Many of you provided financial support, bought tickets, sponsored different expenditures, invited guests, spoke on program, and volunteered your time and talents. It is always refreshing to see everyone give "all ten toes and ten fingers" to ensure that our chapter's signature fundraising event is represented with class. Your support helps us to provide the scholarships for people like Genà Peters and a host of other Tougaloo students with the financial means to get through college.

To our financial sponsors and supporters, THANK YOU!!!!
Thank you for your continued support.

- Gold Sponsors: Brentwood Baptist Church, Attorney Beverly R. Caruthers, Marion Tresvant (PerryLee Homes Health Care Services, Inc.), Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church
- Silver Sponsors: Missouri City Baptist Church, Dr. Tophas Anderson, Dr. Vincent and Cassandra Harris, Weakley and Associates
- Supporters: Keenan Enterprises, PC, Dr. Umekei and Zurick Smith



Upcoming Events

September 2019

- September 18th : 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. - College Fair and Career Readiness event held at Willow Ridge High School (Represented by: David Miller, Shirley Evans, and Howard Bartee).
- September 24th : 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - HBCU Fair College George Bush High School Richmond, TX (Represented by: Marvin Love and Beverly Miller).

October 2019:

- October 13th: 6:00 p.m. Next Chapter Meeting, Conference Call Information Dial-in Number – **605-313-4802** Participant Access Code -- **454771#**
- October 20th: 8:20 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church 2019 College and Career Day on from (Janice Adams, Edwin Adams, and Emleigh Mitchell).
- October 14 - October 20, 2019: Sesquicentennial Founder's Week 2019

November 2019:

- November 2nd: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Houston Black College Expo at NRG

December 2019:

- December 7th: Time TBA Chapter Christmas Social on Location: US Dentistry Dr. Umekei Smith 3264 South Loop W, Houston, TX 77025
- December 21st: Please arrive at 8:00 a.m. Event begins at 9:00 a.m. PerryLee Home Health Care Services, Inc. Annual Holiday Bike Give Away on Time: Location: 2227 South Main Street Stafford, TX 77477

2020 Events:

- April 2020: Chapter Retreat, Annual Membership Drive
2020 Annual Membership Drive

MATAC's Impact and Commitment

Submitted by Sylvia Gray

Come Soar with Memphis!!

The Memphis Area Tougaloo Alumni Chapter hosted its Annual "Bluff City Summer Soulstice Affair" on June 22nd. It was a huge success thanks to alumni, donors and friends! We had over 100 partygoers who danced the night away to the melodious sounds of the Soultones of Oxford, MS at the Hattiloo Theatre, the only freestanding Black repertory in five surrounding states! Throughout the evening, all attendees experienced great food, a silent auction and fellowship! We had a blast!!

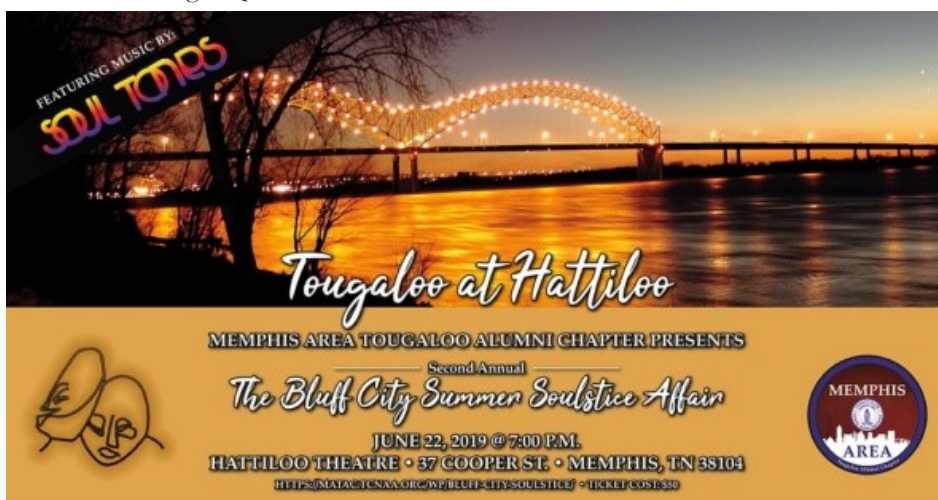
This event began two years ago out of a desire to strengthen our support for the chapter, our Dear Eagle Queen, alumni and,

largely, to provide scholarships and educational resources to students!

