

# Tougaloo Alumni Bulletin

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## House Speaker Nancy Pelosi Taps Tougaloo Alum Representative Bennie Thompson to Chair Select Committee to Investigate the January 6 Attack on the Capitol

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At press time, the TAB editorial staff learned that Tougaloo College alumnus Representative Bennie Thompson has been named by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to chair the investigation of the January 6 insurrection on the Capitol. According to NBC News, Rep. Thompson negotiated a bill that would have established a bipartisan commission to investigate the riot, but the measure was ultimately blocked by Senate Republicans in June.

NBC reports that other members of the House select committee include, Reps. Adam Schiff, D-Calif, Zoe Lofgren, D-Calif., Pete Aguilar, D-Calif., Stephanie Murphy, D-Fla., Jamie Raskin, D-Md., and Elaine Luria, D-Va., and one lone Republican, Rep. Liz Cheney.

In a statement to NBC News, Rep. Thompson said the committee is “determined to assemble a comprehensive, authoritative report on events constituting the January 6<sup>th</sup> insurrection.” He told NBC that the panel will begin by hearing testimony from Capitol Police officers about their experience that day.

NBC reported that Pelosi’s announcement comes nearly seven months after the attack, in which hundreds of former President Donald Trump’s supporters stormed the Capitol in an effort to interrupt the counting of electoral votes solidifying Joe Biden’s victory. The speaker aimed to establish a 9/11 commission-style panel, which Thompson had negotiated, but that proposal failed in the Senate as Republicans repeatedly argued that there are already ongoing investigations into Jan. 6.

NBC reported that the speaker introduced her appointments at her weekly news conference Thursday, July 1, 2021 and said the panel’s goal is to assess former Trump’s role in inciting his supporters and “to seek and to find the truth” about why they tried to interrupt the peaceful transfer of power.

“We want to do so in the most patriotic, non-partisan way,” Pelosi said.

Source: NBC News - By Rebecca Shabad, Teaganne Finn, Garrett Haake and Haley Talbot





## Board of Trustees Approves New Tougaloo College Logo

Elane Coleman, Alumni Representative to the Trustee Board



**TOUGALOO**  
 1869  
**COLLEGE**

*Where History Meets the Future*

### The TCNAA 2021 Election Results:

#### President:

Joyce Small Delk - 276

Felix Lawson - 166

#### Vice President:

Hosea James - 420

WI: Felix Lawson - 1

WI: Sylvia Gray - 1

#### Secretary

Brian Harrington - 198

Rochelle Williams - 241

#### Treasurer

Herman Porter, Sr. - 423

WI: Sylvia Gray - 1

#### Alumna/us of the Year

Sylvia Gray - 122

James McQuirter - 162

K.C. Morrison - 78

Carolyn White - 73

WI: Felix Lawson - 1

#### Alumni Representative to the Board of Trustees

Percy Anderson, Jr. - 157

Elane Coleman - 174

LeMia Jenkins - 112

Tougaloo College has used various image and text combinations as its logo (mark) over the past 151 years; however, none have been registered or protected under the law. As a result, it has been a challenge to acquire contractual agreements that would allow the College to benefit financially from a trademark.

A recognized logo for the College will increase our ability to hold others accountable when it is used without permission. Nearly every college or university, public or private, has trademarked and registered some combination of its logo, font, name and color. It is time that the College gains control over how the institution's name is or can be used in the marketplace for profit, including T-shirts, mugs, caps and other items produced annually. Without a licensing program, we don't have a mechanism in place to ensure the College's name, logo, and other marks are protected and used appropriately. Also, it is challenging to increase the College's visibility through a comprehensive branding and marketing campaign without a trademarked logo.

In Spring 2020, the Tougaloo College Board of Trustees established the Trademark Logo and Lettering Committee to explore and recommend a logo. This step is vital to the College's ability to develop its brand; the Tougaloo College brand. Our brand is vitally important because of the different audiences

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we communicate with: prospective and current students, parents, faculty, staff, alumni, community leaders, and local and national media. In every form of communication we distribute—from printed news stories to e-newsletters and social media posts—it is essential that our branding remains consistent and represents quality and excellence.

The Trademark Logo and Lettering Committee's objective was to provide the Board of Trustees with a logo to approve at the October 16, 2020 meeting. After careful and thorough consideration, several elements emerged as ideas for inclusion in the logo, including the historic college gate, Woodworth Chapel, Robert O. Wilder Building (The Mansion), and the academic mascot, the soaring eagle. Working with a local marketing agency, several conceptual drafts were produced and reviewed by the Committee, which included members of the student body, faculty, staff, and alumni community. After several iterations, the Committee settled on a final design that incorporates iconic images of the historic gate and chapel and the tagline, "Where History Meets the Future," to satisfy the Board's request to include images/symbols that are held in high regard by all Tougalooians.

