

# Tougaloo Alumni Bulletin

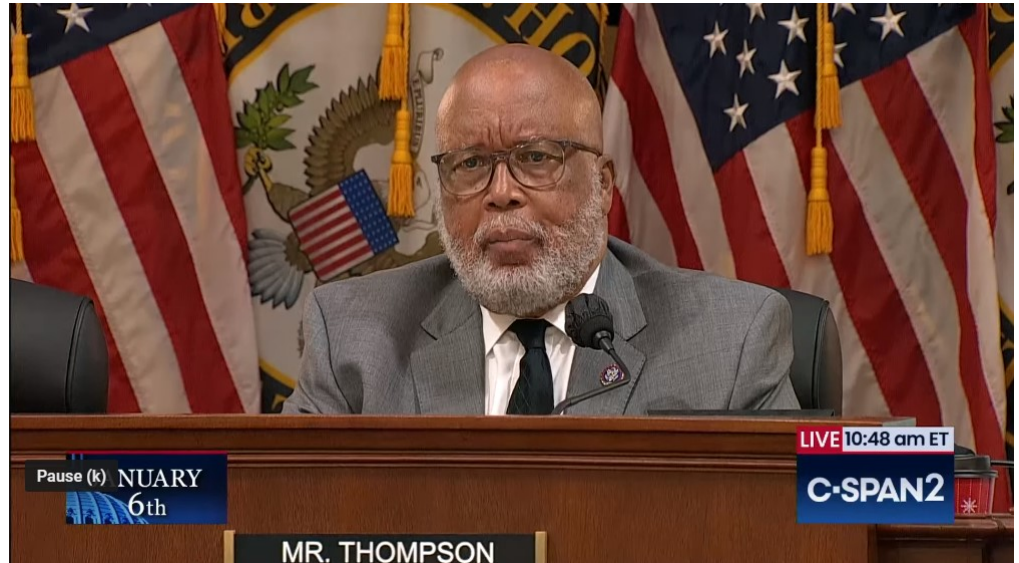
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## **Tougaloo Alumnus Representative Bennie Thompson Leads Historic January 6th Committee Hearings**

By Frances Hutchins Whiteurst

As the gavel pounded the dais in the Canon Office Building to bring to order to the historic January 6th Hearings, at the helm, was Tougaloo College alumnus, the Honorable Bennie Thompson. History will perhaps show that this is his most crucial role as he serves his 13th term in the United States House of Representatives ensuring that democracy is preserved in the United States of America. Thompson represents the Second Congressional District in Mississippi. Appointed Chair of the January 6th Committee in 2021 by Speaker of the House, Rep. Nancy Pelosi, Rep. Thompson, along with other members of the January 6th Committee, has worked tirelessly to uncover how the insurrection on the United States Capitol happened, who was involved and, most importantly, what role former President Donald Trump played in its organization. The hearings officially kicked off on Thursday, June 9, 2022 during prime-time television. All major networks covered the opening hearing except FOX News. For the record, the TAB editorial staff, understanding the momentous significance of the historical nature of the hearings, felt it was fitting to share with other alumni the moving and factual opening remarks of Rep. Thompson.



Also working alongside Rep. Thompson on the January 6th Committee are: Rep. Liz Cheney (Vice Chair) R-Wyoming, Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., Rep. Zoe Lofgren, D-Calif., Rep. Pete Aguilar, D-Calif., Rep. Stephanie Murphy, D-Fla., Rep. Jamie Raskin, D-Md., and Rep. Elaine Luria, D-Va., , and Rep. Adam Kinzinger, R-Illinois.

[Text of Chairman Thompson's opening statement]

Chair Bennie Thompson

Opening statement as prepared for delivery June 9, 2022

The Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol will be in order.

Without objection, the Chair is authorized to declare the Committee in recess at any point.

Pursuant to House Deposition Authority Regulation 10, the Chair announces the Committee's approval to release the deposition materials presented during tonight's hearing.

Thanks to everyone watching tonight for sharing part of your evening, to learn about the facts and causes of the events leading up to and including the violent attack on January 6th, 2021 ... on our democracy, electoral system, and country.

I am Bennie Thompson, Chairman of the January 6th, 2021 Committee. I was born, raised and still live in Bolton, Mississippi,

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town with a population of 521, which is midway between Jackson and Vicksburg, MS, and the Mississippi River.

I am from a part of the country where people justified the actions of slavery, the Ku Klux Klan and lynching. I'm reminded of that dark history as I hear voices today try and justify the actions of the insurrectionists on January 6th, 2021.

Over the next few weeks, hopefully you will get to know the other Members, my colleagues up here, and me. We represent a diversity of communities from all over the United States... rural areas and cities... east coast, west coast, and the heartland.

All of us have one thing in common: **we swore the same oath.** The same oath that all Members of Congress take upon taking office and afterward every two years if they are reelected.

We swore an oath to defend the Constitution, against all enemies: foreign ... **and domestic.**

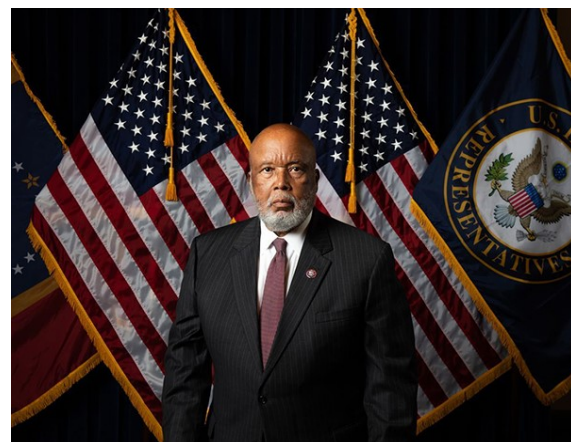
The words of the current oath taken by all of us—that nearly every United States Government employee takes—have their roots in the Civil War.

Throughout our history, the United States has fought against foreign enemies to preserve our democracy, electoral system, and country. When the United States Capitol was stormed and burned in 1814, foreign enemies were responsible.

Afterward, in 1862, when American citizens had taken up arms against this country, Congress adopted a new oath to help make sure no person who had supported the rebellion could hold a position of public trust. Therefore, congresspersons and U.S. Federal Government employees were required for the first time to swear an oath to defend the Constitution against all enemies—foreign... **and domestic.**

That oath was put to the test on January 6th, 2021.

The police officers who held the line that day honored their oaths. Many came out of that day bloodied and broken. They still bear those wounds, visible and invisible. They did their duty. They repelled the mob and ended the occupation of the Capitol. They defended the Constitution against domestic enemies—so that Congress could return, uphold our own oaths, and count your votes to ensure the transfer of power—just as



we've done for hundreds of years.

But unlike in 1814, it was **domestic** enemies of the Constitution who stormed and occupied the Capitol... who sought to thwart the will of the people...to stop the transfer of power.

And they did so at the encouragement of the President of the United States. The President of the United States. Trying to stop the transfer of power.

A precedent that had stood for 220 years, even as our democracy has faced its most difficult tests.

Thinking back again to the Civil War, in the summer of 1864, the President of the United States was staring down what he believed would be a doomed bid for reelection. He believed his opponent, General George McClellan, would wave the white flag when it came to preserving the Union. But even with that grim fate hanging in the balance, President Lincoln was ready to accept the will of the voters, come what may.

He made a quiet pledge.

He wrote down the words, "This morning, as for some days past, it seems exceedingly probable that this Administration will not be re-elected. Then it will be my duty to so co-operate with the President elect...."

**It will be my duty.**

Lincoln sealed that memo and asked his cabinet secretaries to sign it, sight unseen. He asked them to make the same commitment he did. To accept defeat if indeed de

See the entire text of Chairman Thompson statement here: <https://tcnaa.org/tab/representative-thompson-opening-statement/>



## The Honorable Linda Thomas-Greenfield, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Delivers the 2022 Commencement Address



continue their higher education pursuits, and become difference makers and change agents. These graduates know how to be flexible, make the most of what is available to them, and they know how to be creative about finding new opportunities as the world changes around them. In addition, they are a committed, hard-working group committed to and stayed engaged and on track with their academic studies and co-curricular activities. I have the utmost respect for everything they have accomplished and how they have evolved.

Tougaloo was honored to have the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, The Honorable

### Congratulations, Class of 2022

By: Whitney McDowell-Robinson, Ph.D., NCC'10

The Division of Enrollment Management and Student Services congratulates all 132 May 2022 graduates. Of the graduates, 20 were a part of the inaugural senior class of the Jackson Public School-Tougaloo Early College High School, obtaining their associate degree from Tougaloo and their high school diploma in the same month. Additionally, we congratulate the Golden Class of 1972 and the Silver Class of 1997.

The resilience the Class of 2022 displayed these last two years will serve them well as they enter the job market, con-

ble Linda Thomas-Greenfield, deliver the commencement address. She encouraged the graduates to “seek out mentors and sponsors, don’t forget where you came from, don’t get disillusioned and lose faith in yourself, and be true to your values.” Lastly, President Walters recognized the graduates’ research theses, plans after graduation, and community service hours obtained in her remarks and the program.

Again, we congratulate the Class of 2022 on their noteworthy accomplishments and celebrate their resiliency and tenacity.

The 2022 Commencement ceremony can be viewed in its entirety on the Tougaloo College YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zlQeE6-IgWY>.

### Images from the 2022 Commencement





## Commencement 2022 Images (continued)



The Inaugural Graduating Class of the JPS Early College High School

Images courtesy of the Office of Communications



## The 17th Annual Two Rivers Gala

The 17th Annual Two Rivers Black-Tie Gala was a great success! With over 1,000 attendees, this sold-out experience allowed the College to raise over \$2.5 million dollars, in which all the proceeds benefit the General Scholarship Fund for our deserving students.

The 18th gala is scheduled Friday, April 28, 2023

See additional images here: <https://bit.ly/3zieNym>

Images courtesy of the Office of Institutional Advancement





## The President's Message



Dear Distinguished Alumni:

With another successful academic year behind us, I want to again recognize our students, faculty, staff, and alumni for how you came together to execute one of the most important celebrations in the life of the College—Commencement Weekend 2022.

Tougaloo College's alumni, whose class years end in 2 or 7, along with the Class of 2022, were officially celebrated beginning Thursday, April 29 through Sunday, May 1. The weekend kicked off on Thursday with the Dr. Beverly W Hogan Golf Classic Tournament sponsored by the Class of 1972. Alumni and friends grabbed their clubs to enjoy a little friendly competition and quality time while raising dollars to benefit Tougaloo scholars. We appreciate the Class of 1972 for taking time out of their busy schedules to plan, organize and oversee all aspects of the tournament, making it a momentous success.

Let me seize the moment to express my unwavering appreciation for an exceptional 17th Annual Two Rivers Gala at the Jackson Convention Complex on Friday, emceed by WLBT anchors Howard Ballou and Maggie Wade. Thank you to the more than 1,000 guests who attended the sold-out gala—alumni, friends, partners, faculty, staff, students, and trustees—and supported it financially, raising more than \$2 million for student scholarships. Grammy Award-Winning Artist Gladys Knight and the talented UNFAZED Show Band captivated and wowed the guests throughout the evening, making it a night to remember. The Awards Ceremony, emceed by WAPT Anchor and Tougaloo Professor Erin Pickens, paid tribute to philanthropic icons. These philanthropists supported Tougaloo College through lifetime cumulative philanthropy of \$1 million or more or made it possible for Tougaloo College to secure \$1 million or more, earning them induction into the inaugural President's Red Jacket Circle and each receiving a customized red jacket.

