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ALUMNI AFFAIRS DIRECTOR DORIS BRIDGEMAN RETIRES

This time it's for real. Alumna extraordinaire and longtime Director of Alumni Relations, Doris Bridgeman '69, is hanging up her official alumni affairs hat. In December, she announced that she planned to retire, but because of the vital role she plays in all things alumni-related, she was asked to stay on through the end of the College's fiscal year, June 30th.

Bridgeman has forged exceptional relationships with alumni throughout her 14-year tenure as alumni relations director. To her credit, she has revitalized or started alumni chapters throughout the country – ensuring that the Tougaloo College story is remembered and shared by all who love our dear Alma Mater. Over the years, she has had the opportunity to visit each chapter, encouraging alumni to inform their communities about the excellent education Tougaloo College affords young people.



For 14 years, Bridgeman has exemplified what a true servant-leader looks like. Anyone who knows Bridgeman or has worked with her has witnessed firsthand her genuine dedication, commitment and love for our Eagle Queen. When alumni called, she answered. If she didn't know the answer, she researched it and got back with whomever made the inquiry. Being responsive and easy to work with are two of her endearing characteristics.

Although petite in stature, she is a powerful orator and communicator. The passion she exudes when she talks about the College paints vivid pictures of Tougaloo – a special place. If you have had the honor of hearing her recite the words,



Doris with PAC members and Tougaloo Alumni

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“Tougaloo College, where the moss hangs low and the eagles soar high,” then you were able to feel her deep and everlasting love for the College.

It is clear that Bridgeman is a woman of great preparation, another endearing characteristic. She is stickler for planning, collaborating and flawlessly executing whatever task is put before her. That is why some of her proudest work has been with the Pre-Alumni Council (PAC) and the United Negro College Fund National Pre-Alumni



Doris with members of the Chicago Alumni Chapter.

Council (UNCF/NPAC), where year after year leaders were made and numerous awards were garnered. She caringly poured into each student, ensuring that they unleashed their greatest potential and talents.

Bridgeman was also a mainstay whenever the Tougaloo College Concert Choir traveled across the country, showcasing the exponential talents of Tougaloo’s students. Her introductions of the choir prepared the audience for what they were about to experience. In addition to her work with the students, she worked with the National Alumni Association, alumni chapters, all reunion classes,



Doris with members of the Washington Alumni Chapter.



Doris with some members of the Jackson Alumni Chapter.

and other student groups.

To say Bridgeman will be missed is an understatement. While she will no longer serve in her official role as Director of Alumni Relations, she assures us that she leaves the position in good hands and is always a phone call away when needed. And, she says she will always provide her talents and service to Tougaloo – only now from the seat of an alum.

During commencement weekend, TCNAA gave Bridgeman a reception in her honor, over which past TCNAA president David Miller presided. President Emeriti Dr. Beverly Hogan was joined by other alumni in paying tributes as well as offering well wishes for her retirement.

Thank you, Doris Bridgeman, for pouring into us and allowing us to experience the goodness that you shared with all. We wish you much needed rest and relaxation in your new chapter.



Doris with members of the Houston Alumni Chapter.

One of Bridgeman's oft recited poems was *Who Flies the Kite?*

Who Flies the Kite

By G. Osborne Gregory

Who flies the kite?
I fly the kite says the boy, it's my greatest joy!
Who flies the kite?
I fly the kite says the string, it's my thing!
Who flies the kite?
I fly the kite says the wind, it moves at my every whim!
Who flies the kite?
I fly the kite says the tail, I'm the one that makes it sail!
All of them wrong, All of them right,
It takes all of them to fly the kite!!!

**Photos from the TCNAA reception on
May 6, 2023.**



BOARD OF TRUSTEES PRESS RELEASE



Dr. Donzell Lee

Dear Tougaloo College Community,

Dr. Carmen J. Walters, Tougaloo College's 14th president, has informed the Board of Trustees of her intent to step down, effective June 30, 2023, at the completion of the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we thank Dr. Walters for her service to the College and her efforts to build upon our 155-year history. We are especially grateful to Dr. Walters for her leadership over these past four years - leading the College through the COVID-19 global pandemic, significantly increasing the College's endowment, and strengthening our external partnerships with organizations such as the United Negro College Fund (UNCF), among others. We, along with the entire Tougaloo College family, wish her well in her future endeavors.

As we look forward, the Board of Trustees will conduct a national search for Tougaloo College's next president. The Board will establish a search committee, to be co-chaired by Trustees Dr. Blondean Y. Davis and Dr. Chris Gilmer, both of whom are well-respected administrators in academia. The search committee will be composed of faculty, staff, students, alumni, and community members.