The welded iron ornate gate with its unique dual arched entry was constructed by students in the iron-working classes at Tougaloo. The date of construction is believed to be circa 1910. Many have passed through this historical gate. The gate secured its place in the history of the Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi during the middle 1960s. It became a symbol as authors Clarice Campbell and Oscar Allan Rogers, Jr. describe in their book "Mississippi: The View from Tougaloo", "A haven, a virtual oasis, in a land hot and fuming with public policies designed to thwart full participation in a free society."

Woodworth Chapel reflects our involvement in the movement for social change. Many speakers, political as well as academic scholars, spoke from its podium. President George Owens, in the 1973 edition of Encore magazine said, "We are proud...that here a student can hear it all. [He] is in close proximity to conservative and segregationist views. At the same time, all kinds of black ideology are brought on campus for the student to examine." The tagline connects Tougaloo's most significant historical space with the College's future outlook in a meaningful way.

Members of the Tougaloo College community that included over 1000 alumni, current student, faculty and staff were invited to view the proposed logo and during the Presidential Inauguration Week of Dr. Carmen J. Walters, the newly approved trademarks and logo were unveiled. For more information regarding branding guidelines, trademarks, and logo visit the webpage [www.tougaloo.edu](http://www.tougaloo.edu) for more details.

## 2021 Hall of Fame Inductees Announced

Ro'chelle Williams, Chairman

The Tougaloo College National Alumni Association is proud to announce the following individuals will be inducted into the 2021 Hall of Fame.

Amanda Green Alexander Taylor, J.D. '98 – Government & Law

Mrs. Freddi Williams Evans '77 – Education

Dr. Alfred E. McNair, Jr. '71 – Medicine

Mr. Paul Douglas McQuirter '74 – Business

Dr. LaTonya Washington '00 – Medicine

This year's inductees continue to exemplify the spirit and legacy of Tougaloo College in their respective fields. We look forward to honoring them in October during the College's 152<sup>nd</sup> Founders' Week Celebration.



## Congratulations to the TCNAA Election Winners



**Joyce Small Delk '72**  
**President**



**Hosea R. James '00**  
**Vice-President**



**Ro'chelle D. Williams '14**  
**Secretary**



**Herman U. Porter '73**  
**Treasurer**



**Elane Coleman '70**  
**Alumni Representative**  
**to the Trustee Board**



**James C. McQuirter '64**  
**Alumnus of the Year**

### From the Incoming TCNAA President

Fellow Tougalooians:

Thank you for entrusting me to serve as the next President of the Tougaloo College National Alumni Association (TCNAA). I am honored and I will work tirelessly not to disappoint. I follow in the footsteps of a group of great leaders who have paved the way, and I am enthusiastically awaiting to begin this journey. With your support, TCNAA can continue to grow its membership, support our historical institution and its leadership, and positively affect the lives of our students. Together, we can make a difference!

This administration will be one of transparency that extends across all generations. Over the years, I have established relationships and worked with many Tougalooians and I am extending an olive branch to TCNAA members and all alumni to become engaged and stay connected. There are many opportunities that await your input and involvement. Tougaloo College belongs to all of us and it will take the entire village to work together to keep our institution relevant, via-

ble, and sustainable. Our institution has always stood among the best as a school of academic excellence with nationally acclaimed graduates.

### My Platform:

- ◆ Host quarterly communication meetings with TCNAA Chapter Presidents.
- ◆ Revitalize regional alumni conferences.
- ◆ Strengthen the alumni giving committee and to expand the portfolio to include growing alumni giving percentages and engaging outside donors in our respective communities.
- ◆ Develop a membership engagement plan to ensure diversity and inclusion of all Tougaloo College alumni.
- ◆ Partner with the College to ensure its continued growth and success.

Yours in service,

Joyce Small Delk '72, MPA

TCNAA President-Elect

## Alumni Message from President Walters

Dear Tougaloo Alumni,

We hope that you, your family, and your loved ones are healthy and well and enjoying the summer. It is hard to believe that we have been on this journey together for nearly twenty-three months—and what an exciting journey it has been! Thank you for your ideas, recommendations, and support that have helped cultivate success for our students and the special place you love and cherish—The Loo.