Alumni, please join me in saluting the 2022 President's Red Jacket Circle honorees: Tougaloo College Trustee Emeritus Justice Reuben V. Anderson, Mississippi Senator Barbara Blackmon, Tougaloo College Trustee Emeritus and Mississippi Representative Edward Blackmon, Jr., Tougaloo Alumna Dr. Delores Bolden-Stamps, Tougaloo President Emerita Dr. Beverly Wade Hogan, Civil Rights Icon Dr. James Loewen (posthumously), Tougaloo College Trustee Emeritus Dr. Joseph Pichler, Tougaloo College Trustee Emeritus Dr. Frederic L. Pryor (posthumously), Tougaloo Alumnus Attorney Dennis Sweet, III, Tougaloo College Trustee Emeritus U.S. Congressman Bennie G. Thompson, Tougaloo College Trustee Marion Tresvant, Philanthropists Dr. George Wallerstein and Dr. Julie Lutz, Tougaloo College Trustee Emeritus Mr. LeRoy Walker, Jr., Tougaloo College Trustee Emeritus Attorney Isaac K. Byrd, Jr., and Tougaloo Alumnus and NAACP CEO President Derrick Johnson.

Saturday was extraordinary, having the opportunity to talk with alumni about the launch of the College's 2021-2026 Strategic Plan, *Preserving the Past, Advancing Tomorrow*, our progress, accomplishments, and challenges over the past year, and opportunities for engagement as we chart Tougaloo's future at the "State of the College" outing. An overview of the strategic plan included:

- ◆ New academic programs (e.g., Business, Cybersecurity, Data Science; minors in Interdisciplinary Studies, Environmental Science, and Environmental Justice).
- ◆ Quality Enhancement Plan, focusing on strengthening our scholars' soft skills.
- ◆ Reorganized/restructured admission and retention processes designed to create efficiencies and better meet the needs of applicants, including partnering with the nationally recognized higher education enrollment expert Ruffalo Noel-Levitz.
- ◆ Expanded recruitment initiatives, including alumni and trustees' engagement.
- ◆ Campus renovations and technological advancements.
- ◆ Opportunities to increase scholarship support, strengthen existing partnerships, and forge new ones locally, regionally, and nationally, while expanding the endowment to \$100 million in five years.

The conversations about the strategic plan with alumni were enthusiastic throughout the weekend, and the feedback was encouraging. This continued dialogue is critical to sustaining the College's growth. Read the [2021-2026 Strategic Plan](#) today.

Sunday, the culminating college-wide ceremony, allowed us to celebrate the achievements of the Graduating Class of 2022. A crowd of 4,500, including parents and families, faculty, staff, students, alumni, partners, and friends, enjoyed the pomp and circumstance as graduates crossed the stage to receive their diplomas and turn their tassels, signaling their readiness to transition to the next journey of possibilities. We awarded golden diplomas to members of the distinguished Class of 1972 and silver certificates to members of the Class of 1997. In addition, we conferred honorary degrees upon the speaker, The Honorable Linda Thomas-Greenfield, Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations; Mr. William J. (Bill) Bynum, CEO of HOPE Credit Union; Tougaloo Alumnus Attorney Morris Carl Davis, Jr. (Posthumously); The Honorable Debra Hendricks Gibbs, Representative of Mississippi District 72; and Tougaloo Alumna The Honorable Tomie Turner Green, Senior Circuit Court Judge of the Seventh Circuit Court District of Hinds County, Mississippi. Following the Commencement Exercises, The Honorable Linda Thomas-Greenfield, the honorary degree recipients and guests, Class of 1972, alumni, and other guests enjoyed a "southern cuisine" meal at the President's Home.

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## President's Message (continued from previous page)

Tougaloo College remains a destination for summer enrichment and fun. The summer session has started for our scholars, allowing them to accelerate their major, stay on track, or explore their passion. In addition, the following summer programs are underway on campus:

- ♦ **May 23-July 5, 2022** - Serve – Attorney Julian Miller, Coordinator
- ♦ **June 4 – July 30, 2022** – Jackson Heart Scholars, Dr. Wendy White, Coordinator
- ♦ **June 6-July 15, 2022** – Trio Summer Programs – Dr. Valvia Wilson, Coordinator
  - ⇒ Upward Bound I
  - ⇒ Upward Bound II
  - ⇒ Upward Bound Math & Science
- ♦ **June 6-July 3, 2022** – Summer Science Program – Dr. Jinghe Mao, Coordinator
- ♦ **June 6-July 1, 2022** – SLAM II and III (Virtual) – Dr. Wendy White, Coordinator
- ♦ **June 25-July 23, 2022** – The Southern Poverty Law Center Advocacy Institute, Dr. Daphne Chamberlain, Coordinator
- ♦ **July 5-29, 2022** – SLAM I (Virtual) – Dr. Wendy White, Coordinator
- ♦ **July 17-21, 2022** – Mississippi Baptist Convention Youth Congress, Dr. Linda J. Daniels, Coordinator

Tougaloo remains committed to academic and athletic excellence essential to the recruitment and development of student-athletes. So, please join me in congratulating the Men's Bulldogs, athletic director, coaches, and other athletic members on winning the 2022 Gulf Coast Athletic Conference Basketball Championship. Tougaloo College also hosted the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference's Council of Presidents Mid-Year Meeting on Wednesday, June 8, 2022. Member Presidents from Dillard University (LA), Fisk University (TN), Oakwood University (AL), Philander Smith College (AR), Rust College (MS), Southern University at New Orleans (LA), and Wiley College (TX) participated in a one-day meeting. The Council of Presidents elected new leadership during its annual conference meeting. I was elected to serve a two-year term as Chair of the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference and represent the GCAC on the NAIA National Council of Presidents. In addition, Dr. Vann Newkirk, 17th President of Fisk University, will serve a two-year term as Vice-Chair of the GCAC Council of Presidents. Finally, Dr. Roderick Smothers, Sr., 14th President of Philander Smith College, will complete his third consecutive term as Chair of the GCAC Council of Presidents and serve in an advisory capacity to the Council.

Finally, while we celebrated achievements during Commencement Weekend, we also paused to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Stephen C. Edds, who passed unexpectedly on Tuesday, March 29, 2022. Mr. Edds shared the fruits of his labor as a principled and successful attorney, civic leader, and distinguished member of the Tougaloo College Board of Trustees. The Stephen C. Edds Memorial Scholarship Fund has been

established as a tribute to his legacy as a community servant and philanthropist. If you are interested in giving to the scholarship fund, please contact Vice President Sandra Hodge in the Division of Institutional Advancement at 601-977-7871 or [shodge@tougaloo.edu](mailto:shodge@tougaloo.edu).

Again, I want to thank you, our supportive alumni, for your continued tremendous commitment, engagement, and service. You help make Tougaloo College's progress possible.

In the Spirit of Tougaloo College . . . *Preserving and Advancing Excellence!*



Carmen J. Walters, Ph.D.  
President

## Tougaloo Leaders Take Part in UNCF UNITE Conference

The United Negro College Fund (UNCF) UNITE conference, held June 12-16, 2022 in Atlanta, Georgia, is the most influential gathering in Black higher education. Thought leaders and dynamic doers: HBCU/PBI (Historically Black Colleges & Universities/Predominantly Black Institutions) pre-leaders, educators, researchers, advocates, students and practitioners come together to learn, share ideas, build and transform institutions.

Various workshops are held to discuss different topics such as: Strengthening the Black Educators Pipelines; Building Mental Health Literacy on Campus; Building Partnership with the Community College for Growth; and the Future of HBCU Digital Student Success. Tougaloo College leaders and alumni were well represented at this year's conference, participating on multiple panels and as presenters.

The UNCF Institute for Capacity Builders (ICB) hosts the summit each year as the premier platform to bring together dozens of HBCUs and PBIs to sustain academic excellence, improve operation effectiveness and accelerate innovation at Black colleges and universities. The conference provides a means for HBCUs and PBIs to support one another and unite around a comprehensive, assertive strategy on institutional and continuous improvements.

Please click the following link to read about Tougaloo's participation in this year's conference.

<https://www.facebook.com/59477425514/posts/pfbid0WEbLNFxSpc3UtN2DaN46b2S9z2tDZeJHY31iCt-brUL1FdFpZashwKKXKCtrBivtl/?d=n>



## New Addition to the College Administration

### Dr. Daphne Chamberlain Vice President for Strategic Initiatives & Social Justice

Dr. Chamberlain is the newly appointed Vice President for Strategic Initiatives & Social Justice and the holder of the



Bennie G. Thompson Endowed Chair. With a mission to engage the campus community as well as the broader community in meaningful work that builds a more just, inclusive, and equitable society, Vice President Chamberlain provides executive oversight to the Reuben V. Anderson Institute for Social Justice, established after the 2020 murder of George Floyd, and to Tougaloo's almost 60-year partnership with

Brown University in Providence, RI. Additional initiatives include the Institute for the Study of Modern-Day Slavery, the James Loewen Racial Justice Education & Research Initiative, and Tougaloo's partnership with the Mississippi Department of Archives & History. The Office of Career Pathways | Career Services and the Federal TRIO Programs also report directly to her.

She has a strong commitment to sustaining Tougaloo's social justice legacy. Under her leadership, the Division of Social Sciences moved toward establishing an African American Studies degree-granting program, established the Eric V. Holder Public Policy Program via the Reuben V. Anderson Institute for Social Justice, and has received approximately \$3.5 million in grants for the Institute and other initiatives.

Since her appointment, she has awarded 18 social justice scholarships through the Reuben V. Anderson Institute for Social Justice, executed two conferences and several special guest talks, engaged students in various social justice initiatives, identified a theme to strengthen the Brown-Tougaloo partnership, and planned a Summer 2022 Faculty Institute, among other projects.

Dr. Chamberlain was recently honored as the 2022 Mississippi Humanities Council "Scholar of the Year" and was elected President of the Mississippi Historical Society at the March 2022 annual meeting. She is humbled by the opportunity to serve her alma mater as Vice President for Strategic Initiatives and looks forward to further engaging students, faculty, alumni, and the community in the ongoing movement for change.

### Tougaloo Names New Vice President for Finance and Administration/CFO

Following a year-long national search, Tougaloo College is pleased to announce the appointment of Pacey Bowens, a proven leader in financial administration, governmental accounting, and the private sector, as the new Vice President for Finance and Administration/CFO.

Bowens will begin her position at the College on July 1, 2022.



### Retool Your School 2022: A Historic Win for Tougaloo College!

The Retool Your School Program, an initiative of The Home Depot, provides Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) the opportunity to upgrade their campuses. In 2022, The Home Depot awarded thirty (30) campus improvement awards ranging between the amounts of \$20,000-\$75,000, and Tougaloo received one of them, making the college a multi-year winner.

This year's award will fund the revitalization of historic Pope Cottage. Built in 1881, it is the second oldest facility on Tougaloo's campus, with the first oldest being the John W. Boddie House (Tougaloo Mansion). Pope Cottage currently serves as the academic and instructional facility for students studying broadcast journalism, marketing, and mass communications. It is one of the cornerstones of historical structures on the college campus and is also listed on the national registry for historic places.

In previous years, The Retool Your School Program has funded renovations to A.A. Branch Hall and Renner Hall.



Click the link below to view a brief video about the program. A Historic Win: Tougaloo College The Home Depot!

<https://youtu.be/cu4ybl1tmF0>

## TCNAA President's Message

What an exciting year this has been for Tougaloo College National Alumni Association (TCNAA). We have continued our commitment to show our love for, and our support of our dear alma mater, Tougaloo College. As we approach the end of this fiscal year, we can proudly boast that TCNAA continues to be impactful. While COVID loomed in the background, it did not deter our efforts to engage our alumni community and supporters, increase alumni giving, recruit/retain students, support the college's initiatives, provide volunteer services, and work in collaboration with President Walters, her Cabinet, and the College Board of Trustees. These relentless efforts foster a spirit of teamwork as we work in collaboration with other alumni to sustain this "special place" and propel it to higher standings where it rightfully belongs.