To lead the College in an interim capacity, the Board has unanimously appointed Dr. Donzell Lee to serve as President, effective July 1, 2023.

Dr. Lee is a highly respected university administrator, faculty leader, public servant, and educational consultant with more than 40 years of diverse leadership experience. He has served as Interim President of Alcorn State University during its 2018-19 presidential search and later as Special Assistant to the President during the 2019-2020 academic year. Prior to that service, he served Alcorn for decades in numerous roles, including Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Vice Provost, Dean of the School of Graduate Studies, Chair of the Department of Fine Arts, and tenured Professor, among others. An expert in reaffirmation of accreditation, Dr. Lee also led Alcorn's successful reaffirmation efforts with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). Upon his retirement in July 2020, he was named Professor Emeritus at Alcorn. Dr. Lee holds a Ph.D. in music education from Louisiana State University, master's degree from Stanford University, and bachelor's degree from Xavier University of Louisiana.

We greatly appreciate Dr. Lee for his willingness to pause his retirement and lend his extraordinary leadership talents and deep expertise in higher education to our beloved Eagle Queen, and we welcome him to the Tougaloo family.

With eternal gratitude and optimism,

Edmond E. Hughes, Jr.
Chairman, Tougaloo College Board of Trustees

A Message from the President



Dear Tougaloo College Family,

Tougaloo College is a remarkable institution with enviable academic excellence and activism legacy. Its impact on our alumni, the state of Mississippi, and our nation is immeasurable, and I consider myself fortunate to have had the opportunity to lead this historic institution. As such, it is bittersweet to announce that I will step down as president of Tougaloo College, effective June 30, 2023.

I am overjoyed by all that my administrative team and I have accomplished since my arrival in July 2019. While navigating through a devastating pandemic and combating record-breaking low enrollment for HBCUs nationwide, Tougaloo College made significant strides. I celebrate this progress with our entire Tougaloo family, including our students, faculty, staff, Board of Trustees, and alumni. Together, we have:

Academics

- Navigated through a devastating COVID-19 pandemic, requiring us to pivot to remote teaching and learning, adjust finances to ensure continuity in cash flow, and implement COVID prevention practices to manage all teaching, learning, work, and other activities safely and orderly.
- Successfully weathered a cyber-attack that attempted to disrupt and access data, functions, or other restricted areas of the College's network system.
- Improved our national ranking. In 2021, US News & World Report ranked Tougaloo No. 2 among the top three National Liberal Arts Colleges; advanced Tougaloo from No. 16 to No. 12 as one of the country's top best Historically Black Colleges and Universities; and named Tougaloo No. 3 as a social mobility performer among National Liberal Arts Colleges.
- Created opportunities for more high schoolers to access college courses. The Board of Trustees approved the Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit policy created to increase the number of high school students who simultaneously earn college credit while in high school, paving the way for more than 50 high school students to obtain their associate degrees while earning their high school diploma at Tougaloo College.
- Developed new academic programs in Cyberse-

curity, Data Science, and Business Accounting) to grow enrollment, maintain relevancy in the curriculum, and differentiate the institution.

Athletics

- Celebrated winning teams. The Men's Basketball team celebrated winning two back-to-back Gulf Coast Athletic Conference Championships, and the College recognized their achievement with ring ceremonies.
- Launched the Electronic Sports (Esports) video competition program, winning Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 championships.
- Added women's flag football, men's and women's soccer, and competitive cheer and dance to the athletic program.

Facilities

- Improved our facilities. The College invested over \$4 million to renovate/upgrade campus facilities, including Galloway Hall, New Women's, Renner, and AA Branch Residence Halls, Jamerson Hall, Zenobia Coleman Library, Pope Cottage, George A. and Ruth B. Owens Health and Wellness Center, and Woodworth Chapel. In addition, renovations are underway to upgrade Warren Hall Cafeteria and install additional windows in Woodworth Chapel.
- Consulted with a landscape architect to develop a plan that enhanced the College's outdoor spaces, including trees, plantings, walks, and landscapes.
- Added exterior banners and signage for major campus facilities.

National Recognition

- Strengthened our financial standing. In 2021, Tougaloo made the Top 10 Forbes List of Achievers and Most Improved Colleges Financially.
- Been featured by Philanthropic People, which highlighted Tougaloo in its February 28, 2022 issue for the gift of \$10 million from Reed Hastings, CEO of Netflix, and his wife, film producer Patricia Quillin.
- Been highlighted by the Chronicle of Philanthropy, which featured Tougaloo College in its June 1, 2021 issue for the \$6 million gift from Philanthropist MacKenzie Scott.