Our Strategic Planning Process is underway, and I am pleased to update you on our progress. National higher education strategic planning consulting firm CREDO is providing leadership and guidance to assist us with the development of *Strategic Plan 2025*. In addition, CREDO engaged the trustees, administrators, faculty, staff, and students in discovery sessions. In July, we will engage alumni leaders and business partners in discovery sessions. Input and ideas from all of our stakeholders will be critical to shaping the foundation for developing strategic goals and objectives for *Strategic Plan 2025*. Below is an overview of the strategic planning process timeline:

**Leadership Team Retreat:** CREDO engaged the leadership team in three days of activities reviewing essential context and existing information and exercises to dream about Tougaloo's future to design the strategy map. (January 27<sup>th</sup>, January 28<sup>th</sup>, February 2<sup>nd</sup>)

**Board Engagement Retreat:** CREDO engaged the trustees in exercises to solicit their vision and dreams about Tougaloo's future. (January 27<sup>th</sup>, January 28<sup>th</sup>)

**Community Day:** Faculty, staff, and student leaders participated in activities to solicit their input and dreams about Tougaloo's future. (March 10<sup>th</sup>)

**Planning Committee Launch:** The Strategic Planning Team began reviewing data gathered from the leadership team, board, faculty, staff, and students to prepare for the next phase of the planning process. (April, May, June)

**Alumni Leaders and Partners Session:** Alumni leaders and business and community partners will share their ideas and perspectives about Tougaloo's future. (July)

**Theme Team Meetings:** Thematic groups will collect quantitative and qualitative data; assess our strengths, challenges, opportunities, and weaknesses; develop strategic plan themes and goals and objectives to begin drafting the plan. (July, August)

**Planning Committee Close:** The Strategic Planning Team will share a draft of the plan with the campus community for feedback. (September)



Photo courtesy of D'Cory Owens, Tougaloo College Communications

**Approval of Strategic Plan:** The strategic plan will be presented at the Annual Board of Trustees meeting for approval. (October)

The new strategic plan will be an ambitious yet exciting undertaking for the Tougaloo community. I am excited about our progress and want to express my deep appreciation to the Strategic Planning Steering Committee for their time and dedication to one of the College's most important stretch assignments that will impact every stakeholder. I am pleased to have our strategic planning process underway and eager to complete the plan and put it into action.

It is my pleasure to share some significant initiatives now underway. First, construction work is nearly complete for connecting East and West County Line Roads, and we will announce the date for the ribbon-cutting ceremony soon. Second, a team of experts has started renovation work to replace the windows in historic Woodworth Chapel and Galloway Hall. Other renovations in Galloway Hall include replacing the roof, installing new flooring and lighting, repairing the ceilings and walls, bringing the Northeast wing back online, and converting space on the first floor into a computer lab. Third, we are relocating the bookstore to the L. Zenobia Coleman Library and the mailroom to Warren Hall. Fourth, upgrades have started at Kincheloe, Jamerson, and Berkshire Halls. Finally, restoration work to complete the interior of the historic Robert O. Wilder Building, "The Mansion," will begin this September. Watch for updates on these projects.

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Congratulations to the newly elected TCNAA Executive Board officers whose three-year terms begin July 1, 2021: Joyce Small Delk, *President*; Hosea James, *Vice President*; Ro'chelle Williams, *Recording Secretary*; Herman Porter, Sr., *Treasurer*; and Elane Coleman, *Alumni Representative to the Board of Trustees*.

I am incredibly honored to pay tribute to Tougaloo Alumnus of the Year James McQuirter. Please join me in congratulating TCNAA's newest distinguished honorees selected for induction into the Hall of Fame: Attorney Amanda Green Alexander '98, *Government and Law*; Paul Douglas McQuirter '74, *Business*; Dr. Alfred McNair, Jr. '71 and Dr. LaTonya Washington '00, *Medicine*; and Freddi Williams Evans '77, *Education*. Our alumni continue to make us proud through their accomplishments, and we look forward to recognizing them in October.

In July, we will roll out our new logos and branding along with branding standards to ensure a cohesive brand across all platforms as part of an effort to authentically tell the

Tougaloo story. In addition, our partner, Ellucian, will redesign the website to provide the best possible user experience with engaging, interactive, informative, and accessible content. If you have any questions about specific uses, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Communications at 601-977-7904. We welcome everyone's engagement in helping keep the Tougaloo College brand consistent and strong!

Thank you for being a part of the continued journey of *preserving* and *advancing excellence*.

Sincerely,



Carmen J. Walters, Ph.D.  
President

## Farewell From President David Miller

Dear Fellow Alumni and Friends,

As our administration concludes its term, I would like to thank you for your support, dedication and service. The motto of our administration was "To leave the association in a better place than when we started." Looking back over these three years, I believe that we have accomplished that task.

We have dedicated ourselves to advancing the association not only financially, but also in having an open and transparent administration. We worked through all problems and accepted responsibility for all missteps. We dedicated ourselves to being faithful and dedicated servants.

All achievements and successes we achieved were directly related to you, our alumni and friends. We thank you for your support and belief in our administration.

As the new administration takes office, we stand ready to assist and pledge our support of their efforts, goals, and objectives. And, we ask you, our alumni and friends to provide them with your support and financial assistance. Because if they are successful, the association benefits from their efforts.