President Carmen Walters, Director of Alumni Affairs, Doris Bridgeman and Mr. Tougaloo, Houston Sneed, joined in on the excitement!

This event could not have happen without the help of our dedicated chapter members! If you would like to be a part of this awesome experience next year on June 20, 2020 or other chapter events, visit our website at <https://matac.tcnaa.org/> for more information.

President – Sylvia Gray
Secretary – Preamiller McKinney
Vice-President – Shawn Thomas
Treasurer – William Ross



New Orleans Tougaloo Alumni Chapter (NOTAC)

Submitted by Malessia Payton

Tougaloo College alumni in the New Orleans area are proud to announce the formal re-activation of the local chapter during the summer of 2019. Officers are: Annie Malessia Payton, president; Turry Flucker, vice president; Freddi Williams Evans, treasurer; Carlos Woodson, secretary; Valerie, Wheatley, parliamentarian; and Carolyn Gill Jefferson, fund-raiser coordinator.

On Saturday, July 6, members of the chapter dawned Tougaloo apparel and manned one of the water stations along the route of the 19th Annual Maafa Commemoration, during which hundreds of people attired in white clothing progressed through the streets of the city, from Congo Square to the Mississippi River, to pay tribute to the ancestors who lost their lives during the Middle Passage and those who survived. Fellow alumna and author Freddi Williams Evans '77, who is internationally recognized for her scholarship on Congo Square, was this year's grand griot for the event.

All alumni who reside in the New Orleans metropolitan area are invited to join us as we plan and implement events that spotlight and support our dear Tougaloo Eagle Queen. For more information, contact Malessia Payton: malessia@msn.com



Winter, Spring, Summer or Fall, WATAC Is Always “On Call”

Submitted by Kathy Mosley

While trying to keep tabs on the issues of the nation’s capital, the Washington Area Tougaloo Alumni Chapter (WATAC) continues to galvanize alums in the DMV (DC, Maryland and Virginia) in a single-minded vote to unanimously support the mission and goals of Tougaloo College.

The Eagles and Bulldogs came out to play this summer and somehow mandated summer temperatures to remain thru at least Founders’ Week for all the festivities.

In June, WATAC runners, walkers and volunteers participated in the HBCU Alumni Alliance (Herbert Gilbert, lead coordinator) 5k Run 2k Walk on the grounds and streets of Howard University.



We managed to save enough energy to “pump up the volume” in July to welcome the newly selected President of the Eagle Queen, Dr. Carmen J. Walters. She joined us for the opening of Mississippi on the Potomac XXVII (MOTP), our theatre event at Arena Stage for the production: “Ann, the story of Texas Governor, Ann Richards” (Patricia Cole, coordinator).

On the 2nd day of our event weekend, we braced ourselves for 90+ degree weather at Penderbrooke Golf Course in Virginia. The golfers were upbeat and not fazed by the heat (John Rosenthal and Regina Drake, coordinators).

In spite of over 110 degrees, the Catfish Fry with the R&B band, the Young Bucks at Bretton Woods in Germantown, MD, was festive and well attended (Kathy Mosley, MOTP, chair).

The closing day of the weekend was the calm, relaxing and fun jazzy brunch at Rosa Mexicano in downtown DC. The Sensational Silent auction coordinated by Norma Dorsey and Sandra Peaches showcased two days to swell our coffers.

Alums and friends, literally from less than a year old to “the young at heart,” had another great time knowing that the effort

and fun was part of a legacy-building tradition that supports the Tougaloo general scholarship fund and the WATAC Scholars.



Pictured below are the 2019 WATAC scholars with President Walters.

WATAC dollars at work...