While HBCUs continue to provide a pathway for minority students to attain the educational and social fundamentals necessary to enter a competitive global society, it is the nurturing and supportive environment that serves as the catalyst. Although the road can be rugged and the financial needs can be overwhelming, scholarship opportunities and alumni donations can help to ease the burden. This is especially true for Tougaloo College, a tuition-driven institution that continues to attract and produce stellar graduates who are prepared and propelled to excel. This institution is second to none in producing alumni who are clear about their future goals and who pursue them without hesitancy. We make an indelible mark as we plow and cultivate, putting Tougaloo College on the map wherever we go, across all fields of study, all branches of government, all church denominations, all community service arenas, all social justice avenues, and all business pursuits. Our allegiance to our institution should never be questioned, however, we, as concerned alumni, will continue to push for transparency and accountability of the administration, to stave off looming questions and concerns. As Tougaloo is a long-standing, historical institution, enrollment questions will always generate alumni concerns. However, as alumni, let's continue to be donors, recruiters, and ambassadors, proudly representing Tougaloo and wearing our paraphernalia. We are relentless and leave no stones unturned, constantly reminding others that we are the products of the historical Tougaloo College, "where history meets the future."

As President of TCNAA, I would like to thank Tougaloo College alumni, friends, and supporters for showing up and showing out during alumni weekend 2022. It was so exciting to see alumni out in large numbers fellowshiping and having a great time. A special thank you is extended to our alumni weekend steering committee leaders, Chair Leona Bishop and Co-Chair Kesa Harris, along with their committee members for all of the hard work exuded in ensuring that the "Kickback at the Loo," the annual Alumni Banquet, and all other activities were orchestrated at the highest level. A special thanks is extended to



the Annual Alumni Giving Committee, Jeannie Coe Flood, Chair and L. J. Molden, Vice-Chair for working tirelessly during the weekend to encourage and increase alumni giving through two special initiatives, which are continuing through June 30, 2022. Kudos to Ranada Robinson, Chair, and Sharon Daley, Co-Chair of the Membership Committee for their successful efforts in increasing TCNAA membership. Special acknowledgment to members of the Executive Committee, Cornell Lynch, Carlos D. Smith, Carolyn White, and Herman Porter for ensuring that the TCNAA tent and Step and Repeat were ordered and in place for utilization during the weekend. These props provided TCNAA with the presence needed to be easily identified for our special initiatives.

I applaud TCNAA's Executive Committee and our Chapters as we continue to work in tandem with our Alumni Relations Director, Doris Bridgeman, our administrative support, Vicki Davidson-Patterson, and our Web Administrator, Elane Coleman to raise funds to support the college, recruit students, raise awareness of our institution, increase local chapters and TCNAA memberships. COVID restrictions did not deter chapter fundraising endeavors and donations to the college. This collective effort undeniably showcases an unparalleled commitment to Tougaloo College.

Thank you is also extended to Dr. Walters, her Cabinet, and the Board of Trustees for participating in the alumni weekend activities. At the request of the TCNAA President, Dr. Walters attended the Spring membership activity, addressed alumni questions/concerns, and provided the "State of the College" address. It was a busy event-filled weekend as the Diamond Class of 1962, the Golden Class of 1972 (the TCNAA President's class), the Silver Class of 1997 as well as all of the graduating classes of the years ending with "2" and "7" were represented. It was refreshing to see that the Commencement Speaker, Linda Thomas-Greenfield accompanied the President, her Cabinet, and the Board of Trustees at the Alumni Dinner. Most importantly, the weekend culminated with the graduation of the phenomenal class of 2022, the presentation of special diplomas to the Golden and Silver classes, recognition of the graduating classes ending with "2" and "7" and commenced with a closing reception at the President's home.

While all of these activities were important, the President was elated to administer the "oath" to the outstanding graduates of the class of 2022. As president of TCNAA, I am extremely proud of your fortitude and the determination you exuded as you maneuvered through the challenges of COVID 19 and soared like Eagles to ascend from, the Eagle Queen, Tougaloo College. You are now equipped to face the global challenges of the future; and, your input, participation, and membership is welcomed by your alumni organization, where together we will forge ahead! Your participation in TCNAA and your support as graduates of this landmark institution will ensure another 152 years plus of excellence.

TCNAA President Joyce Small Delk



## Message from the Alumni Director, Doris Bridgeman



*There was something special in the air; an energy, an aspiration, a spirit, demonstrated by alumni, students, friends and family everywhere!!! Not only did we show up, but we also showed our loyalty to the best HBCU that has stood the test of time for the past 152 years.*

I begin by saluting and thanking the 2021-2022 Class Agents and

Tougaloo Ambassadors for a banner year in getting classmates engaged in every way possible. Our dedicated peer-to-peer alumni volunteer representatives of the classes of the 2s and 7s spent countless hours, days, months, and even years, connecting hundreds of classmates for fellowship, fun, and yes, fundraising! They played a strategic role in helping alumni understand that through their annual giving they are making an investment in current Tougaloo students and giving back to an institution that shaped their lives. They are a critical link in the relationship between alumni and the Eagle Queen. I am pleased to recognize our team of agents who have already collectively raised **\$425,546.66** as of June 14, 2022, since July 1, 2021. Classes are committed to continue encouraging donations as we advance toward the overall alumni goal of \$1,266,200 and increase the percentage of alumni donors to the College by June 30. It is noteworthy that the goal for this year's reunion classes is \$350,000 with a stretch goal of \$400,000!!!

Special thanks to the following 2022 Class Agents | Tougaloo Ambassadors of 2s and 7s:

- 1952 Grace Britton Sweet | Gwendolyn Nero Loper
- 1957 Wilbert Smith | Erma Sias Bien Amie
- 1962 Barbara Thompson Hilliard | Portia Anderson
- 1967 Joyce Bartley Taylor | Deloise Lowe Jones
- 1972 Roosevelt Turner | Adair Jackson (**Golden Class**)
- 1977 Shirley Mass | Charles Ransom | Dr. Bobby Larry
- 1982 Dr. Brigetta Turner | Glenda Moore Crump | Brenda Knott
- 1987 Hope Lindsey Huey | Stanley C. Jones
- 1992 LaWanda Weatherspoon Parks | Michael McLendon
- 1997 Atty. Angela Williams Givens | Tiffany Hardy Terrell | Dr. Vicki Patterson Davidson (**Silver Class**)
- 2002 Ranada Robinson | Katina Harrison | Dr. Terrance

Ware | Atty. Hope Goines

- 2007 Eric Pilcher | Keila Brown Jones
- 2012 Xavier Amos | Dr. Khirsten Echols Scott
- 2017 Michael Cleveland | Dr. Courtney Mangum | Christian Boyce | Spencer Davis
- 2022 Montea'l Williams | Timmy Bridgeman | Natalie Hampton | Akia Sherrod | Brian Jordan

These volunteer servant-leaders are among our greatest assets!

Another group of volunteer leaders is the Tougaloo College National Alumni Association (TCNAA) supported by its Alumni Chapters. We salute the Association and chapters for their continuous support and collaborative spirit in upholding the Mission and Vision of our beloved Alma Mater. We offer special recognition to TCNAA and the following active chapters, who have collectively raised more than \$64,554 to date. They too have surpassed their goal of **\$50,000** and pledge additional support by June 30.

This year's participation of Reunion Classes, Alumni Chapters and the National Alumni Association have shown continued excitement and commitment to celebrating during the five-year period after graduation. Although each year is a reunion year and all alumni are asked to give, it is important that classes acknowledge the opportunity for alumni participation during their special celebrations. The 2022-2023 reunion classes of the 3s and 8s are gearing up for Reunion 2023. Alumni volunteers are currently being recruited to gather their classmates and begin their celebrations. The class of 1973 will celebrate 50 Years and the class of 1998 will celebrate 25 years. Make plans now to join them!! Agents will be posted on the TCNAA website upon completion of the list.

For general information, here are upcoming celebration years:

- 2023 | 3s and 8s
- 2024 | 4s and 9s
- 2025 | 5s and 0s
- 2026 | 1s and 6s
- 2027 | 2s and 7s

Let's continue supporting our class reunions, acknowledging the importance of philanthropy and inspiring each other to take action, give toward meaningful causes and increase our class giving totals and participation rates.

***"Any institutions' alumni are key to its growth. We are focused on giving a global experience to our students."***

~ Shiv Nadar ~

## A Special Salute to the Tougaloo College Pre-Alumni Council (PAC)

The February 2022 UNCF Leadership Virtual Summit, celebrating the 76<sup>th</sup> National Alumni Council (NAC) and 64<sup>th</sup> National Pre-Alumni Council (NPAC), gave HBCU alumni and students from across the country the opportunity to engage in advocacy, recruitment strategies, fundraising and networking ventures as leaders in their respective schools and communities. From workshops to “LIVE” Lunch & Learn experiences, to the Crowning of Miss National UNCF 2022, to summit culminating live events, participants enjoyed learning and living experiences throughout the event, including students from the Tougaloo College Pre-Alumni Council (TCPAC).

This year, as in prior years, during the Annual UNCF NAC/ NPAC Leadership Conferences, our students represented in grand fashion! They participated as members and officers of the National Pre-Alumni Council (NPAC), holding the prominent positions of Business Manager and SW Regional Director in 2022-2023. Only two students can serve per institution during the one-year elected or appointed position. Through the years, the Tougaloo College Pre-Alumni Council has held positions on the National Pre-Alumni Council (NPAC) Board as President, Vice President, Secretary, Business Manager, Parliamentarian and SW Regional Director. They have also won awards such as Council of the Year, President of the Year, Highest Attendance, Scrapbook, William “Bill” McGill Male Scholarship, Member of the Year, Chase Gayden Award, and Advisor of the Year. This year was no exception, our students rose to the top with recognitions and awards.



**2021-2022 NPAC Council of the Year Award | Tougaloo College Pre-Alumni Council**



**NPAC PAC President of the Year Award** - Ms. Akia Sherrod '22, Psychology Major from Moss Point, MS. Accepted into the University of Mississippi PhD Program in Clinical Psychology.

**NPAC Chase Gayden Award (Named for Chase Gayden '07** - Mr. Montae'l Williams '23, English Major/Pre-Law Minor from Holly Grove, AK, Immediate Past SGA President, Immediate Past



TCPAC Business Manager. Appointed as 2022-2023 NPAC Southwest Regional Director.

**Tougaloo College Miss UNCF Representative** - Ms. Natalie Robionne Hampton '23, Miss UNCF 2021-2022, Biology Major from Clinton, MS. Elected SGA President 2022-2023



**2021-2022 NPAC Pre-Alumni Council Business Manager (Co-Host of NPAC Awards Ceremonies)** - Mr. Zannie Montgomery '22. Psychology/English Major from Pascagoula, MS. Accepted into Master's Program in Psychological Sciences at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA.



In addition to these awards and recognitions, fifteen PAC seniors were virtually inducted into Project STAY (Students Transition to Alumni every Year). This is a signature program of the National Alumni Council (NAC) focused on attracting and retaining students (future alumni) from Pre-Alumni Councils (PACs). Through this effort, the NAC strives to increase the likelihood of PAC members becoming active alumni upon graduating and increasing alumni giving to their institutions, National Alumni Associations (NAAs), Inter-Alumni Councils (IACs), and becoming leaders on the Boards of the National Alumni Council (NAC) and the National Pre-Alumni Council (NPAC).

Congratulations to the Tougaloo College Pre-Alumni Council for the continuous work of upholding the legacy of our beloved Eagle Queen and UNCF.