I encourage the new administration to do better than we did, to achieve bigger successes, and to boldly take the association to greater heights. You are the captain of the ship. Steer us into deep and safe waters, avoiding all rocks and storms.

As I close, I want to again thank you and let you know that it has truly been my honor and pleasure to serve as President of TCNAA. And, I encourage all alumni and friends to join the association, participate in your local chapters, and contribute to our beloved Eagle Queen because together we can achieve more.

In the words of that old African Proverb: "When spider webs unite, they can tie up a lion."

God bless and stay safe. I am Tougaloo. You are Tougaloo. We are Tougaloo.

Yours for Tougaloo,

David E. Miller, Esq.



## TCNAA Administration Accomplishments and Highlights (July 1, 2018-April 30, 2021)



Increased the TCNAA account balance from \$15,000 to approximately \$100,000.



Membership grows from approximately 600 to over 1,000.



Quarterly Zoom meetings between the President of the College and the TCNAA Board of Directors of established.



Increased the Raymond James (TCNAA Rainy Day) account from approximately \$39,000 to approximately \$52,000.



TCNAA contributed \$88,875 to Tougaloo College for scholarships.  
2018 - \$10,000  
2019 - \$38,500  
2020 - \$40,375



Sold approximately \$6,400 in Luggage Tags and Masks, initiated by Chairwoman Joyce Delk (face mask) and Alumni Affairs Director Doris Bridgeman made referrals to the committee for luggage tags.



Netted \$116,739.19 from the Hall of Fame Awards/Fundraiser  
2018-\$35,313.65  
2019 - \$31,831.01  
2020-\$49,549.53



President David Miller represented TCNAA on the Board of Trustees of Tougaloo College on the  
1) Student Life  
2) Health and Wellness  
3) Physical Resources (Vice-Chair)  
4) Economic Development Corporation and  
5) Institutional Advancements Committees.



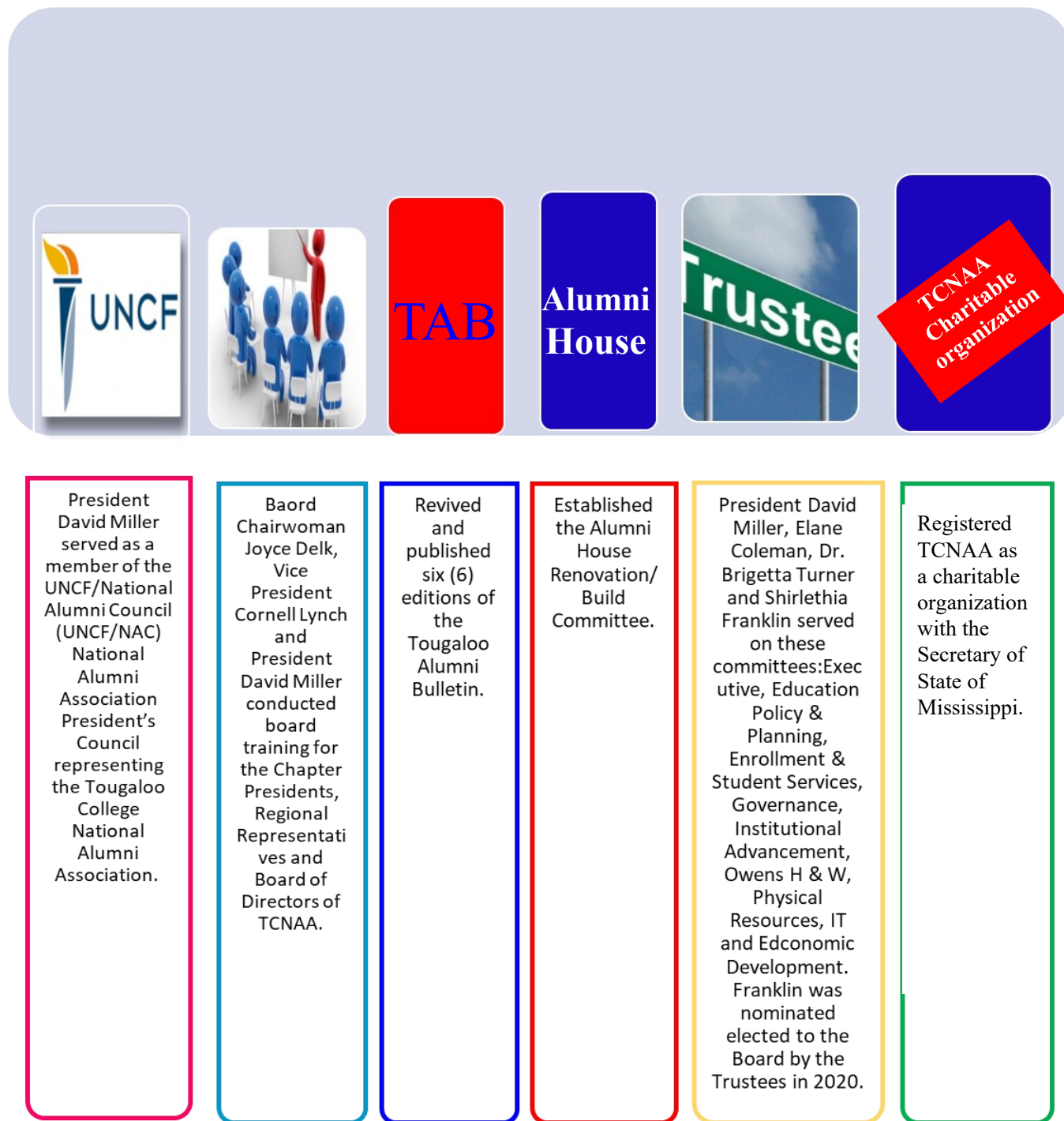
Alumni Trustee Elane Coleman chaired the College's Logo and Information Technology Committees, served on the Executive, Student Life, Education Policy & Planning, Physical Resources committee & Economic Development Corp.