Fundraising

- Attracted national philanthropists MacKenize Scott, Reed Hastings, Patty Quillens, and others including several anonymous donors, one who donated \$2.5 million) to the College whose investments afforded the institution to grow the endowment by more than 50 percent from \$14 million in 2019 to \$31 million in 2023.

- Established an endowed scholarship for male students. I gifted \$50,000 to the College to honor my husband's legacy, Mr. Wayne Walters, establishing an endowed scholarship to support black and brown males majoring in STEM.
- Launched the inaugural Tougaloo College President's Circle honoring donors who have given one million dollars or more to Tougaloo College in their lifetime.

Institutional

- Launched the 2021-2026 strategic plan, Preserving the Past, Advancing Tomorrow.
- Celebrated the College's sesquicentennial with events and activities commemorating lifelong traditions, honoring liberal arts education, recognizing inspiring visionaries and fearless leaders who made the institution's progress possible, acknowledged donors, named several interior, and external spaces on Tougaloo's campus.
- Nurtured our social justice mission by collaborating with the Episcopal Church on a proposal to build the Tougaloo College Center for Racial Justice and Equity. This world-class center would combine groundbreaking academic research and meaningful scholarship in ways that allow Tougaloo to make substantial contributions to creating a more just and equitable society. The Center would provide a home for the college's Civil Rights documents and the Tougaloo College Archives. Most importantly, this center would enable the college to attract new students and scholars, develop new parts of our campus footprint, and advance our legacy of advocating for social change. The Board is exploring this option further.
- Made history again, becoming one of nine HBCUs in the Howard University-led UARC consortium focusing on tactical autonomy, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, machine learning, and K-12 activities to attract students to STEM field careers. Tougaloo is the only four-year liberal arts institution associated with a UARC, collaborating with Virginia State University, Hampton University, Delaware State University, Bowie State University, Tuskegee University, Florida Memorial University, Norfolk State University, and Jackson State University in research endeavors in collaboration with the United States Department of Defense.

Marketing/Branding

- Unveiled the Board-approved new trademarked logo, seal, and other marks designed to reflect the College's forward momentum, solidify the institution's name recognition among the nation's best colleges and universities, and build pride and visibility.

- Partnered with the Collegiate Licensing Company and Logo Brands Design Approval and Royalties to protect, promote, grow, and maximize our potential to sell our brands.

Partnerships

- Digitized 100 percent of the College's American art collection through the support of the Henry Luce Foundation.
- Partnered with the United Negro College Fund and the Educational Advisory Board (EAB) through the Transformation Grant to strengthen our capacity to grow the College's enrollment. As a result, this Spring 2023, we successfully disrupted the application lag, enabling the institution to increase the number of freshman students applying to Tougaloo by 11.74 percent and increase transfer applications by 69.47 percent for Fall 2023. This Fall 2023 Freshman class includes 7 of the 15 Valedictorians and Salutatorians of the Jackson Public School District Class of 2023.
- Partnered with Hyatt-Fennell Executive Search Firm to recruit qualified leaders to fill three executive-level positions.
- Partnered with national industry technology leader Ellucian to strengthen the technological infrastructure. As a result, our technology is more robust across the board, and this partnership is a huge step forward as we make inroads to launch Tougaloo Online, prepare the College for a stronger future, and evolve to provide the best technology to the campus community.

As I reflect upon my time as President, I wish to thank the Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, students, and alumni for their support. It has been the honor and privilege of a lifetime to represent this distinguished institution through my interactions with several national leaders, policymakers, and other stakeholders. I will forever be grateful for the opportunity to represent Tougaloo College.

Our beloved Eagle Queen is magnificent to behold. Tougaloo has a rich history and a promising future. I will always reflect on my tenure at the College with pride and root for its continued success as a passionate supporter.

Yours in Service



Carmen J. Walters, Ph.D
President

TCNAA UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT DELK

June 2023

Dear Fellow Tougalooians:

Greetings! For more than 153 years, Tougaloo College has etched its path globally, producing alumni that have traversed social injustices, commandeered challenges, maneuvered the impassible, and propelled to the unimaginable. Tougalooians stand among the first to accomplish feats never thought possible by people of color, most notably many of whom were the first in their families to get a college degree. Tougaloo is “endurance.” No matter what we may face, Tougaloo College will endure. Our legacy speaks to this...our future seeks this.