Top (left to right): Vanetta Brownlow, Enleyona Weir, Middle (left to right): Jamie Bozeman, Brittanie-Lee Duffus, President Walters, Natalie Hampton, Bottom (left to right): Tyra Franklin, Lillian Scott

WATAC Golf-a-Thon

If it’s October, it’s time for the WATAC 2019 Golf-A-Thon 9th Annual Fundraiser for Tougaloo College. Trussell Lewis and Riley Hamilton along with John Rosenthal and Anthony Howard are coordinators. Other golfer participation is welcomed. We appreciate all of the chapters that have participated in this event since inception. During the past eight (8) years, this event has generated more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) for Tougaloo College. The beauty of this event is that the proceeds are shared among participating chapters in direct proportion to the chapter's investment in time and effort. The 2019 Golf-A-Thon is Thursday, October 17, 2019, Eagle Ridge Golf Course at Hinds Community College, Raymond, MS starting at 8 am with John Rosenthal as Chair and Beverly Williams and the Tougaloo Community Chapter as host.

If you are in the DMV, MOTP is a “must-do.” Mark your calendar for July 16-19, 2020! If you live in the DMV or just want to be a part of our family team for Tougaloo, visit [www. wat-ac.tcnnaa.org](http://www.wat-ac.tcnnaa.org).

Alpha Kappa Alpha FO Celebrating Seventy Years at Tougaloo



Submitted by Ranada Robinson

The ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Gamma Omicron Chapter and Alumnae will celebrate 70 years of sisterhood and service during the College's sesquicentennial Founders' Day Weekend. Gamma Omicron Chapter was chartered April 23, 1949, becoming the first undergraduate chapter of AKA in Mississippi.

Throughout the weekend, over 150 reunion participants will support College- and TCNAA-sponsored activities, including the golf-a-thon, Hall of Fame banquet, parade, alumni tailgate, evening celebration, and convocation service. They will also enjoy private events at the Hilton Jackson on Friday and Sunday.

They have built in two major initiatives into their reunion: a book drive and the establishment of a scholarship endowment.

From now until Saturday at the alumni tailgate, they are accepting donations of children's books, which will be donated to three Jackson Public Schools: Dawson Elementary, Raines Elementary, and Powell Middle. If you are interested in supporting, please either bring books to the alumni tailgate, or you may visit their Amazon wish list at https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/22UJ1Z4XCJXC8?ref=wl_share.

They are also launching fundraising efforts to establish the Dr. Ernestine Holloway Scholarship Endowment, which will benefit Tougaloo students. The group has pledged to raise \$75,000 in this effort by the chapter's 75th anniversary in 2024. The Scholarship Endowment is named after Dr. Ernestine Holloway, who served as Dean of Students at Tougaloo College. She was also once the president of Gamma Omicron Chapter and later became the 14th South Eastern Regional Director of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. If you would like to support this endeavor, please contact Sylvia Gray or Ranada Robinson at gammaoreunion@gmail.com.

The reunion planning committee would like to thank all of its sponsors, especially its platinum sponsors--Velma Harris, Gamma Omicron Fall 1984, Gamma Omicron Fall 1989, and Beta Delta Omega Chapter of AKA--and its gold sponsors--Gamma Omicron Fall 1985, Gamma Omicron Fall 1996, Gamma Omicron Fall 1999, and Alpha Alpha Zeta Omega Chapter of AKA.

Vendors will be available throughout the weekend for interested patrons. The vendors will be located at Hilton Jackson on Friday afternoon and Sunday and on campus all day Saturday.

Gamma Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Celebrating Seventy Years

Submitted by D. A. Wilson

The men of the Gamma Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity will celebrate 70 years of existence on the campus of Tougaloo College during Founders' Weekend. The public events will be the Necrology service at 11 a.m., Saturday, October 19th in Woodworth Chapel leading into the 70th Anniversary program honoring living Pearls, Bro. H.T. Drake and Sydney Clark. Then, the joint cookout with the Gamma Omicron Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. near the baseball field. The cookout is wristband only. The Alphas will also have a worship service on Sunday October 20th at Cade Chapel.