President David Miller represented TCNAA on the College's Presidential Search Committee.

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## Board of Directors Chairwoman Message



Fellow Tougalooians:

Thank you for your continued commitment and unwavering support to Tougaloo College during these unprecedented times. It is because of dedicated alumni like yourselves that our alma mater continues to excel, ranking among the most prestigious HBCUs. Most importantly, thank you for the support you have provided to the Tougaloo College National Alumni Association (TCNAA) Board and the organization during my tenure as Board Chair.

Tougaloo College continues to be “that special place” that we all hold dearly. Your support has played a pivotal role in providing the Board of Trustees, the President and her Cabinet, the staff, and the students the assuredness that Tougaloo alumni and supporters want this institution to remain relevant, viable and sustainable. As Board Chairwoman, I continue to appeal to you to financially support our alma mater, and to encourage other alumni to get involved and do the same. During the past year, the Board has continued to work closely with TCNAA President David Miller and the Executive Committee in collaboration with President Walters and her Cabinet to stay abreast and to support the College initiatives. Tougaloo College, like many other HBCUs, is tuition driven. We need to make every effort to increase enrollment, wear our college paraphernalia, attend college fairs, volunteer, advocate, and donate. Please be mindful that it is not always about the amount of money you contribute, but the number of alumni who make a contribution

### Office of Alumni Relations Establishes “Eagles for Life” Young Alumni Program

Doris Bridgeman, Director of Alumni Affairs

The Office of Alumni Relations is proud to announce the establishment of the 2021 Tougaloo College Young Alumni Program Initiative, “Eagles for Life” comprising the members of the Classes of 2010 to 2020. In the initial process, a Young Alumni Council Steering committee has been formed to implement the objectives of the program. The Council is comprised of former members of the Tougaloo College Pre-Alumni Council and Student Leadership associated with the Offices of Alumni Relations and Institutional Advancement, along with the Tougaloo College National Alumni Association (TCNAA). The goal of the “Eagles for Life” Steering Committee is to develop and implement a Young Alumni Program that will engage alumni graduates between the years of 2010 and 2020 as equal alumni stakeholders, and to enhance the financial stability of the college through financial donations and in-kind services. Over the coming months, and into the future, members of the last decade of Tougalooians will have the opportunity to meet the following objectives:

- ◆ Participate in planning and implementing programs by contacting other graduates between the Classes of 2010 and 2020 for better engagement with the College and

that makes a difference when the President makes the ask of corporations and other donors! Every little bit helps! We need to own Tougaloo, and as one alum put it, “Whatever we do, we should never forget dear ole Tougaloo!” Let’s put any issues we may have experienced while matriculating at the dear ole Eagle Queen behind us, and move forward. We all make mistakes, and will continue to do so, however, we must remember that if it were not for Tougaloo providing us with a quality college education that helped us to jump start our careers, where would most of us be? Let’s be vigilant! Let our support for Tougaloo be unwavering! Let’s work tirelessly to get Tougalooians back in the fold! Let’s work to ensure Tougaloo College is ranked in the top five of HBCUs!

The Board commends President Miller on his excellent leadership during the past three years. He has worked hand in hand with the Board and has done a yeoman’s job in leading the organization, spearheading fundraising efforts, representing us on the Board of Trustees, participating in college and other events, and galvanizing alumni. His high achievements will definitely challenge the new administration.

The Board will continue to do its part to work and strategize with its members to ensure that our combined energies are focused on the sustainability of this “special place” for another 150 plus years. WE ARE TOUGALOO!

Tougaloo Proud!

Joyce Small Delk ’72, MPA

other alumni.