We had an amazing “2023 Alumni Weekend.” We were able to celebrate Golden and Silver classes along with presenting the 2nd Annual “TCNAA ‘Kickback at the Loo’.” I enjoyed fellowshiping and reminiscing with alumni across the weekend. I was glad to see the alumni support at the Two Rivers Gala and the Alumni Banquet including the retirement reception for our Director of Alumni Relations, Doris Griffith Bridgeman ’69. I am grateful to all who made this alumni weekend a success. TCNAA is able to do what it does because of you. I am really appreciative of the work of the Commencement Steering Committee, led by Vice President Hosea James ’00. I look forward to the 2024 Alumni Weekend!

I am reminded of a quote by Maya Angelou that says, “You don’t have to think about doing the right thing. If you are for the right thing, then you do it without thinking.” The TCNAA Executive Committee and Board of Directors try constantly to represent the concerns and interests of its members...you. While our actions are not always made public, do know that we are not sitting silently or passively “at the table.” No. We may not always agree on the strategy, but we can always agree that all our efforts are aligned with keeping Tougaloo College open for many years to come. As I listen and answer questions from alumni, I have noticed that many are uninformed or partially informed about what we do or have done. I have determined to be more deliberate in reporting our actions. We will try to be even more accessible than we are now. My request in return is that alumni attend local meetings. TCNAA moves on the action of its members and/or chapters.

As Tougaloo College transitions to the 15th president, please know that we are committed to working with the interim leader. Dr. Donzel Lee, the College’s Interim President, has committed himself to working with the alumni association to resolve concerns and answer questions. We will



be arranging meetings in the next few weeks with chapter presidents and alumni to hear from Dr. Lee. At this time, I have nothing to report on Dr. Walters’ resignation or the presidential search. We wish Dr. Walters the best in her future endeavors. We are going to ensure that the alumni voice is heard during the search. Be on the lookout for opportunities to provide your thoughts on the type of leader we need.

As June 30th approaches, be assured that TCNAA will make its annual contribution of \$30,000. This end-of-the-year contribution is a culmination of funds provided across this 2023 Fiscal Year. TCNAA continues to provide funds to the College for scholarships and general operations. We understand the importance of not simply “talking about it, but being about it.” Let’s work tirelessly to ensure that our institution remains strong, competitive and affordable. Let’s continue to soar like Eagles, providing financial and in-kind assistance where needed. Let’s promote our Alma Mater **whenever, wherever** and to **whomever** we can!

Yours in service, I remain



Joyce Small Delk ’72
President

2023 COMMENCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS



(l-r) Commencement Speaker: Kristen Clarke, Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Justice; Honorary Degrees Recipients: Dr. Lula C. "L.C." Dorsey, Atty. Constance Slaughter Harvey '68, Joan Trumpauer Mulholland '64, Baccalaureate Ceremony Speaker: Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie, Interim President and General Secretary for the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA.



Tougaloo College Class of 2023



What a journey it has been!

To celebrate our achievement and say farewell to our beloved Eagle Queen....

Tougaloo College has provided us with the resources, guidance, and opportunities to reach the standard of excellence. We are the future leaders, innovators,

and change-makers of the world, and I have no doubt that we will make a positive impact wherever we go.

As we prepare to soar like eagles, remember to love yours. Appreciate the journey you have been on and the person you have become. Do not let the pressure of finding a job or starting a career overshadow your accomplishments. You are enough, just as you are.

Morgan Hunter
Senior Class President '23

Early High School Graduates

Students received their AA degrees



TCNAA ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

TCNAA 2023 Election Results

Submitted by Ro'chelle Williams

In early June, the TCNAA Nominations and Elections Committee announced the following winners of the 2023 election.

Alumni Representative to the Board of Trustees:

Dr. Brigetta K Turner '82

Alumnus of the Year

Mr. John Rosenthal '70

Congratulations to the winners!

Now read: *The Nominations and Elections Committee will meet on a predetermined date (to be set by the chairperson) for the purpose of collecting, opening, and reviewing all nominations. All nominees meeting the criteria will be placed on the election ballot. Ballots will be mailed to all active TCNAA members (dues paid by January 31)*

Article XIII, Section C (Nomination & Elections)

Revise to allow for electronic balloting/voting

The By-laws Committee will work to add the use of electronic voting to the TCNAA Local Chapter Guide.

TCNAA Constitution and By-laws: New Amendments Approved

During the annual Tougaloo College National Alumni Association's general membership meeting, held on Saturday, May 6th, the membership voted on and passed the following amendment changes to the TCNAA By-laws and TCNAA Local Chapter Guide.