In early 1949, ten tenacious young collegians discussed ideas of laying a framework for an organization that would enhance

the campus life of Tougaloo College. On Sunday, February 27, 1949 marked the pivotal step in implementing the first undergraduate chapter in the state of Mississippi. The Gamma Upsilon Chapter initiated ten studious and enthusiastic young individuals who envisioned the destiny of fraternal life at Tougaloo College. These visionaries were known as the chapter pearls and they are as follows: Theodore Brooks, Matthew Burks, Sidney Clark, H. T. Drake, James Ingram, Theodore Jennings, Gage Johnson, Felton Pilate, Arvarah Strickland, and Hubert Wallace. Known collectively as the House of Lords, these ten individuals possessed the qualities of an Alpha Man showing a great deal of manly deeds, scholarship, love for all mankind, as well as service to humanity. The Gamma Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. came to Tougaloo College, not to rival others, but to produce and support college men that strive for excellence and are willing to hold themselves to a high standard of brotherhood, honor, respect for womanhood, community service, social action, scholarship, love, and mutual respect.

<u>1950s</u>	<u>Class Year</u>
Mrs. Dorothy Slaughter Young	1950
Mrs. Willette Miller Lynn	1952
Mrs. Nellie M Barnes Hollins	1953
Mr. Myles Bishop Harris, Sr.	1953
<u>1960s</u>	
Dr. Eddie E. Dawson	1961
Dr. James Roy Todd, Jr.	1963
Mr. Sylvester Hilliard	1963
Mrs. Betty R. Blunt	1964
Dr. Hazel McGee Tape	1966
<u>1970s</u>	
Mr. Hayes McClendon	1970
Ms. Maudie E. Tucker	1970
Mrs. Addie Armstrong Hudson	1970
Mr. Danny Tucker	1972
Mrs. Barbara Johnson-Jones	1972
Mr. Earnest Dansby	1972
Mrs. Doris Durr Ross	1975
Ms. Karen Devreise Bell	1977
<u>1980s</u>	
Mr. Herbert Lee, Jr., Esq	1982
Ms. Lavis Monia Myles Brown	1984
Mother Velma Langford	1988
<u>2000s</u>	
Ms. LeAndrea Mitchell	2016
Ms. Tyra M. Birdie	2017
Mr. Jordan L. Mathews	Tougaloo Student
Mr. John Wallace, Sr.	Former Tougaloo Student
Mr. Joe Seaton	Former Daniel Hands Student

Sesquicentennial Founder's Day Schedule of Events

Monday, October 14th

10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

The Impact of a Tougaloo College Education: Telling the Story "Through Students' Eyes"

An interdisciplinary discussion by Tougaloo College Undergraduate Research Students

Auditorium | Bennie G. Thompson Academic and Civil Rights Research Center

Facilitator: Dr. Sharri Walker, Chair, Biology Department, Leadership Alliance and McNair Scholar

6:00 p.m.

Sesquicentennial Exhibit: A Pictorial History of Tougaloo College

Small Art Gallery | Bennie G. Thompson Academic and Civil Rights Research Center

Presenters: Bruce O'Hara, Professor, Department of Visual and Performing Arts

Tony Bounds, College Archivist

Tuesday, October 15th

11:00 a.m.

The Impact of a Tougaloo College Education: Telling the Story "Through Alumni Eyes"

An interdisciplinary discussion by Tougaloo College Alumni

Auditorium | Bennie G. Thompson Academic and Civil Rights Research Center

Facilitator: Dr. Miranda Freeman, Dean of Humanities, Mellon Faculty Doctoral Fellow

6:00 p.m.

Celebrating the Liberal Arts and the Noble Profession of Teaching

Where History Meets the Future: The Daniel Hand School and the

Michelle Obama Early College High School: An Intergenerational Panel Discussion

Auditorium | Bennie G. Thompson Academic and Civil Rights Research Center

Saluting graduates of the Daniel Hand School

Facilitator: Dr. Thea Williams-Black, Dean, Division of Education

Wednesday, October 16th

10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

2019-2020 Student Government Association Officers Installation Ceremony

Woodworth Chapel

1:30 p.m.