- ◆ Teach Tougaloo graduates between the Classes of 2010 and 2020 the importance of assisting through giving annual contributions and services for the College.
- ◆ Encourage young alumni to return to the College throughout the year.
- ◆ Develop lifelong relationships through networking, peer engagement, and servant leadership.

Congratulations to the past decade of leaders who are tasked with enhancing the livelihood of the College and each other. The following young alumni have been designated as Co-Chairs of the Steering Committee who will lead the engagement of the Council and their peers of the Classes 2010 to 2020 onward: Dr. Khirsten Echols Scott ’12, Dr. Farryl Franklin ’10, Dr. Courtney Mangum ’17, and Mr. Spencer Davis ’17.

All members of the graduating classes of this decade and beyond will have the opportunity to become more engaged in the enrichment of our beloved Alma Mater, Tougaloo College, with a historic legacy of more than 151 years! For more information please contact, Doris Griffith Bridgeman, Director of Alumni Relations at [dbridgeman@tougaloo.edu](mailto:dbridgeman@tougaloo.edu).

## FY2020 – 2021 ALUMNI GIVING REPORT

*July 1, 2020 – June 28, 2021*

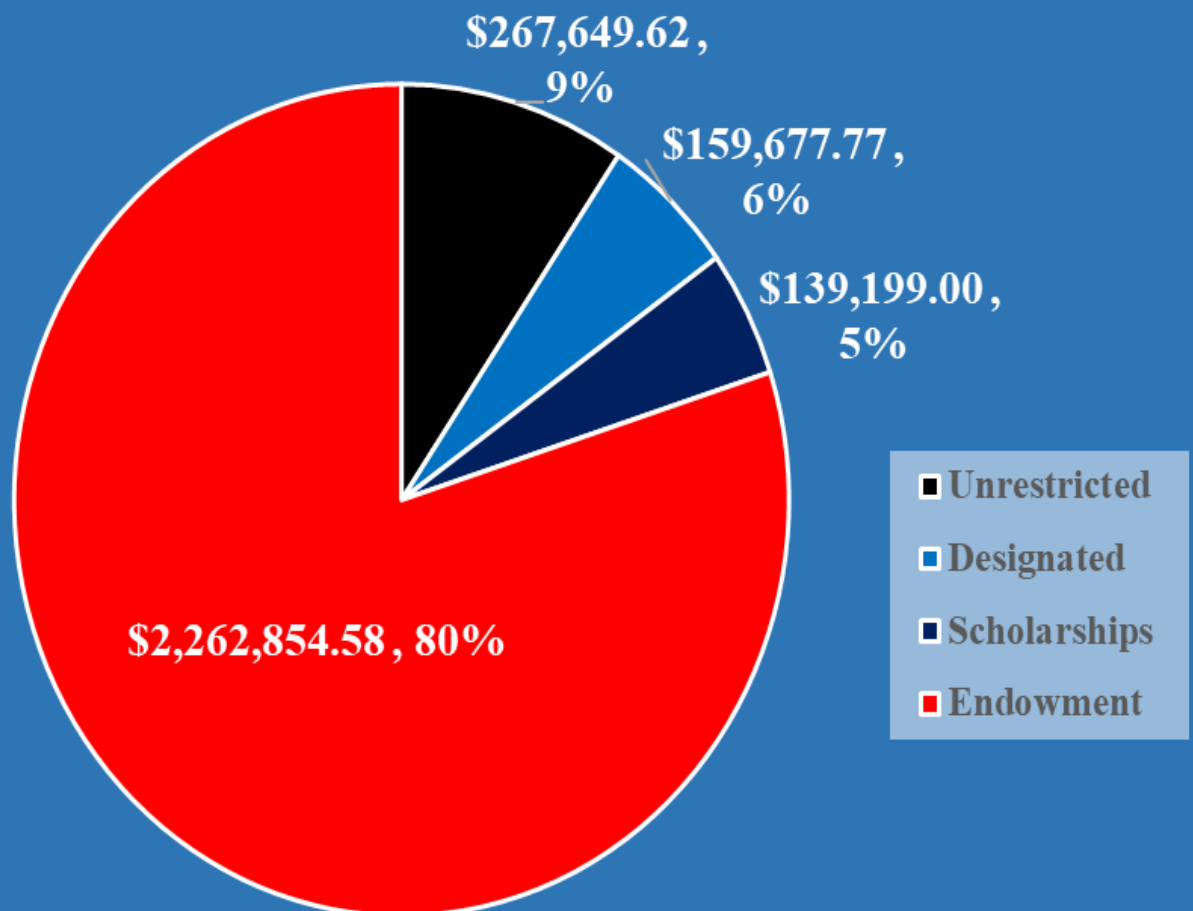
Overall Alumni Giving Goal - \$1,266,200

Total Alumni Giving Amount - \$2,829,380.97 @ 230.74%

Alumni Participation Rate: 11% (730 alumni donors (donor goal: 1500))

Average Alumni Giving Rate: 60% (% of all constituent donations)

### Alumni Giving as of June 28, 2021



## Atlanta Chapter Update

Sterling Dunkley '89, President

The Atlanta Tougaloo Alumni Chapter congratulates and honors Atlanta alumni members, Dot Boler '67 and Dr. Lakeysha Hallmon '04. The Chapter recognizes Alumna Dot Boler with The ATAC Appreciation Award. Alumna Boler was instrumental in beginning the Tougaloo Atlanta Chapter. She also was one of the organizers of the TCNAA National Weekend that occurred in the 90s in Atlanta. Dot is very active in the Chapter and always gives of her time and service.