TCNAA Hall of Fame (HOF) Nominations

Nominations for the TCNAA Hall of Fame closed on June 30. Over the next few weeks, nominees will be reviewed to determine the 2023 TCNAA inductees that will be honored in October during Founders' Weekend. Be on the lookout for future communication announcing the 2023 inductees.

Amendments to the TCNAA Bylaws

Article XV, Section 6 (Qualifications):

Add "for one year" to "C": *Must be an active member of a local chapter when such a chapter exists in his/her area."*

Now reads: *Must be an active member of a local chapter when such a chapter exists in his/her area for one year.*

Add "for two years" to "D": *Must be a financial member of the Association."*

Now reads: *Must be a financial member of the Association for two years.*

Amendments to the Local Chapter Guide

Article XIII, Section B (Nomination & Elections)

Replace "*due paid by March 30*" with "*dues paid by January 31.*"



TCNAA 2023 Alumnus of the Year



Congratulations to John Rosenthal '70 on his recent election as the 2023 Alumnus of the Year! Rosenthal serves as President of Tougaloo College Research and Development Foundation (TCRDF), an entity whose sole purpose is to support the research and development mission of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and

other Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs). The Research Foundation fulfills that mission by helping HBCUs and MSIs secure and execute federal and private sector grants and contracts and by facilitating partnerships with Federal agencies and the private sector.

Most of Rosenthal's career has been dedicated to working with or for HBCUs or a consortium of HBCUs. He has served as Director of the Urban Environment Institute at Howard University; Vice President for Research, Economic Development, and Public Service and Executive Director of the 1890 Program at South Carolina State University; and Vice President for Research, Advancement and Economic Development at Grambling State University.

Rosenthal has also served as Director of Environmental Justice for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the Washington representative for the National Conference of Black Mayors. In 2007, he formed EJ Conference, Inc., a non-profit organization that produced the Annual State of Environmental Justice in America Conference. This continued for six consecutive years when he assumed full-time duties at South Carolina State University.

Rosenthal graduated from Tougaloo College with a bachelor's degree in mathematics and from George Washington University with a Juris Doctorate Degree. He is an ordained deacon at Alfred Street Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia. Formal recognition of Rosenthal will take place in October at the Hall of Fame Banquet during Founders' Weekend.

TCNAA Announces 2022-2023 Scholarship Recipients

Submitted by Melody Fisher



Rokiyah Hobbs

We are delighted to share the exciting news of our recently awarded scholarships for the 2022-2023 academic year. These scholarships recognize students who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievements and a commitment to community service. Rokiyah Hobbs is the recipient of the First-Year Student Scholarship and Kelan Pickett was awarded the Returning Student Book Scholarship.

Hobbs is a 2022 graduate of Greenville High School, and is the daughter of Courtney Franklin-Hobbs. While at Greenville she served as SGA president, cheerleader, and member of the Beta Club. Pickett, a native of Gautier, is a rising senior English major and served as the 2022-2023

SGA Vice President. Presented inaugurally in Fall 2022 to students enrolled at Tougaloo, the First Year Student Scholarship awards \$2,000 the first year and can be renewed for up to three years. The Returning Student Scholarship provides a \$500 book scholarship to a currently enrolled student.

By providing financial assistance and recognition, we hope to support the next generation of Tougalooians in their pursuit of academic and personal growth.

Application, deadline and more information about the scholarships and TCNAA can be found on www.tcnaa.org.



Kelan Pickett

GOLDEN CLASS OF 2023



Submitted by J. Terry Davis '73

The Tougaloo College Class of 1973 celebrated its Golden reunion May 4th - May 7th. Along with classmate Jimmy Thompson of Dallas TX, I was privileged and honored to serve as an ambassador, class organizing agent, for the 50th Reunion Class.

Relatively speaking, we got a late start, as we didn't get going until around September 2022. The class set a goal of raising \$100,000.00. We exceeded that goal; and, the giving will continue to be recognized until June 30, 2023.



Serving as the class organizing agent was a lot of work and consuming of time and resources. But the joy of seeing and spending time with classmates 50 years after graduating was profound and very moving. We had a great time. Additionally, the class voted to continue meeting and having dialog.