Presidential Lecture: Celebrating 150 Years of Social Justice

Speaker: The Honorable Constance Slaughter Harvey

Honoring Civil Rights Activist Dr. James Loewen, Author of

"Lies My Teacher Told Me,

Lies Across America, and Sundown Towns"

Saluting the Tougaloo Nine

Auditorium | Bennie G. Thompson Academic and Civil Rights Research Center

Facilitator: Dr. Daphne Chamberlain

Reception to immediately follow the Presidential Lecture

5:00 p.m.

A Tribute to Faculty and Staff with 25 or more years of service to Tougaloo College

Maurice and Mavis James Courtyard

Honorees: Dr. Kamal Abdelrahman, Dr. James Brown, Dr. James Coleman, Mary P Davis, Atef El-dabbour, Carolyn Evans, Machel Fleming, Ida Guice, Dr. Blake Hill, Dr. Larry Johnson, Beverly Kelly, Johnnie Mae Maberry, Kelle Menogan Dr. Richard McGinnis, Bruce O'Hara, Carolyn Robinson, Dr. Stephen Rozman, Sharron T. Streeter, Shunessa White, Norma Williams, Brenda Wilson, Camille Wilson, Valvia Wilson, Dr. William Woods.

6:00 p.m.

Celebrating 150 Years of Leadership: 1-869-2019

Honoring Tougaloo College Former and Current Board of Trustees and Presidents

By Invitation Only

Thursday, October 17th

8:00 a.m.

9th Annual Golf-A-Thon Scholarship Fundraiser

Hosted by the Washington Area Tougaloo Alumni Chapter

Eagle Ridge Golf Course | Raymond Mississippi

For more information, contact John Rosenthal at 703-624-

2257 or jrosenthal@msn.com

8:30 a.m.

Celebrating 150 Years of Leadership: 1869-2019

Honoring Tougaloo College Former and Current Board of Trustees and Presidents

Lucile Moman Fraser Conference Room | Woodworth Chapel

By Invitation Only

12:00 p.m.

Founders' Week Talk - The Boddie Plantation: Remember, Reflect, Renew

Auditorium | Bennie G. Thompson Academic and Civil Rights Research Center

Presenter: Sharron Streeter, Chair, Mathematics & Computer Science Department

1:00 p.m.

Celebrating 150 Years of Leadership: 1869-2019

Luncheon honoring Tougaloo College Former and Current Board of Trustees and Presidents

George and Carrie Brown Conference Room

Bennie G. Thompson Academic and Civil Rights Research Center

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(Sesquicentennial Founder's Day Schedule continued)

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Gallery Talks:

Tougaloo Art Gallery | Bennie G. Thompson Academic and Civil Rights Research Center

Facilitators: Dr. Redell Hearn, Curator, Mississippi Museum of Art Collections, "Art and Wellness:

Meditation of a Movement"

Turry Flucker, Curator, Tougaloo College Art Collections, "The Art of Democracy"

7:00 p.m.

Coronation of Mister & Miss Tougaloo College, Houston G. Sneed and Mallory Greer

Kroger Gymnasium | George A. & Ruth B. Owens Health & Wellness Center

6:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.

Brown-Tougaloo Partnership Dinner

By Invitation Only

Friday, October 18th

3:00 p.m.

70th Anniversary Celebration Registrants' Reception

Gamma Omicron Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Hilton Hotel

10:00 a.m. & 12 p.m.

19th Kincheloe Research Presentations

Kincheloe Hall

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

"Standing on My Sisters' Shoulders: Daughters of the Mississippi Freedom Struggle" Panel Discussion

Woodworth Chapel

Panelists: Margaret Kibbee, Dr. Dorie Ladner, Euvester Simpson, Dr. Flonzie Brown Wright

Sponsors: The Mississippi Center for Justice and the Veterans of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement

7:00 p.m.

Tougaloo College National Alumni Association's 26th Annual Hall of Fame Banquet

Hilton Jackson Hotel

For tickets, contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at 601-977-7836.

Honorees: Albert Bazar Britton, MD (Posthumously), Medicine; Carolyn Voncile Walker Henderson, Business; Delores Bolden Stamps, PhD, Education; John Veasley, DDS, Medicine; Earnestine Willis, MD, Medicine

Saturday, October 19th

8:00 a.m.