*The purpose of the Tougaloo Pre-Alumni Council shall be to stimulate the interest and participation of the students enrolled at Tougaloo College in the progress of the United Negro College Fund. The objective is to plan resourceful events that develop the abilities of loyal and untiring motivation through students.*

*The purpose of the Pre-Alumni Council (PAC) of the National Alumni Council (NAC) of the United Negro College Fund shall be to stimulate the interest and participation of the students enrolled at UNCF member institutions in the progress of UNCF, to preserve and to further loyalty and fellowship between the colleges and universities, their faculty, staff, students and alumni. The National Pre-Alumni Council was founded in 1958 by Dr. Walter Washington '48, a Tougaloo alumnus.*



## Giving...There is Power in Numbers

Jeannie Coe Flood '79, Annual Alumni Giving Fund Committee Chair

We are Tougaloo Trained! Tougaloo Proud! Tougaloo Strong! We are Tougaloo Alumni! We proudly represent and support our beloved Eagle Queen... The Tougaloo College. Our Eagle Queen has withstood the test of time through turbulent changes and challenges, yet she stands! She has given wings to global change agents and leaders to soar. As we reflect on Tougaloo's rich legacy and global influence, as alumni, we also consider ways to help secure her sustainability and survival in this current competitive space.

The TCNAA Annual Alumni Giving Fund (AAGF) Committee plans and implements programs and events to support the College's Annual Giving Fund goal. As the premier private historically Black institution of higher learning, our alma mater depends primarily on private, corporate, alumni donors and other sources for sustainability. Potential donors often consider the level of alumni giving percentage and engagement, when providing funds. Engagement reflects alumni's commitment to their respective alma mater. Tougaloo...Eagle Queen, We Love Thee!

We support Tougaloo through alumni chapters and individual gifts. However, did you know that our annual individual gift also enhances the College's national rankings and corporate solicitation efforts? Yes, our direct individual annual gift increases Tougaloo's national rankings and soliciting efforts, which impact student enrollment! There is Power in numbers!

During the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the AAGF Committee collaborated with the Office of Institutional Advancement and Advancement Services to launch two exciting fundraising initiatives to encourage and increase alumni participation. During Commencement Weekend, *Pay It Forward Birthday Challenge* and *Dollars for Scholars* campaigns were well received by the alums. The time-sensitive *Pay It Forward Birthday Challenge* is a "friendly competition" based on the highest number of alumni donors by birthdates. The winner for this fiscal year will be announced after June 30<sup>th</sup>. All donations go directly to the College to support the 1869 Fund. *Pay It Forward Birthday Challenge* ([igfn.us/form/HXGaAg](https://igfn.us/form/HXGaAg)) and *Dollars for Scholars* ([igfn.us/form/IbbmKQ](https://igfn.us/form/IbbmKQ)) links are also [tcnaa.org](https://tcnaa.org) websites. Our continuous support of these initiatives is critical to the annual alumni giving fund purpose and goal.

Alumni giving participation is a component of the Eagle Queen's sustainability, survival, and success. To provide further insight and clarity regarding the annual giving process, the AAFG Committee, in conjunction with the Membership Committee and the College, has developed an Informational Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) resource. The Informational FAQ will be on the TCNAA website. Special thanks to AAGF Vice Chair L.J. Molden, Jr. and the committee for the engag-



### DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

STUDENTS TODAY...GLOBAL LEADERS TOMORROW!





PLEASE GIVE TODAY!

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Donations may also be payable to **Tougaloo College** and mailed to the Office of Institutional Advancement, 500 W. County Line Road, Tougaloo, MS 39174. Please include "Dollars for Scholars Campaign" in the memo section. Please share with family, friends, classmates, etc.

BE THE DIFFERENCE...SUPPORT TOUGALOO STUDENT SCHOLARS!



ing dialogue, creativity, and insight to bring these initiatives to fruition.

Fellow alums, thank you for supporting Tougaloo and TCNAA Annual Alumni Giving Fund efforts. Let us increase our annual alumni giving participation percentage and watch our national rankings soar. Let us not only make a difference, but also be the difference when giving to our Eagle Queen. We are Tougaloo Trained! Tougaloo Proud! Tougaloo Strong!

**Dollars For Scholars:** [igfn.us/form/IbbmKQ](https://igfn.us/form/IbbmKQ)

### Class of 2022 Giving Salute

We offer a special salute to students of the illustrious Class of 2022 for taking the Senior Class Challenge and making individual gifts of \$20.22 or more to Tougaloo College. This gift signifies their support as Pre-alumni and is an effort to encourage them to continue developing a spirit of philanthropy as alumni. As a result of their donations, the College gifted them with fundraising-giving cords (see photo inset) to adorn their regalia during Commencement on May 1, 2022.



We salute the class for raising \$5,961.61, the highest amount since the inception of the program in 2009.

For more information, contact: The Office of Institutional Advancement – (601) 977-7871.

## FY2021-2022 Alumni Giving Report

**June 29, 2022**

We are exceptionally proud of all our Alumni for what you have achieved and the positive impact that we passionately believe you can continue to make for the future of Tougaloo College. We hope that when you reflect on your Tougaloo experience that it continues to act as a reminder of your own potential, the talent of your peers and the opportunities you have individually and collectively to lead and improve your communities. Our lifeblood and your friendship are something that they appreciate. Thank you for supporting our dear Eagle Queen!!!!

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Overall Financial Goal | \$1,266,200

Total to Date | \$976,382.81 @ 77%

Annual Fund \*266,389.27

General Scholarship Fund \*120,809.46

Designated Accounts \*217,030.52

Annual | Named Scholarships \*45,820.00

Endowments \*282,332.78

\*These numbers were last updated  
on 6/9/2022

Alumni Donor Goal | 1,500

Total to Date | 670 @ 45%

We can do it again!!!! There is still time to help us reach our financial and donor goals by June 30!!!! Show your loyalty to our beloved Eagle Queen with a 2021-2022 gift, if you have not given already, and put your name on the roll!

Remember that the fiscal year is July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022. Here is how you can still give:

**Check (dated and postmarked by June 30, 2022) to:**

Division of Institutional Advancement

Tougaloo College

500 W. County Line Road

Tougaloo, MS 39174

**Online by 11:59 p.m. June 30, 2022 - [Support Tougaloo College | Tougaloo College](#)** (donations online are reported in real time)

Always remember, the only gift too small is no gift at all!!!





**We Are The Champions!**

## Tougaloo College Athletics

Mr. Keith Barnes Director of Athletics



After a first-round bye and two games later, the Bulldogs have claimed the 2022 GCAC (Gulf Coast Athletic Conference) Basketball Tournament Championship. This is the Bulldogs' first tournament title since 2019, when the Bulldogs captured both the regular season and tournament titles.

After the first-round bye, the Bulldogs faced Edward Waters University in the semifinals of the GCAC Tournament. In the Tigers' finale in the GCAC, the Bulldogs defeated the Tigers 69-64 to advance to the championship game. Cameron Copeland led the Bulldogs with 14 points. Antwan Beans, Cameron Woodall and Trajan Fielder all followed with 11 points and Darryl Jones added 10 points.

In the championship game, the Bulldogs faced off against Philander Smith College. In the regular season, the Bulldogs fell short in both meetings with the Panthers and they both share the GCAC Regular Season Championship, but as the saying goes, it is hard to beat a team three times and the Bulldogs proved this statement to be true as the revenge over the Panthers was sweet in a 59-55 victory to claim the tournament championship. Cameron Copeland led the Bulldogs with 19 points. Darryl Jones and Trajan Fielder followed with 11 points and Antwan Beans added 10 points for the Bulldogs.

Copeland was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. Both Antwan Beans and Darryl Jones were named to the All-Tournament Team.

In the opening round of the NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics) National Tournament, the Bulldogs faced off against #1 seeded Arizona Christian University in the Lakeland bracket hosted by Southeastern University. The Bulldogs put up a good fight but fell short to ACU 76-61 to end their 2022 campaign.

### Baseball Team Ends the Season in Historic Fashion

The Bulldogs ended the 2022 campaign on a high and historic note. For the first time in Tougaloo baseball history, the Bull-

dogs played Division I SWAC Alabama A&M University.

The game was definitely one for the record books, as it was a true "Battle of the Bulldogs," but it was Tougaloo that prevailed and escaped with a season finale upset in a 9-8 10th inning victory over Alabama A&M. Simar Thomas came in and stole the win; pitching the last 2 innings and only giving up 1 run and had 1 strikeout.

Leading the Bulldogs to this historic win was Tyler Hickman with 4 hits and 2 RBIs. Christian Borders followed with 2 hits (including a triple), 3 runs and 2 RBIs. Bradford Patton ended his collegiate career with 2 hits (including a solo home run), 2 runs and 1 RBI. La'Nas Torrey had 2 hits, 1 run and 2 RBIs, Matt Jones had 2 hits, 2 runs and 1 RBI and freshman Khilan Magee had 2 hits and 1 run.

The Bulldogs ended the season 10-33.

### Tougaloo Athletics Adds Men's And Women's Soccer

The Tougaloo College Department of Athletics has announced the addition of men's and women's soccer beginning in the Fall of the 2022 - 23 school year.

This will be the first time the college has offered men's and women's soccer since the 80s. Realizing that soccer is gaining a lot more momentum around the country, the college administration wants to build this program to help foster diversity and attract more students, both domestic and international. The last program that existed at Tougaloo College was over 30 years ago. Tougaloo Women's Soccer will join the ranks of other HBCU soccer programs in the state of Mississippi like Jackson State, Alcorn State, and Mississippi Valley State. Tougaloo Men's Soccer will take on the mantle of being the only HBCU Men's Soccer program within the state of Mississippi. It would also be one of a very few HBCU Men's Soccer programs in the country alongside Howard University, Fisk University, Huston-Tillotson, Oakwood University, and Talladega College in Alabama.

"I really want to build a competitive program here at Tougaloo. It has always been my dream to coach soccer at an HBCU and now is that time," says Head Coach for men's and women's soccer at Tougaloo, Ahmad Smith. "I would like to prove that soccer not only exists in our state, but that we can compete in it as well. Though there are some barriers with establishing and growing the program, we will work to create our own opportunities here."

Tougaloo College Athletics Program is a member of the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference (GCAC), the Southern States Athletic Conference (SSAC) and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). Though the soccer program is currently "Independent" in status, the college plans to join the conference in the Fall of 2023. The team expects to play home matches at Central Jackson Soccer Organization (CJSO) near Callaway High School.

## Athletics (continued)

### Student-Athletes Excel In The Classroom During The 2021-2022 Academic Year

Not only did the Tougaloo College student-athletes compete on the playing surface, they also set the standard in the classroom. In the spring 2022 semester, over 40 student-athletes attained a 3.0 grade point average. To be exact, 43 student-athletes earned at least a 3.0 GPA with nine student-athletes earning a 4.0 GPA.

Collectively, Tougaloo College student-athletes attained a combined 2.78 grade point average for the Spring 2022 semester. With eight teams counted, including cheer and dance, five teams earned at least a 2.8 GPA led by Women's Cross Country (3.20) and Dance (3.10). Those teams were followed by Baseball (2.98), Women's Basketball (2.94) and Cheer (2.85).