Tougaloo College set paths for us that for many were not known or even foreseeable. Though in hindsight, as the names and titles were announced for those receiving the Golden Diplomas, it should have become clear to us and Tougaloo College, that because of a job well done, we were up for



At commencement, 34 members of the class received Golden Diplomas. Our graduating class of 1973 had a total of 149 graduates. God smiled on us during the entire commencement weekend. Rain was forecasted, but the

sun shone brightly and we were able to enjoy a traditional outdoor ceremony.

life's challenges and managed to succeed in endeavors that before Tougaloo College, would have been the roads untraveled. Thank you, Tougaloo College! And, thank you to the members of the 2023 Golden Class!



Silver Reunion Class



The Tougaloo College Class of 1998 recently celebrated its 25th Anniversary (Silver) at commencement exercises on the institution's campus on May 7, 2023. The class also raised and presented a check to the college for

\$32,000 during the May 6, 2023 Alumni Banquet. Judge Carlos D. Palmer, Attorney Amanda Alexander Taylor and Garrick Florence served as class agents.

Kickback at the 'Loo A Huge Success and No Rain!

Submitted by Leona Bishop

The 2nd Annual TCNAA KICKBACK at the 'LOO was held on Saturday, May 6th on the greens of Donald Park in the front of Tougaloo College Campus. Hundreds of alumni and friends gathered for a fun, festive time dedicated to reuniting and fellowship. The Master of Ceremony for the event was Merc B. Williams with musical entertainment by "Tougaloo's Take Five" under the direction of Dr. Karl Twyner. DJ Almighty finessed the crowd by jamming oldies along with the latest hits. Pre-registered participants received 'Loo Bag merchandise complete with t-shirt, fan, towel and other keepsake items. Most guests also took advantage of the delicious food trucks: CEY Let's Eat and ONE GUY Steak & Chicken.

Mark your calendars now to join the 3rd Annual Kickback at the 'Loo, which will be held May 4, 2024, the Saturday before Commencement Weekend. Look for registration information on the TCNAA website starting February 1, 2024. Your early registration helps us plan the best reunion experience, and we cannot be a SUCCESS



Student group, Tougaloo's Take Five. (l-r), Cameron Hampton, Reginald Washington, Cameron Washington, Kameron Gordwin, & Malik Bolden. Drums, Robert Simmons & Keyboard, Elijah Anderson.



Marilyn & Stanley Weakley



l-r, Frances Hutchins Whiteurst, Ann Stamps Burton & Freddi Williams Evans

EAGLES SOARING



Dr. Lakeysha Hallmon '04, founder and CEO of Village Market in Atlanta, Georgia, was selected to manage the 2023 ESSENCE Festival of Culture™ presented by Coca-Cola® the Soko MRKT Entrepreneur experience (previously known as Essence Marketplace) at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans. Village Market was responsible for managing one of the largest footprints at the Essence Fest including: Marketplace Retail, BeautyCon, EATS, and Community; and, Hallmon co-curated the SOKO Entrepreneur Stage. She took the opportunity to invite two other Tougalooians to this national platform: Dr. LaQuanta Nicole Nelson '06 was the host for the SOKO Stage and Hope Goins '02 moderated an author talk.

est, Thompson served as Director of Global Communications and Media Relations for Walmart. Dr. Jenkins is also a former member of Tougaloo PAC and a former Miss UNCF.



Dr. Mary Evans Sias '72 was named interim president of Texas Southern University by the Board of Regents, effective June 30, 2023. Nationally recognized as a higher education thought leader and administrator, Sias previously served as director of the Millennium Leadership Institute (MLI), the premier professional development program for senior higher education leaders who desire to become university presidents and chancellors. Past positions also include

president of Kentucky State University, senior vice president for student affairs and external relations at the University of Texas at Dallas, and as CEO of the YWCA of Metropolitan Dallas.



Carolyn Gill Jefferson '75 retired New Orleans Civil District Court Judge Carolyn Gill-Jefferson was elected board chair of the Hope Federal Credit Union in January 2023. Hope Federal Credit Union home office is in Jackson, Mississippi with locations in Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Tennessee.



Dr. Teresa Perkins '77 was recently named a Life Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. A Life Fellow of the AAPD is someone who distinguished him/herself in leadership, scholarly activity and community involvement. A graduate of Harvard Dental School, she has taught at Harvard and Louisiana State University Dental

Schools and is currently a full-time Professor of Pediatric Dentistry at the School of Dentistry at University of Mississippi Medical Center.



Jerry W. Ward Jr. '64 *Conversations with Jerry W. Ward Jr.* edited by John Zheng was recently published as part of the Literary Conversations Series at University of Mississippi Press, 2023. An indispensable source to American literature and African American studies, this publication offers readers an account of Ward's intelligent and thoughtful responses to ques-

tions about literature, literary criticism, teaching, writing, civil rights, Black aesthetics, race, and culture.