Special Call Meeting of the Tougaloo College National Alumni Association

Auditorium | Bennie G. Thompson Academic and Civil Rights Research Center

9:00 a.m.

TCNAA Board of Directors Meeting

Auditorium | Bennie G. Thompson Academic and Civil Rights Research Center

10:00 a.m.

150th Anniversary Parade

Tougaloo Community

Parade Marshal: Alumnus H. T. Drake, Tougaloo Community Ambassador

Featuring College Bands: Alcorn State University "Sounds of Dyn-O-Mite," Rust College; High School Bands: Murrah High, Provine, Jim Hill, Lanier, and Wingfield.

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Gamma Upsilon Necrology Ceremony

70th Anniversary Celebration

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated

Gamma Upsilon Chapter

Woodworth Chapel

1:00 p.m.

19th Kincheloe Research Presentations

Kincheloe Hall

1:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Gamma Upsilon/Gamma Omicron 70th Celebration Picnic

James C. Coleman Athletics Complex

4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Kincheloe Society Celebrates Excellence and Achievement in Science

Honoring Dr. Richard McGinnis for 50 years of service

Maurice and Mavis James Courtyard

7:00 p.m. | Sesquicentennial Birthday Celebration

Party like its 1869: An Evening of Entertainment with Tougaloo STARS

Campus Green | Owens Health & Wellness Center

Featuring Tougaloo Alumni: Best of Jackson Recording Artist

Rhonda Chambers-Davis; Terrence Evans and Friends featuring

Stylings of "Powerhouse" Tonya Boyd Cannon; Jackson

Idol Winner and former Miss Tougaloo College Bridgette

Shields; and Tougaloo Stellar Aspiring Student Artists.

Alumni, families and friends are invited to the campus for an evening of musical performances.

Sunday, October 20th

10:00 a.m.

150th Founders' Convocation

Special performances by the Tougaloo College Concert Choir, Past and Present Members

Woodworth Chapel



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TCNAA Membership Committee

Tougaloo College is that "special place!" As we come together to celebrate 150 years of irrefutable prominence, let's remember the legacy of our institution and the role it has played in each of our lives.

HBCUs are struggling to remain viable and sustainable and Tougaloo College is no exception. Alumni support is needed now, more than ever.

TCNAA has a vital role! Your membership allows us to provide scholarships to students in need, support for special student initiatives, funds to hire support staff for the organization, and most importantly donations to the college.

TCNAA needs you! Please take a moment, complete the enclosed application and join our team. We may not always do everything right, however, we work hard, listen to your concerns, and implement changes when and wherever we can.

The Membership Committee thanks all Life and Subscribing Members and welcomes all new and renewing Annual Members.

Joyce Small Delk '72, MPA
TCNAA Membership Committee Chair

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2. Email to: membership@tcnaa.org
3. Text message to: 769-218-8815

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- Address
- Class Year
- Major
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Why does TCNAA need members contact information?

- TCNAA is required by state statute to maintain a list of member's names and addresses under Title 79; Chapter 11; Section 213 of the Mississippi Nonprofit Corporation Act.
- To send meeting notices and election ballots to its membership.

What happens if I don't update my contact information?

- You may not receive your election ballot, meeting notices, membership renewal notices or other news of interest from TCNAA.

Why can't TCNAA get my contact information from the College?

- TCNAA and Tougaloo College are separate legal entities (nonprofit corporations) and cannot share certain information without violating confidentiality or privacy policies.

Does TCNAA share or sell my information to other organizations? No.

Does TCNAA store my contact information online? No.



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- Expertise like legal, tax, or business advice, marketing and website development, and strategic planning.

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In-kind contributions are gifts of tangible goods or services that alleviate costs to Tougaloo College and can be used to advance Tougaloo's mission.

Examples of in-kind gifts include:

- Goods like computers, software, furniture, and office equipment;
- Services such as meeting space, photocopy and mail services, an administrative/financial support;
- Expertise like legal, tax, or business advice, marketing and website development, and strategic planning.

Please note that such contributed services cannot be counted as a gift and do not qualify as a charitable tax deduction to the donor. However, a donor of services may be able to deduct expenses incurred while performing said services. In such cases, please consult with a trusted tax advisor.

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