Overall, for the 2021-2022 academic year, Tougaloo College student-athletes maintained a 3.03 grade point average with 49 student-athletes earning at least a 3.0 grade point average. Of those 49 student-athletes, three maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average. For the 2021-2022 academic year, students in seven of the eight programs maintained at least a 2.8 grade

#### 2021-2022 Team Grade Point Averages

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|-----------------------|------|
| Women's Cross Country | 3.45 |
| Dance                 | 3.35 |
| Baseball              | 3.13 |
| Cheer                 | 2.97 |
| Women's Basketball    | 2.94 |
| Men's Cross Country   | 2.88 |
| Volleyball            | 2.85 |
| Men's Basketball      | 2.70 |

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### Twenty-Four Current & Former Student-Athletes Receive Degrees

On Sunday, May 1st, twenty-four current and former student-athletes received their degrees during the 2022 commencement exercises at the Jackson Convention Complex located in downtown Jackson, Mississippi. Following are the names of the graduates:

Kristi Marshall, *Women's Basketball, Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education, Magna Cum Laude*

Ke'Shundria Robertson, *Women's Cross Country, Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education, Honors*

Isaiah Rush, *Baseball, Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education*

Sebron Carter, *Men's Basketball, Bachelor of Arts in Health and Recreation, Honors*

Lazarick Caston, *Baseball/Men's Cross Country, Bachelor of Arts in Health and Recreation, Cum Laude*

Marshun McGee, *Men's Basketball, Bachelor of Arts in Health and Recreation*

Charis Peterson, *Volleyball, Bachelor of Arts in Health and Recreation*

Celia Rodgers, *Women's Basketball, Bachelor of Arts in*



*Health and Recreation, Cum Laude*

Kierstin Salley, *Volleyball, Bachelor of Arts in Health and Recreation, Magna Cum Laude*

Teriyana Tolbert, *Volleyball, Bachelor of Arts in Health and Recreation, Cum Laude*

Tramone McNeal, *Baseball, Bachelor of Arts in Health and Physical Education, Cum Laude*

Octayvia Mahand, *Volleyball, Bachelor of Arts in Economics with an emphasis in Accounting*

Kayelyn Salley, *Volleyball, Bachelor of Arts in Economics with an emphasis in Business Administration, Summa Cum Laude*

Tekia Pinkins, *Cheer, Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Honors*

Desirre' Broadnax, *Men's Basketball, Bachelor of Arts in Psychology*

Genuice Crosby, *Men's Basketball, Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Honors*

Amari Pittman, *Women's Basketball, Bachelor of Arts in Psychology*

Amaraha Payne, *Cheer, Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Honors*

Jana Washington, *Women's Tennis, Bachelor of Arts in Psychology*

George Carmichael, *Baseball, Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, Honors*

Justin Hannah, *Men's Tennis, Bachelor of Science in Biology*

Corban Jackson, *Women's Basketball, Bachelor of Science in Biology, Magna Cum Laude*

Azarius Littlejohn, *Baseball, Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, Honors*

Bradford Patton, *Baseball, Bachelor of Science in Mathematics*

### Thomas Billups Steps Down as Head Basketball Coach

After 8 seasons and 2 championships at the helm of the Bulldog Basketball Team, legendary coach Thomas J. Billups turns program over to longtime assistant coach Eric Strothers. Strothers will take over the Bulldog program for the 2022-2023 season; making this his first stint as a head coach. Coach Billups will remain on staff as Coach Strothers' assistant.



## EAGLES SOARING



The quarterly edition of *Changing the Future, Impacting the World* featured former **State Supreme Court Justice Reuben V. Anderson '65**. Read the full story here: <https://bit.ly/3NACH6e>



Kudos to **Freddi Williams Evans '77**, New Orleans Tougaloo Alumni Chapter member, on her appointment by the Louisiana Secretary of State to the Louisiana Historical Records Advisory Board.



Hats off to **Larry G. Hanshaw, Ph.D. '69**, Professor Emeritus of Secondary Science Education, University of Mississippi, on the publication of his book, *High Probability: Findings from a Study of CE4, UFO, and USO Experiences*.



Congratulations to **Dr. Myrna Alexander Nickens '78** on her selection as an inductee for the 2022 Class of the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame for her exceptional achievements in the field of Medicine. The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held virtually on Friday, September 23, 2022. A 501(c)3 organization, the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame contributes to the growth and development of the nation's HBCUs by securing supplemental scholarships for attending students as well as highlighting the tremendous accomplishments of distinguished alumni.



**President Emerita Dr. Beverly Hogan '73** Named to President Biden's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. President Biden has named Tougaloo College alumna President Emerita Dr. Beverly Hogan to the Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. The purpose of the Board is to advance the goal of the HBCU initiative established by the Carter Administration, to increase the capacity of HBCUs to provide the highest-quality education to its students and continue serving as engines of opportunity.

President Emerita Hogan was also appointed by former President Barack Obama to the Board of Advisors for the White House Initiative on HBCUs.



**Edmond Hughes '85**, Chairman of the Tougaloo College Board of Trustees and alumni was promoted to executive vice president and chief human resources officer at Huntington Ingalls Industries, Inc. (HII) in February, 2022. HII is a global engineering and defense technology provider. Chairman Hughes, formerly the vice president of human resources and administration contracts at HII's Ingalls Shipbuilding division and at Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding since 2006, will replace William "Bill" R. Ermatinger, who will retire on April 1 after 35 years of service.



Best wishes to actress **Aunjanue Ellis** on her nomination for an Academy Award for best supporting actress in her role as the wife of Richard Williams in the movie, "King Richard." Ellis attended Tougaloo and later transferred to Brown University.



**Dr. Lakeysha Hallmon '04** has been invited to speak at Essence Festival 2022 as well as curate the Marketplace Entrepreneur Stage. She is the founder and CEO of the Village Market in Atlanta.



Congratulations to WATAC member **Attorney Sandra Peaches '76**, Executive Director, Prince George's Community Television on her recent appointment to the WLOO/2 Rivers Communication Board of Directors at Tougaloo College.



Congratulations to **Alvin C. Carter '03** who received his Master of Science in Health, Physical Education and Recreation from Jackson State University, Spring 2022. He was recently inducted into the Kappa Phi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society as well as the Mu Chapter of Alpha Epsilon Lambda National Honor Society and received the Demonstration of Professional Disposition Award

## Eagles Soaring (continued)

from the School of Education, Supervision, and Instruction Graduate School.



**Hope E. Goins '02** has published a new book "The adventures of Chloe and Chris: The Three Branches of Government." Hope is the Majority Staff Director of the United States House of Representatives Committee on Homeland Security.



**Bivan Ramey, Jr '11**, Graduated from the Chicago Fire Department Firefighter/EMT, May, 2022.



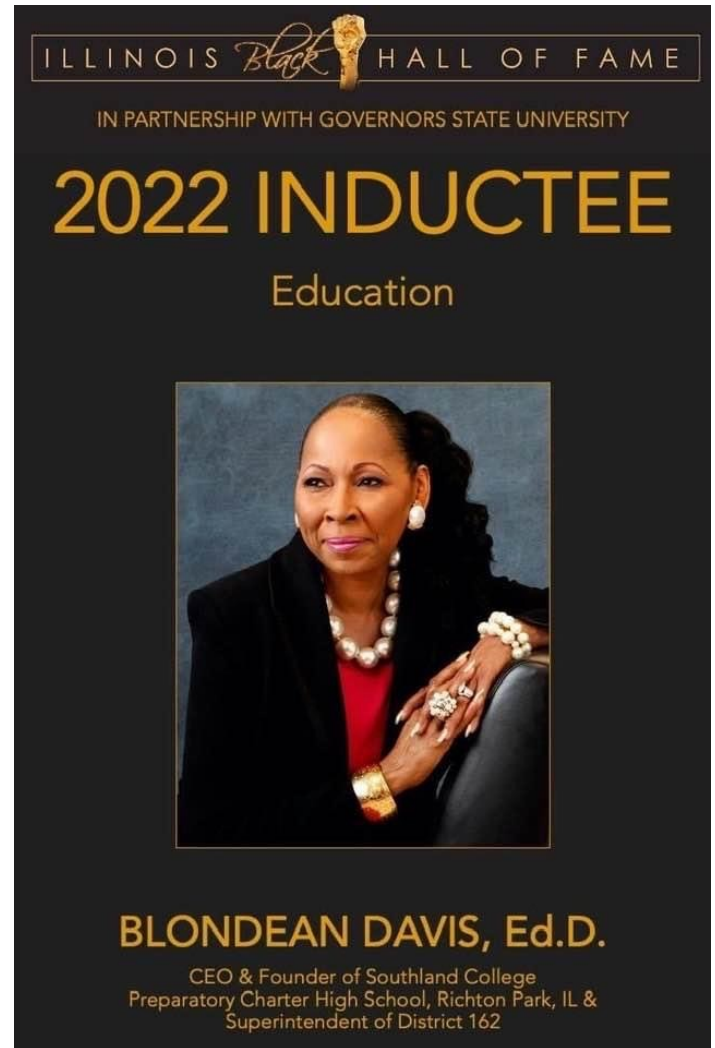
**Roslyn Ramey '15** graduated (magnum cum laude) with a B. S. in Nursing from Mississippi College and also completed her certification as a Registered Nurse New-born Intensive Care in December 2021 Unit .



Congratulations to **Danielle Magee Donnelly '18** who recently graduated from the University of Missouri with her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree. For her outstanding performance, she received two academic awards totaling \$5,000. Danielle started her new job at the Breckinridge Park Animal Hospital in Richardson, TX.

We invite alumni to send their recent accomplishments (within the last 6 months) to the TAB at [tab@tcnaa.org](mailto:tab@tcnaa.org). Please include your accomplishment, year of graduation and a high resolution portrait style photo (no selfies please).

**Trustee Dr. Blondean Y. Davis** is Recognized by Chica-



go Media Outlet WGN TV. Dr. Davis CEO and founder of Southland College Preparatory Charter High School, Richton Park, IL and Superintendent of District 162, was recently featured in a WGN TV newscast segment, "Chicago's Very Own," for the great work that she continues to do. Also, during the Juneteenth weekend, she was inducted into the Illinois Black Hall of Fame in the area of education. Please click this link to see the WGN story. <https://youtu.be/b830XPwi1V4>.

### OTHER NEWS & ITEMS OF INTEREST

#### Tougaloo College Alumni Members Running for UNCF NAC Offices

Michael Cleveland, class of 2017, has been nominated for the office of President of the National Alumni Council (NAC) / United Negro College Fund (UNCF).

TCNAA President Joyce Delk, class of 1972, has been nominated for the office of Southwestern Regional Representative for the National Alumni Council (NAC)/ United Negro College Fund (UNCF). Both terms of office are 2022-2024.



## 2022 Commencement Steering Committee

Leona R. Bishop '93 Chairperson

Kudos to the 2022 Commencement Steering Committee for accepting the challenge to plan a weekend designed to reunite alumni and friends across every decade, any affiliation, and all classes. Despite many challenges, including planning amid the dreadful uncertainties of a global pandemic, the committee was happy to welcome hundreds who attended the eventful weekend.

Saturday, April 30th, events started with the Kickback at the 'Loo, a combination of the traditional alumni gathering and luncheon, which was held at the James Coleman Athletic Complex. Everyone was welcome to set up as they wished and enjoy the soulful sounds of former Miss Tougaloo, Bridget Hathorn-Shields and the Feel the Groove Band. Registered participants received a commemorative 'Loo Bag, which contained a souvenir t-shirt, metal tumbler, pen, sanitizer, misting fan, plus a meal voucher for one of the food trucks on site. After the Kickback, many joined the sold-out Annual Alumni Banquet that was packed with excitement as alumni celebrated the outstanding contributions raised to support our alma mater. And finally, the night concluded with more moments to remember as participants boogied down the Soul Train Line at the Sneaker Ball After Party. Whether you graduated decades ago or are just getting started, there was a place for all to enjoy GREAT TIMES!



Looking ahead to next year, the committee is appreciative for the many comments shared via the survey that was sent out earlier in May. Overall, alumni expressed gratitude for the festivities that were planned and offered worthwhile suggestions to consider for next year. Comments to improve communication shall be addressed by identifying class agents by the Fall and utilizing an array of platforms to broadcast planned events. Thank you to all who served on the 2022 Commencement Steering Committee and/or advised us along the way. We know that it takes "Teamwork to Make the Dream Work," which is why we are so excited to welcome aboard additional alumni who have volunteered to assist in making our Commencement Weekend 2023 even better. Until then, SAVE THE DATE!

## TOUGALOO COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT WEEK-END

May 5-7, 2023

TCNAA Annual Alumni Banquet

Saturday May 6, 2023

Hilton Hotel – Jackson, MS

## Inaugural Beverly Wade Hogan Golf Tournament!

On April 28, 2022, the Tougaloo College Class of 1972 hosted the first ever *Beverly Wade Hogan Reunion Golf Classic*. The tournament was held at the newly remodeled Refuge Resort Golf Course in Flowood, Ms.

We are proud to report that this, first of its kind, newly established benefit for the college was great fun and fellowship as well as a fundraising success.