Norma J. Williams '61, who was honored as a trailblazer in women's sports at Tougaloo College in August of 2022, recently received an additional recognition. The President's Conference Room located in the Health and Wellness Center was named in her honor.



Dr. LeMia Jenkins Thompson was appointed to the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service as an at-large representative by Governor Tate Reeves. The three-year term expires October 1, 2026. Thompson currently serves at Pinterest as Chief Public Affairs and Sustainability Officer and was named one of

PR Week's Women to Watch 2021. Prior to joining Pinter-

18th Annual Two Rivers Black Tie Gala Legendary Godmother of Soul Patti LaBelle Wows Crowd!



Kicking off the Tougaloo College Commencement Weekend was the Two Rivers Black Tie Gala, featuring the legendary Godmother of Soul, Patti LaBelle. The sold-out concert at the Jackson Convention Complex did not disappoint. At age 79, Ms. LaBelle appeared ageless as she shimmied across the stage and hit her soulful glass-shattering high notes. She treated the audience to familiar tunes such as, *You are My Friend*, *On my Own*, *New Attitude*, *If Only You Knew*, and so many more of her hits. With each song, she brought down the house. *Lady Marmalade* stirred up lots of dancing and singing from everyone.

Ms. LaBelle did not forget her gospel roots, incorporating a take-me-to-church experience when one of her backup singers joined her in singing *Something About the Name Jesus*.

The energy in the air had the elegantly dressed Tougaloo alums and their guests swaying to and singing along with every song. The group, UNFAZED Show and Band, provided pre-show entertainment.

Also, during the event, President Carmen Walters introduced the 2023 inductees into the President's Red Jacket Circle. Red jackets are awarded to individuals who have given one million dollars to the College over their lifetime.

This year's recipients were:
Mr. Michael Lomax
Ms. Waikinya Clanton '08
Attorney John Rosenthal '70

Monies raised from the event will go to aid the College and students.

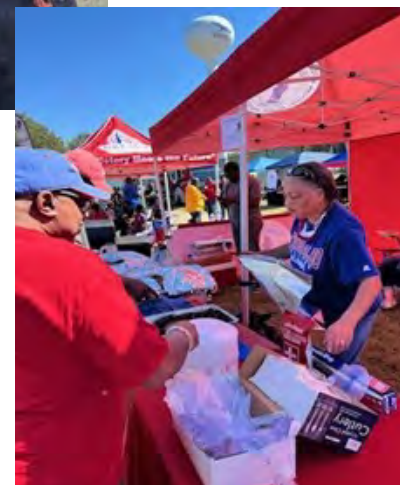
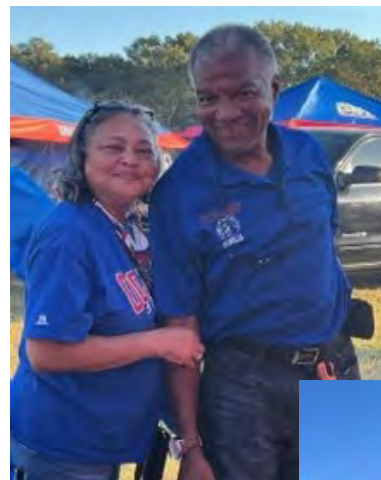
Annual Alumni Giving Fund Committee

By Jeannie Coe Flood '79

The Annual Alumni Giving Fund Committee participated in Founders' and Commencement Weekend festivities to encourage alumni giving and engagement. Committee members Ruth Byrdsong, Sonya Hines Sims and Ronald Sims shared information about the Dollars for Scholars and Pay It Forward Birthday Challenge fundraising campaigns during the Alumni Tailgate in October, 2022 and the Commencement Kickback activity in May, 2023.

The Dollars for Scholars <https://igfn.us/form/IbbmKQ> and Pay It Forward Birthday Challenge, <http://igfn.us/form/HXGaAg> are year-round campaigns that support the 1869 Fund. You can support the Pay It Forward Birthday Challenge Teams anytime during the year. Please give to your respective birthday team. Team 1(Jan-Mar), Team 2(Apr-Jun), Team 3(Jul-Sep) and Team 4(Oct-Dec). During the 2021-2022 fiscal year, Team 2 (Apr-Jun) won the most donors' category (22) and Team 4 (Oct-Dec) won the highest donations category (\$5,701). Will they repeat it this fiscal year? Let's keep the links alive! Please Give Today!