Dr. Lakeysha Hallmon is being awarded the ATAC Eagle Queen Award of Excellence. Alumna Hallmon is the founder of The Village Market Atlanta. Founded in 2016, the Village Market ATL has been a catalyst in bringing national exposure to black-owned businesses. The Village has become a staple in the city of Atlanta, an economic vehicle, and has coined the phrase, "Support is a Verb."

The Atlanta Tougaloo Alumni Chapter is also looking forward to an in-person meeting in August. This meeting will serve as a welcome to recent graduates that have moved to the Atlanta area and a sendoff to students returning to the Eagle Queen.

## New Orleans Area Tougaloo Alumni Chapter Salutes Clifton W. Jeffery '02

Clifton W. Jeffery, a native of Vicksburg and 2002 graduate of Tougaloo, has been a special agent of the U.S. Department of State's Diplomatic Security Service since 2007. As a

sworn federal law enforcement officer, he is responsible for investigating visa and passport fraud, protecting the U.S. Secretary of State and foreign dignitaries, and protecting official Americans and diplomatic facilities abroad.

Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) Jeffery has previously served in the Houston Field Office and the Boston Field Office. He currently serves as the Resident Agent-in-Charge of the New Orleans Resident Office. In addition to conducting dozens of criminal investigations, he has protected six Secretaries of State and other notable figures.

Internationally, he served in diplomatic missions in Pakistan, Botswana, Iraq, Eritrea and Syria. SSA Jeffery has received several State Department awards and recognitions including a 2011 Heroism Award (<https://2009-2017.state.gov/m/ds/rls/205938.htm>). In 2019, he was named Diplomatic Security Special Agent of the Year.

He chose to attend Tougaloo because of his interest in a small



college where professors and administrators were known for their interest in the success of their students. While a student, he expressed an interest in international relations and although Tougaloo had not previously participated in the Model United Nations Conference in New York, his professors helped assemble a team. It was SSA Jeffery's first time in New York and in the United Nations. Fast forward 15 years, he was back there as the agent-in-charge of the former Libyan Foreign Minister Mohamed Taher Siala's protective detail. Tougaloo planted that seed. He particularly credits Dr. Stephen Rozman's influence and mentorship. After earning his B.A. in political science at Tougaloo, SSA Jeffery went on to obtain a J.D. from Mississippi College School of Law.

SSA Jeffery is a member of the New Orleans Area Alumni Chapter, a regional representative for the Tougaloo College National Alumni Association, a monthly contributor to the Honorable Eric Holder Endowed Scholarship, a lifetime member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, a recipient of the Tougaloo College "40 Under 40" recognition and has mentored young people through several programs in cities where he resided.

In September, SSA Jeffery, along with his wife Beverly and four-year-old daughter Kennedy, will move to Washington, DC, where he will undertake ten months of Arabic language training in preparation for his next assignment at the U.S. Embassy in Cairo, Egypt.

## North Carolina Tougaloo Alumni Chapter

Dr. Angela Miller Gobar '76, President

Since the reactivation of the North Carolina Tougaloo Alumni Chapter in February, 2021, the following activities have taken place:

The following alumni were selected as Officers:

Dr. Angela Miller Gobar, '76, President

Dr. Aja B. Gobar, '03, Vice President

Mrs. Alysia Davis Osborne, '99, Secretary

Mr. David Oscar Groomes, '81, Treasurer

The Chapter held an Alumni "Getting to Know You" Zoom Mixer in April. The Mixer engaged alumni through Tougaloo trivia, and Tell Us About Yourself bingo. Everyone had a great time; and, we learned more about one another, since our days at Tougaloo. Alumna Aja Gobar and Eleanor Jones did an exceptional job coordinating this fun and enjoyable event.

Chapter President, Angela Gobar attended and participated in the TCNAA Annual Spring meeting. During the meeting she gave an update on the NC Tougaloo Alumni Chapter activities. Currently, chapter members are in the process of identifying other Tougaloo Alumni living throughout the state. The current membership is twelve (12).

Finally, the NC Chapter is exploring its first fundraising event. Members from the Triangle area: Raleigh, Durham, and Chapel Hill are taking the lead. We look forward to providing more details in future updates.