We thank Dr. Hogan for her assistance and support, and for allowing us to use her brand to make this the highly successful event that it was.

We would like to thank all sponsors who supported us by entering teams into the tournament and making monetary or in-kind donations.

We especially want to thank KMEF (Katherine Murriel Education Fund) and JMAA (Jackson Municipal Airport Authority), our Title Sponsors (\$5,000+ donation each). Their contribution is greatly appreciated by all.

Lastly, we are a 501c3 entity and as such we intend to, along with fellow alums and friends, make this an annual outing to benefit the college. So, stay tuned for an announcement of the next (2023) *Beverly Wade Hogan Reunion Golf Classic* in the not-to-distant future. See you there, clubs in hand.

George Bartley, Jr. '72  
Fundraising Co-Chair

## Images from the Golden Class Reunion



continued







## Golden Class of 72 Highlights

By Roosevelt Turner

It was 50 years ago when most of my classmates started our journey with Tougaloo College, Our Eagle Queen. Some of us arrived full of expectations, energy and ambition. Many of us were just glad to be on campus and did not have a clue as to what the future held. Our Freshman year had a little turbulence that required the assistance of Sylvester Price to get us through and get our matriculation at the Eagle Queen back on course. This demonstrated to us how the mature Eaglets looked out for the younger ones. This was a characteristic that we developed as we matured in the nest of the Eagle Queen. This characteristic served us well as we helped others in and out of the nest. The Tougaloo Eaglets and Eagles were the ones who did not wait for change but we made change happen.

The Class of 72 has provided 50 years of resources and dedicated service to Tougaloo College. We have served in many capacities to further the mission of Tougaloo College. We have served as Tougaloo College National Alumni Association (TCNAA) presidents, board chairs, officers, committee chairs and members. Our class ranks #1 as the class with the most members in TCNAA. We have served as chapter presidents, officers and committee chairs. We have been honored by being selected as Tougaloo Hall of Fame inductees. We have served on the Tougaloo College Board of Trustees with distinction. We funded a bench and pavers for the Woodworth Chapel pavement project, the only Class to make such an investment. We provided funds to renovate a room in Galloway Hall. The Class of 72 have participated in and/or contributed to every fundraising initiative on campus. Three members of the Class of 72 along with five other alumni started and provided seed funding for the Two Rivers Gala. This group successfully operated and funded the Gala for over ten years raising over \$600,000 for Tougaloo College's general fund. The Class of 72 has truly been a class that has provided nourishment to the Eaglets of Tougaloo College.

The Class of 72 has committed to continue making a difference at Tougaloo College. The Class of 72 decided after our 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion to give \$350,000 to Tougaloo. The Class of 72 started that giving campaign in 07/2017. The four years 2017 - 2021 before our reunion year the class gave over \$180,000. For our reunion year, The Class of 72 has given as of June 15, 2022 over \$313,000, which include funds provided to install a flag pole and matching gifts that came this month. That puts The Class of 72 giving closer to \$500,000 given since we started the \$350,000 campaign. Class of 72 members that thought it was too late to give, it is not you still have 15 days to do so.

Thanks Class of 72 for your impactful sacrifices to the Eagle Queen. Thanks for your participation on the different committees, attending the Zoom meetings and your monetary contributions. You are "Simply the Best".



## Golden Class Reflections "Where Do We Go from Here?"

By Sandra Mitchell

Members of the Tougaloo College Class of 1972 descended upon the campus from April 28-May 2, 2022 for its 50th Year Reunion. We had an exciting time, with fifty-six classmates in attendance along with alumni from other classes. Upon reflection, when we look at what was done well and what could have been done better, it is great if the latter list is short or non-existent. We felt that our gatherings and events were well planned, with a lot of the credit going to a strong, dedicated group of classmates who are widely dispersed throughout the country. The rest of the credit goes to the classmates who accepted the opportunity to be a part of the class who earned the motto "Simply the Best." Some of the most popular, fun-loving, sociable, jokesters put on their serious hats and sat with some serious math, science, and medical "Kincheloe Kids" at Zoom Meetings and worked on committees to accomplish goals designed to celebrate our class and honor our beloved school, Tougaloo College.

The planning itself had been years in the making, since our successful 45<sup>th</sup> year reunion, but intensified within the last eighteen months as committees were formed and goals were solidified. We considered our 45<sup>th</sup> reunion a success with about thirty-five classmates in attendance and were inspired to replicate it for our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion. One classmate was credited for getting the Class of '72 energized about a "goal of giving." We decided that we would give \$1,000.00 per year to present \$5,000.00 from each classmate by the year 2022. Others gave more if they were able to afford it.

The Beverly Wade-Hogan Golf Classic, which was initially thought of as a fellowship for 8-10 classmates and golf lovers, was suggested to be used as a fundraiser. The outcome was remarkably successful and included 73 people. The classmate/organizer rated it as 100% successful.

(See the entire text of this article click here [Golden Reflections](#))

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## Silver Reunion Class '97 Commencement Weekend



Commencement Weekend 2022 was a weekend of reconnection, reminiscence, and rejuvenation of the Tougaloo spirit for the Class of 1997, which celebrated its Silver Reunion. Members of the class returned to the hallowed campus with moss-filled trees to participate in commencement weekend activities. They partied to the sounds of Gladys Knight at the Two Rivers Gala and visited the campus during the Kick Back at the 'Loo, which Tiffany Hardy Terrel '97 hosted. Class members celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> reunion during the Alumni Banquet, where Angela Givens Williams '97 gave reflections and participated in commencement.

It was particularly poignant to celebrate this year with the Class of 1972 during their 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion. They are an inspiration. The class also gathered to celebrate together at Johnny T's Bar & Bistro, where they were joined by other Tougalooians and danced and laughed the night away. The Class of 1997 had the largest number of Silver classmates to participate in Commencement since the practice began. A great time was had by all.





## Tougaloo College Concert Choir Mesmerizes Houston Audiences



By Frances Hutchins Whiteurst

During a 1970s Tougaloo College Concert Choir Tour, the melodious sounds of the singers was described as “velvet.” The further description was that the word velvet was used because of the richness and fullness of the beautiful sounds of the students’ voices. That same description can be given today to describe the performances by the students who traveled to Houston, Texas during April 23-24. The students, under the direction of Dr. Karl Twyner, absolutely mesmerized their Houston audiences. Their performances were like “velvet.” They did not disappoint. With seasoned finesse, Dr. Twyner carefully and meticulously directed the students to deliver beautiful and enchanting interpretations of each piece that was performed.

It was a whirlwind weekend trip with three performances. The choir performed a full concert on Saturday, April 23rd at the iconic Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church in the historic Third Ward. On Sunday, they provided the worship music at the 8 a.m. service at The Church Without Walls in northwest Houston. And, their last performance, before heading back to Tougaloo, was at the Cavalcade Missionary Baptist Church in the historic Fifth Ward.

While as a collective group the choir was outstanding, it was an added treat to experience the amazing talents of the Male Chorale, Female Chorale, Chamber Singers as well as individual students. Of special note were the performances by Alyssa Taylor and the three tenors: Malik Bolden, Kameron Gordwin and Zorian Wilson. The piano arrangement of “What a Friend we Have in Jesus” by Elijah Anderson was enthralling and brilliant. Rising senior, Cameron Hampton

brought the audience to its feet with his expressive and delightful performance of H.T. Burleigh’s, “Religion is a Fortune.”

And, of course, Robert T. Gibson’s arrangement of “We Shall Overcome” to close out the concert was absolutely beautiful and moving. Carmen Washington and Kameron Gordwin kept the audience hanging onto every note.

At the Church Without Walls, Pastor Ralph D. West asked the choir to perform additional selections (<https://youtu.be/MdRHct6H0Cg>). During their performance at Cavalcade M.B. Church, the congregation got the opportunity to hear the beautiful voice of President Walters. And, another bonus was that the choir director, Rev. Dr. Karl Twyner delivered the morning message.

The Houston Chapter extends special thanks to its major donors and underwriters: Trustee Marion Tresvant; Wheeler Ave. Baptist Church, Dr. Marcus Cosby, Pastor; The Church Without Walls, Dr. Ralph D. West, Pastor/Founder; Tougaloo College National Alumni Association, Joyce Delk, President; Second Cavalcade M.B. Church, Don Caggins, Pastor; Minister Leon Lewis, Minister of Music, Wheeler Ave. Baptist Church; and Minister Kenny Myles, Minister of Worship and Arts at the Church Without Walls.

The tour could not have been successful without the untiring dedication of Houston Choir Tour Committee members: Ed Adams, Janice Adams, Tophas Anderson, Eula Course, Marjorie Course, Shirley Evans, Donnie Evans, Howard Bartee, Marvin Love, Barbara Love, Teresa McCoy, David Miller, Beverly Miller, Josephine Rice, Trustee Marion Tresvant, Stanley Weakley, and Frances Hutchins Whiteurst.

## Chapter News & Updates

### Chicago Tougaloo Alumni Association

Submitted by Willie L. Lewis, Jr., President

The Chicago Tougaloo Alumni Association continues to have monthly virtual meetings and plans to have our first in person/virtual meeting in September 2022. Willie L. Lewis, Jr. our current president will be retiring and leaving the city. Mr. Lewis served as president for five years and focused his administration on recruiting students for Tougaloo. During his tenure we established a relationship with the Phoenix Pact which was started at the North Lawndale College Prep on the west side of Chicago. Phoenix Pact connects its students with colleges that have a track record of graduating students of all backgrounds. It was started by the Irv and Roberta Lewis Scholarship Fund and is in partnership with 21 colleges. Mr. Lewis celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> Golden Anniversary at this year's 2022 Commencement at the college with the Class of 1972.

Dianna Grant Burke, MD who still maintains her membership with the Chicago Tougaloo Alumni Association, served as the Chief Medical Officer for several prominent health care organizations in the Chicago Metropolitan area before taking on that same role for the Phoebe Putney Health System. The Phoebe Putney Health System is based in Albany, Georgia and has a network of more than 4,500 physicians, nurses, professional staff, and volunteers, who serve the people who live in Southwest, Georgia.

We also are saddened by the passing of our faithful, dedicated, and devoted Tougaloo College supporter, Mr. John S. Williams '60. John served as our treasurer for 30 years. He was a wonderful man, mentor, and friend to us all. He always encouraged you no matter what you were going through. Most of all his love for Tougaloo College as he would say, "opened many doors professionally for him throughout his life."

The new officer's slate will be officially approved by the body of the Chicago Tougaloo Alumni Association at the June 2022 meeting. The incoming officers are: President-Elect Michael J. Cleveland; Vice-President Anita Alicea; Secretary Akemi Harrison; Treasurer Evon-Grant Nixon; and Business Manager Frederick A. Smith. We also welcome Kiera Reed and Dione James to our chapter. Mr. Lewis and Mr. Cleveland had a transition meeting and Mr. Cleveland will have a planning meeting with the new team this summer.

Our doors are open for new members in the Chicago area. We need you. TCNAA needs you and Tougaloo needs you! Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

### Dallas-Fort Worth Alumni Chapter

Submitted by Pearlie Magee, President

Greetings from the Tougaloo Dallas-Fort Worth Alumni Chapter!! We are excited about what is going on in our Chapter. From graduations, golden year celebration, recruiting, choir

tour...it is all happening in our chapter!!

We had two of our students to graduate in their respective fields. Amber Magee '22 graduated from Tougaloo with a degree in Political Science/Pre-Law. We are proud to say that she was the class valedictorian. Amber will be continuing her studies as a first-year law student at Suffolk University Law School where she received a full-scholarship.



Danielle Magee Donnelly '18 recently graduated from the University of Missouri with her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree. For her outstanding performance, she received two academic awards totaling \$5,000. Danielle was also the valedictorian in her class at Tougaloo. Danielle started her new job at the Breckinridge Park Animal Hospital in Richardson, TX.

In addition to our graduates, the chapter is proud to boast that we had two members to receive their golden diplomas. Joyce Small Delk and Mary Sias represented the chapter brilliantly. The Class of 1972 left an indelible mark on Tougaloo. We are extremely proud of Joyce and Mary and the entire 1972 class.

The chapter was busy recruiting for the College. With COVID-19 showing signs of waning, person-to-person college fairs resumed. We are able to visit several college fairs. Many students expressed an interest in attending Tougaloo. Hopefully, our efforts will yield positive results for the College.

Our major event of the year is that we will be hosting the renowned Tougaloo College Concert Choir on December 3, 2022. We are excited about having the choir perform in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. We will be sharing the agenda in the near future.

The Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex is one of the fastest growing areas in the country. If you have recently moved to area and interested in becoming a member of our chapter, please visit <https://dfw.tcnnaa.org> to get connected.

May Tougaloo, the Eagle Queen, live long and thrive!



## Houston Chapter Celebrates 1972 Golden Class Members



Five members of the Houston Chapter celebrated their Golden class reunion during the May 1, 2022 commencement. Returning to the 'Loo to take part in the activities that were planned by the Class of 1972 were: David Miller, William Rice, Edwin Adams, Janice Adams, and Leroy Hayes. All are longtime active members of the Houston-Area Tougaloo College Alumni Chapter. Rice, Miller and Hayes are charter members of the chapter.



## Houston Chapter to Celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual "A Night of Jazz and A Touch of R&B" Event

Mark your calendars! The Houston Area Tougaloo College Alumni Chapter will

hold its signature fundraiser, "A Night of Jazz and A Touch of R & B" event on Saturday, August 27, 2022 at the Sheraton Houston Brookhollow Hotel, 3000, North Loop West, Houston, TX 77092. The chapter will present the Soaring Eagle Award to a deserving individual who supports higher education as well as award scholarships to local Houston-area students who are attending Tougaloo College.



A reception will start at 6:00 p.m. and the "A Night of Jazz and a Touch of R&B" event with dinner and dancing will start at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$100.00 per ticket or \$1,000.00 per table. Please consider supporting this fundraiser by purchasing a ticket, a table, and/or an ad in the souvenir booklet. We are also requesting underwriters, sponsors and supporters for this event. For ticket information, souvenir booklet program solicitation and levels of supporters, please contact Stanley Weakley by email, [stanweak@hotmail.com](mailto:stanweak@hotmail.com).

The funds from this fundraiser will be used to support Tougaloo College and provide scholarships to local Houston-area students that are attending Tougaloo College. Be on the lookout for additional details.

## Houston Chapter Participates in Local College Fairs

Local chapter members were excited to resume attending in-person college fairs to share the rich story of Tougaloo College. Members participated in the first-ever Cypress-



Fairbanks Independent HBCU College Fair, the Humble High School HBCU College Fair and the Houston-Area HBCU College Fair. Thanks to the following alums for meeting with interested students and parents: Marvin Love, Teresa McCoy, Shirley Carson Evans, Ashley Gates Williams, LaDonna Harrell Harris, and Frances Hutchins Whiteurst.



## Jackson-Tougaloo Alumni Chapter

Submitted by  
Kathy Y. Mosley, President



The Washington Area Tougaloo Alumni Chapter continues to conduct all regularly scheduled monthly meetings and activities virtually via Zoom. To date, our organization has a robust membership of 82 Eagles.

- ◆ Five WATAC Scholars were selected and have been awarded funds for the Spring 2022 semester
- ◆ The new fundraising initiative:

The Tougaloo College Gate Tapestry Throw...is now available for \$75.00 including shipping and handling. This completes the tapestry throw trilogy that includes The Robert O. Wilder Mansion and The Woodworth Chapel.

- ◆ WATAC is currently engaged with the Tougaloo College Office of Admissions and Recruitment to strengthen our recruitment efforts.
- ◆ WATAC continues to actively participate in both virtual and in-person events of the DC HBCU Alliance. Plans are underway for the 5kRun2kWalk to be held in June.
- ◆ **WATAC Art Journey at the Phillips Collection** - December 2021 was highlighted with a WATAC scholarship fundraiser, at the Phillips Museum, to celebrate the inclusion of two pieces of art (by artists David Driskell and Alma Thomas) from Tougaloo's art collection for the museum's 100th Anniversary.
- ◆ **Mississippi On The Potomac (MOTP)** is truly forever. Although we recently held our signature fundraiser as a virtual event, securing our efforts to perpetuate our dedication to our students and to our beloved alma mater, we will vigilantly review the national and local climate for the first opportunity to resume the in-person MOTP.

The Tougaloo Alumni Class of 1972, which includes WATAC President Kathy Mosley, TCNAA President Joyce Delk, former TCNAA President David Miller, former TCNAA President Roosevelt Turner and Chicago Chapter President Willie Lewis, celebrated its Golden Anniversary Graduation May 2022.

## New Orleans Area Tougaloo College Alumni Chapter



New Orleans Area Tougaloo Alumni Chapter mourns the loss of Mrs. Hazel Mirthlee Stamps Moore '47, a longtime Tougaloo supporter and organizer of the New Orleans Area Tougaloo College Alumni Chapter. Moore graduated *cum laude* in 1947 with a Bachelor of Arts in History. She married her college classmate and sweetheart, Wilbur Daniel Moore '47 in 1948. The couple consequently attended Atlanta University, where in 1955, they earned Master's De-

grees in Library Science and Physical Chemistry respectively. Her career as a professional librarian included Tougaloo Preparatory School and Tougaloo College. Highlights of her career included serving on the Best Books for Young Adults Committee of the American Library Association and receiving the Louisiana Library Association James O. Modisette Award in 1986.

She transitioned to her heavenly home on November 20, 2021. Her dedication and service to her community as a librarian, church deacon, and president of the New Orleans Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority from 1981-1983 will live on in the lives of those she touched.



## The Legacy of Alumna Addie Armstrong Hudson Lives On



For many years, Tougaloo College and its National Alumni Association benefited from the support and volunteer service of the late Addie Armstrong Hudson, class of 1970. In addition to her loyalty to the college, she also played an important role in the Chicago and surrounding areas of Illinois. More specifically, Addie was a devout social worker, whose influence still permeates in the organizations where she served; specifically, the **Black Administrators in Child Welfare-IL (BACW-I)**. In memory of her service as a strong advocate for students, the BACW-I honored Addie by presenting a \$500 Gift Card to Ms. Akia Sherrod, a 2022 graduating senior.

Ms. Sherrod served as President of the Tougaloo College Pre-Alumni Council during 2021-2022. She was recognized as the 2022 Pre-Alumni Council President of the Year during the 2022 recent United Negro College Fund (UNCF) National Alumni Council (NAC)/National Pre-Alumni Council (NPAC) Leadership Summit. Her efforts helped earn the Tougaloo NAC/National Pre-Alumni Council the award for Pre-Alumni Council of the Year. Ms. Sherrod also worked closely with the Tougaloo College National Alumni Association as a member of its Executive Committee and enjoyed serving with her fellow members as a hostess during Annual Alumni Banquets, Tougaloo Business Luncheons, Two Rivers Galas, Tougaloo Honors programs, and especially during TCNAA Hall of Fame events, which Addie chaired for many years. She will continue to work with the Tougaloo Pre-Alumni Council Executive Committee as immediate past President.

Congratulations to Ms. Sherrod, who will begin her journey at the University of Mississippi in the fall to obtain a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology.

We will remember Addie's smile. Although she is no longer present with us, she will always live in our hearts.



## AKAs Give Dr. Ernestine Holloway Endowed Scholarship \$12,275 Boost

Submitted by: Dr. Rose Franklin '84, Dr. Ernestine Holloway Endowment Fund Chair

During Gamma Omicron's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, October 2019, members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated established the Dr. Ernestine Holloway Endowment Fund. Current and past members of Gamma Omicron pledged to contribute \$75,000 by 2024! Funds from the endowment will allow the College to award a scholarship to a deserving full-time student in accordance with the guidelines after the principal has cycled one full investment year (FY2026). Initiates of Gamma Omicron held a month-long electronic raffle during the month of April 2022. A Tory Burch purse valued at over \$500 was awarded on April 23, 2022 to a lucky winner. A heartfelt thank you to all donors who helped us achieve our annual giving goal.

On April 30, 2022 after the State of the College address, members of the sorority gathered on the Earl Sanders Field to present the 14<sup>th</sup> College President, Dr. Carmen J. Walters, with the raffle's proceeds. Over \$12,275.00 will be applied to the fund's coffer. We challenge alumni to give generously to our Alma Mater: [www.TougalooCollege](http://www.TougalooCollege). We also invite you to donate to our annual campaign: **Road to 75K**, <https://app.mobilecause.com/form/j5agFA?vid=st3t0>

## Education Affinity Group Scholarship and Awards

In May 2022, a new Education Affinity Group was established through the Office of Alumni Relations to support the vision and mission of the Tougaloo College Division of Education, engage Tougaloo educators, and recognize the efforts of the over 33% of Tougaloo graduates who are educators.

As first efforts, the committee compiled a list of educators across the country, developed and implemented an Annual Education Scholarship, particular to Education majors, and awarded the first annual awards to an Extraordinary Educator and Legacy Educator during Reunion 2022 activities on April 30th.

The Extraordinary Educator Award recognizes the outstanding efforts of alumni who serve as true change agents and who are dedicated to the growth of students and communities.

The Legacy Educator Award recognizes the exemplary efforts of former educators who dedicated their lives and professional careers to students and their communities and in many instances are still engaged in the field of education.

**2022 Awards were bestowed upon the following educators:**



**Tougaloo Legacy Educator: Mrs. Judy Gipson King '83**, a former teacher with the Jackson Public District (JPS) at McLeod Elementary School, where she continues to work with 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers and students.

**Tougaloo Extraordinary Educator: John Johnson '97**,

Principal of Jackson Public School District (JPS) Obama Magnet IB Elementary School for grades K-5, the #1 Elementary School in MS. He is a student-focused instructional leader dedicated to creating positive learning environments and making a significant impact in scholar's lives.



**Honorable Mention: Extraordinary Educators**

Janiece Austin '06, Teacher, Canton High School



Precious Haynes Thurmond '13

Dr. Charles Stevenson '09 – RCSD Learning Center

Michael Clayton '96 – Sanders Elementary School

Congratulations to our 2021-2022 Inaugural Honorees!

Nominate an Extraordinary or Legacy Educator for 2022-2023!

Extraordinary Educator Application:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdagtF\\_d6RQQmgfZan19x1VN6rnVdnOW7KHRoY8IGSkO6LiIg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdagtF_d6RQQmgfZan19x1VN6rnVdnOW7KHRoY8IGSkO6LiIg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Legacy Educator Application:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfjLBjHuF2izYrJBsMbUf7VOe2Hb6GD7zn0Znemw\\_QCRHG\\_Ww/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfjLBjHuF2izYrJBsMbUf7VOe2Hb6GD7zn0Znemw_QCRHG_Ww/viewform?usp=sf_link)

**Support Education Scholarships!**

**[Scholarships and Designated Accounts](#)**

**For more information or to join the Education Affinity Group, please contact:**

Dr. Melody Fortune, Chair - [mefortune@bellsouth.net](mailto:mefortune@bellsouth.net)

A special thanks to the Education Affinity Group Steering Committee: Melody Fortune '84, Brenda K. Hearsay Twillie '06, Brittany Morrow Green '07, Detrice Roberts '15

**“A good education is a foundation for a better future.”**  
~ Elizabeth Warren~



## New TCNAA Members

TCNAA offers membership at three levels: Life, Subscribing Life and Annual. Life membership is available with a onetime fee of \$500. Subscribing Life membership is a convenient way to obtain Life status with 5 installment payments of \$100 each over a 5-year period. Annual membership is \$25 and runs concurrently with TCNAA's fiscal year, July 1 through June 30. Accordingly, all FY 2021—2022 Annual memberships will expire on June 30, 2022. Annual members are encouraged to re-new their memberships for FY2022—2023 by visiting <https://tcnaa.org/sign-up>. All members should review and update their contact information in their profile by requesting access via the "Request your Private Link" tool at: <https://tcnaa.org/membership-status-request> or <https://tcnaa.org/membership-list>.