## What's New from the Greater New York Tougaloo Alumni Chapter?

Courtney Newsome '04, President

In 2020 and the first half of 2021, the Greater New York Tougaloo Alumni Chapter participated in efforts to raise funds for the College and sponsored activities to inform students in the New York/New Jersey area of the many benefits of attending our beloved Eagle Queen and HBCUs/UNCF institutions. Personal accolades were also achieved by members of the chapter.

To raise funds for our institution, the chapter hosted an auction of items donated by members of the chapter and a local artist (including homemade blankets, gift baskets, and jewelry), held as an online virtual event. The event was spearheaded by chapter treasurer Evelyn Lewis and vice president Elane Coleman. A total of \$1,761.50 was donated to Tougaloo's 1869 Fund on behalf of the chapter. Sincere appreciation is extended to those who supported the event.

To raise awareness of the positive outcomes of attending Tougaloo, chapter president Courtnei Newsome participated in a discussion/presentation along with recruiter Joel Swan, as part of a virtual HBCU information session for NYC-area high school guidance counselors and college access programs. During the session, personal stories were shared, and participants were able to gain insight into differences and similarities between Mississippi and the various areas of New York state. The chapter has recently been included in the Greater NY-Inter Alumni Council of the UNCF and will participate in activities to ensure that Tougaloo is represented.

Chapter secretary Frank Williams received the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from The College of Westchester. This was awarded in recognition of decades of public service to the youth of the city of White Plains, NY.

The chapter envisions continuing to establish activities that will bring financial support to our institution and engaging in endeavors that will promote Tougaloo in the greater NY area.

In the early spring of this year, we witnessed the transition of alumna Lynda Woods Cleary, class of 1972. Lynda was one of the longest serving members of the chapter. She also worked tirelessly for the Inter Alumni Council of the National Alumni Council, her beloved Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and countless other local, regional and national civic and professional organizations. To paraphrase the comments of those who knew her, "When she decided to act, she did so with great determination and was a force to be reckoned with." Lynda will be missed dearly.



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## Houston Chapter Thanks David Miller for Exemplary Work as TCNAA President

Emleigh Mitchell '00, President

The Houston Chapter would like to thank outgoing TCNAA president, David Miller for his untiring service to the national

alumni organization over the past three years. During his tenure, he and his administration have moved TCNAA to a new level of excellence. Miller says the three major accomplishments he is particularly proud of are: 1) Increasing the TCNAA account balance from \$15,000 to approximately \$100,000 which included netting over \$100,000 with Hall of Fame events; 2) Increasing TCNAA membership from about 600 to over 1,000, and 3) Bringing back transparency and getting people involved in TCNAA.

Miller is not new in his dedication and diligent work for Tougaloo. Anyone who knows Miller knows he wears his love for Tougaloo on his sleeves and in his heart. Miller is a proud member of the class of 1972 and very much looking forward to celebrating his Golden Reunion next year. He is a charter member of the Houston Area Alumni Chapter. He was the Director of Alumni Affairs from 1994 to 1997, served two terms as Alumni Representative, served several terms as president of the Houston Area Alumni Chapter, was a Western Regional Representative for TCNAA, represented Tougaloo as a past National Alumni Council member for the UNCF and has the distinguished honor of having been inducted into the Tougaloo College Alumni Hall of Fame. He is the third TCNAA president from the Houston Area Alumni Chapter.

Miller says the biggest challenge for the incoming TCNAA administration is to not duplicate what he did, but to do better. He says it is incumbent upon the new administration to "Get young members to join and become active members of TCNAA, continue transparency and build on what his administration put in place. Develop its own agenda; make it better."

Regarding getting young alumni more active, Miller says, "It's not just a Tougaloo problem. Other UNCF member institutions are trying to get the young alums involved. In order to make the organization grow—even if you think they are flawed—you need to come into the organization and help solve those problems and flaws. Come in and change from the inside. Give us your vision, your ideas, and passion, not only on the national level, but also at the chapter level. Support your institution." Miller says that only about 12-13% of Tougaloo alums give back to the College. That equates to about 650 alumni when we have over four to five thousand." When the percentage of alumni giving back increases, it puts the president of the College in a better position when she is raising money for the institution.

Miller's mantra when he took office in 2018 was, "Leave the organization in a better position than when he started." The highlights of his administration shows that he accomplished it. Miller says, "It was truly my pleasure and my honor to serve as president. I would like to thank everyone who worked with us and supported us. I will give all my support to the new administration."

The Houston Chapter looks forward to David's continued work for the College and for all the work he continues to do with the local Houston Chapter.



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Missed an event from Commencement Week or Dr. Walters' Investiture Ceremony? No worries, here are the links to this spring event:

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## TCNAA Membership

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To You*

*“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*

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