### New Life Members

Mr. J. Terry Davis, Atty. '73  
Ms. Marion Tresvant '78  
Ms. Cheryl Berry-Smith '80  
Mr. Richard Daniel Davis, Jr. '82  
Rev. Dr. Brian Anthony Jemmott '82  
Vallee Michelle Adams-Rolle '85  
Mr. Curtis Bell '85  
Ms. PaQuita S. McCray '99  
Mr. Maxwell Frempong '00  
Mr. Charlon Tolliver '00  
Dr. Kimberly Lewis Evans '01  
Mr. Charlon Tolliver '01  
Attorney Lilli Evans Bass '05  
Mr. Willie Miller '08  
Mr. Michael J. Cleveland '17  
Dr. Clora Evans '13

Ms. Shalom Watkins '01  
Atty. Monica Davis Allen '02  
Captain Venus Gardner '10

### New Annual Member (FY 2022-2023)

Ms. Christine Bachus Allen '83  
Ms. Fredericka Sands, J.D., M.Div. '85  
Ms. Machel Shelby Kyles '90  
Mr. Lenell Brown '96  
Ms. Talisa M. Cox '97  
Mr. Brian Shawn Creal '97  
Dr. Catrina Bogan Harris '97  
Mrs. Adrienne Russell Hayes '97  
Mrs. Kimberly Alford McCullough '97  
Mrs. Edshundra Jordan Gary '00  
Ms. Anchanese Levison '00  
Mrs. Marlena Walker Bolls '02  
Mr. Jamaal Sinclair Holloway '02  
Mrs. Victoria Nunally Hopkins '02  
Ms. Kristen NaJuana Love, Esq. '02  
Mr. James H. Rankins, Jr. '02  
Dr. Terrance Ware '02  
Dr. Albert Carter, Jr. '03  
Mrs. Carmen Taylor '03  
Dr. Leslie A. Anderson '09  
Mr. Kevin A. Green '10  
Mr. Lonnie M. Brown (Honorary)

### New Subscribing Life Members

Dr. Donald R. Cole '72  
Dr. Wanda Campbell Stringer '72  
Mr. Edward Kitchen '79  
Mr. Alvin Smith '82  
Mr. Chauncy Wright '86  
Dr. Shontia Jackson Morris '97  
Mrs. Sonja Jackson Thomas '97  
Dr. Farrah Graves Purifoy '99

*{\*This list was compiled from the TCNAA Membership database and contains new and reclassified members enrolled since the last TAB publication.}*

## POP-Up Membership Drive!

Submitted by Ranada Robinson '02, Membership Chairman

At the Kickback during Commencement Weekend, the Membership Committee hosted its first Pop-Up Membership Drive, and it was a debut success!

*Photos (l to r): Flyer for event; Some of the Membership Committee members at the Kickback: Ranada Robinson, PaQuita McCray, Shalom Watkins, and Maanami Ransome; New TCNAA Member, Terrance Ware '02*



members, four new subscribing life members, two new life members, and one new honorary annual member. Cheers to the Class of 1996 and the Class of 2002 for tying for the most membership sign-ups during the drive!! Combined, they made up just over half of the 2022-2023 memberships at the drive! Additionally, three of the four newest subscribing life members are from these classes!

If you weren't able to stop by and join TCNAA during the Kickback, that's quite alright! The new fiscal year is starting soon. Go to <https://tcnaa.org/sign-up/> today to join TCNAA and help us meet our goal of growing our membership to 1,000! Existing members, we need you too! If you're an annual member or subscribing life member, please go to <https://tcnaa.org/membership-status-request/> to renew your membership or pay your annual installment today! Together, we can support our alma mater in a major way!

We gained 23 new TCNAA members, including 16 annual

## TCNAA Informational FAQ

This Informational FAQ is a general resource to provide an overview of TCNAA's purpose and goal. The FAQ is not intended to be all-inclusive. Additional questions, answers and details regarding TCNAA are on the tcnaa.org website (<https://tcnaa.org>).

### TCNAA Overview

What does TCNAA mean (acronym)? TCNAA means Tougaloo College National Alumni Association and is often referred to as the "Association."

What is the purpose and role of TCNAA? The purpose of TCNAA is to promote the mission, interests, purposes, and ideals of Tougaloo College, including recruitment and fundraising initiatives.

Who is the official spokesperson for TCNAA? The President of TCNAA is the official spokesperson of the Association.

Does TCNAA operate independently from the College? Yes, TCNAA is a separate 501 3(c) entity and operates independently from the College.

Does TCNAA provide input regarding the College's day-to-day operations/decisions/oversight? No, TCNAA does not provide any input to the day-to-day operations of the College.

What is the primary corporate/organizational structure of the TCNAA? TCNAA Board of Directors (which includes the Association's officers, Alumni Representatives to the College's Board of Trustees, Alumni Regional Representatives, and Chapter Presidents) and active alumni (those who have paid national dues).

How does the Association communicate and promote its mission statements? The Association communicates and promotes its mission statement through the TCNAA website, activities, social media platforms, and other initiatives.

What is the role of the TCNAA Alumni Representatives to the Tougaloo College Board of Trustees? The Alumni Representatives to the Tougaloo College Board of Trustees advocate for alumni interests while embracing their responsibilities and fiduciary duties as a College Trustee.

How does TCNAA support the College's fundraising efforts? The Association jointly supports the College's various fundraising efforts through gifts, scholarships, volunteerism including social media communication and promotions.

What activities/events does TCNAA support that benefits the College? TCNAA supports activities such as Pre-Alumni Council programs, UNCF National Alumni Council, Concert Choir tours, Commencement Activities, Annual Alumni Gathering and Banquet, and Alumni Hall of Fame Induction.

Does TCNAA have authority over alumni chapters manage-

ment and/or activities? Alumni Chapters fall under the direction of TCNAA pursuant to the Association's Chapter Guide. However, the Association does not manage or direct alumni chapter activities and events.

What is the purpose and role of the Division of Institutional Advancement also known as the Office of Institutional Advancement? The Division of Institutional Advancement facilitates the understanding, participation, and support of Tougaloo College's students, faculty, alumni, trustees, parents, friends, corporations, foundations, legislators, and others who have an interest in promoting and supporting the College.

What is the purpose and role of the Office of Alumni Relations? The Office of Alumni Relations serves as the intermediary between the College and the alumni through the Division of Institutional Advancement and work closely with TCNAA to maintain the integrity of the Tougaloo College legacy.

### Membership

Are all Tougaloo College alumni automatically members of TCNAA? No, Tougaloo alumni are not automatic members of TCNAA. Alumni may become members of TCNAA by paying the Association membership dues.

How can I become a member of TCNAA? To become a member, please visit the TCNAA.org website and click the membership tab.

Can I join TCNAA, if I am not a member of an alumni chapter? Yes, you can join TCNAA if you are not a member of an alumni chapter. However, chapter participation is encouraged.

What are the benefits or benefits of becoming a member of TCNAA? TCNAA membership fosters full engagement, connections, collaboration, and voting privileges on matters pertaining to TCNAA. Currently, benefits include membership acknowledgment and college bookstore discounts.

Are membership dues required to be a voting member of TCNAA? Yes, TCNAA dues must be paid to become a voting member.

What are the TCNAA membership categories and dues? The TCNAA membership categories and dues are as follows:

- Annual-\$25/year
- Subscribing Life-\$100/year for 5 years
- Life-\$500, one-time payment

How can I submit my dues payment to become a member? You can submit membership dues online by visiting the TCNAA.org website and click the Membership tab.

For more TCNAA Informational FAQ click here or go to: <https://tcnaa.org/tab/TCNAA-FAQ/>



## *In Memoriam*

*“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.”* John 14:1-3

Mrs. Hazel Stamps Moore ‘47

Mrs. Deloris Lockett Powell ‘60

Mr. John S. Williams ‘60

Mrs. Hazel Lee Lewis Fletcher ‘61

Mr. Roger L. Turner ‘62

Mrs. Joan Collins Vinson ‘62

Dr. Dorothy ‘Dot’ J. Benford ‘64

Mrs. Gwendolyn C. Sanders ‘64

Mrs. Shirley Marlene Wells-Green ‘64

Mrs. Linda Deloach Bracey ‘66

Mrs. Edith Earlene Johnson ‘66

Mrs. Miriam Cathey Williams ‘67

Mrs. Blanche Berry Adams ‘69

Ms. Loretta Donald, FNP ‘69

Ms. Joan Vernell Clark ‘70

Mr. Joseph Albert Fitzgerald ‘70

Mrs. Carolyn Griffin Price ‘71

Ms. Linda Martin Harris ‘72

Ms. Margie Joffrion ‘75

Pastor Michael Owen ‘75

Ms. Annie Catherine Coleman ‘81

Mr. Wilbert Kneeland Roberts ‘83

Marvette Brown Carroll, MD ‘85

Mr. Sigismund Walker Alexander, Former Student

Mr. Oscar De Priest Fortune, Former Tougaloo Student

Mr. George Patrick Johnson, Former Tougaloo Student

Mr. Charlie Franklin Jordan, Jr., Former Student

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**Tougaloo College Bulldog Athletic Booster Club Application  
2020-2021**

*Become a part of the winning team!!*

*(Please print)*

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone numbers:

Home ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Work ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete's Name #1 \_\_\_\_\_

*(If applicable)* #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Sport: *(please indicate athlete's # from above, if available)*

☐ Baseball    ☐ Golf    ☐ Cheerleading    ☐ Track  
☐ Basketball    ☐ Tennis    ☐ Cross Country    ☐ Dance Team

Areas of Interest:

☐ Fundraising    ☐ Special Events    ☐ Concessions

Please indicate other areas of interest or talents: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Levels *(check one)*:

☐ \$25-regular membership with a Tougaloo athletic tee shirt

☐ \$50-silver membership with a Tougaloo athletic tee shirt and free admission to basketball games

☐ \$100-gold membership with a Tougaloo athletic knit shirt, free admission to all athletic games, reserved seating.

☐ \$125-executive membership includes gold membership plus membership in the Tougaloo College National Alumni Association.

***(Make checks payable to Tougaloo College Bulldog Athletic Booster Club)***

**Mail To:**

Tougaloo College Bulldog Athletic Booster Club  
P.O. Box 10755  
Jackson, MS 39289  
Tel# (601)594-8313

Join instantly online at: <https://tougalooboosterclub.org/>



## TOUGALOO COLLEGE | TAX TIPS | TYPES OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Tougaloo College accepts three types of contributions: cash, noncash, and in-kind

Cash contributions include payments made by cash, check, electronic funds transfer, online payment service, debit card, credit card, payroll deduction, or transfer of a gift card redeemable for cash;

Noncash contributions are property with no restriction placed on them. This includes publicly traded stock, clothing, wine collections, art, jewelry, antiques, collectible, automobiles, boats, recreational vehicles, and even your home. The amount of your deduction is generally the donated property's "fair market value". The job of determining worth is the responsibility of the donor;

In-kind contributions are gifts of tangible goods or services that alleviate costs to Tougaloo College. Examples of in-kind gifts include:

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

## TOUGALOO COLLEGE | TAX TIPS | IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS

What is or is not an in-kind gift to the College can be a point of confusion.

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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.

### Contributions that may be mistaken for in-kind include:

- Tuition and/or related educational costs for an identified needy or worthy student;
- Direct scholarships to identified students; Travel expenses to and from official Tougaloo College events; Value of your time and/or services;

- Personal expenses incurred while volunteering.

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