AAFG Members at Founder's Weekend Alumni Tailgate



2023 Retool Your School Campaign

Schenika T. Harrison, Ph.D.



The 2023 Retool Your School Campaign was held on February 27, 2023 through March 26, 2023. Voting was conducted to help Tougaloo College receive funds to provide renovation supplies from Home Depot to enhance the campus. Campus projects submitted to Home Depot for this year's competition were Holmes Hall (*two offices and the art suite*), James Coleman Athletic Complex Upgrades, and Galloway Hall (*2nd floor restrooms and the basement student lounge area*). In partnership with Jackson State University (in Cluster One), Tougaloo College won the second-place prize of \$100,000 in renovation supplies. Previously, Tougaloo finished 1st in 2021 and 2022 in its Cluster (3) and won Campaign of the Year honors in 2021.

Tougaloo College is deeply grateful for the dedication shown by alumni, family members, and friends throughout the duration of this year's campaign!

About the Retool Your School Initiative

During the 2023 Campus Improvement Grant voting challenge, HBCU students, alumni and others voted for their favorite HBCUs. This year, HBCU supporters cast over 13 million votes – a 30% increase over 2022.

The schools were split into three clusters based on student enrollment.

- Cluster 1 schools enroll more than 4,000 students.
- Cluster 2 schools enroll between 3,999 and 1,201 students.
- Cluster 3 schools enroll fewer than 1,200 students.

This year, The Home Depot increased Campus Improvement Grant awards at all levels by at least two times the 2022 amount. For example, 2022's first-place winners each received \$75,000. Each 2023 first-place winner was awarded a grant of \$150,000.

Cluster 3

- First place – \$150,000 – Fisk University, Nashville, TN
- Second place – \$100,000 – Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, MS

Retool Your School Names Inaugural Class of Legacy Honorees

Hats off and congratulations to our inaugural Retool Your School Legacy Honoree, **Dr. Schenika Harrison**.

Home Depot also added a new award to celebrate the unsung heroes, the campaign administrators (*employees of the College*), who champion and marshal the Retool Your School program at their HBCUs.



Tiffany Mitsui, Sr. Manager of Multicultural Marketing at The Home Depot, stated, "There are so many unsung heroes behind the scenes that make [Retool Your School] possible, and we want to bring a few to your attention and honor them as a Retool Your School Legacy Honoree." "The honorees were selected by a panel of judges based on the impact, community building and legacy of their work with the program over multiple years. From updates to quads, to gardens, to water bottle filling stations, bus shelters and even dorms, the honorees were champions and cheerleaders who marshalled the power of the Campus Improvement Grant program to make an indelible mark on their campus.

Mitsui highlighted that schools said their success with the program was in large part a credit to the honorees and couldn't have happened without them.¹

1. <https://retoolyourschool.com/thedrill/retool-your-school-names-inaugural-class-of-legacy-honorees>.

For more about Tougaloo's success in the program visit: <https://retoolyourschool.com/thedrill/winners-profile-tougaloo-college/>.

FROM THE OFFICE OF ALUMNI RELATIONS

CELEBRATING TOUGALOO COLLEGE FAMILY REUNIONS 2022-2023 | 2023-2024

June 30, 2023 will end the year of celebration for yet another esteemed group of reunion classes, the 3s and 8s for the 2022-2023 fiscal cycle!!! Thanks to the work of our extraordinary Class Agents | Tougaloo Ambassadors, who have worked to engage their classmates in supporting the best HBCU that has stood the test of time for more than 154 years, this was another banner year for fundraising efforts of the classes from 1943-2023. With a goal of **\$400,000** and a stretch goal of **\$450,000**, these classes have made impressive strides by raising another historic total of **\$588,508.66** for reunion class giving as of June 26, 2023!

We also honor the Tougaloo College National Alumni Association (TCNAA) and its Chapters for their remarkable allegiance to our beloved Alma Mater with its collective contributions of **\$68,915.29** from 14 chapters and \$50,000 from TCNAA. Another impressive total of **\$118,915.29** for the 2022-2023 fiscal year as of June 26, 2023!

Thank you again, classes of the 3s and 8s, TCNAA, and Alumni Chapters, for your loyal support. The investment in the well-being of Tougaloo College is an investment in America's future and ensures the sustainability of our beloved Eagle Queen.

We also celebrate the overall fundraising efforts of our alumni in general. With a financial goal of **\$1,226,200** and an alumni donor goal of **1,500**, here are the stats:

Alumni Donors – 629 @ 42% (goal of 1,500)
Alumni Giving - \$845,426.15 at 67%

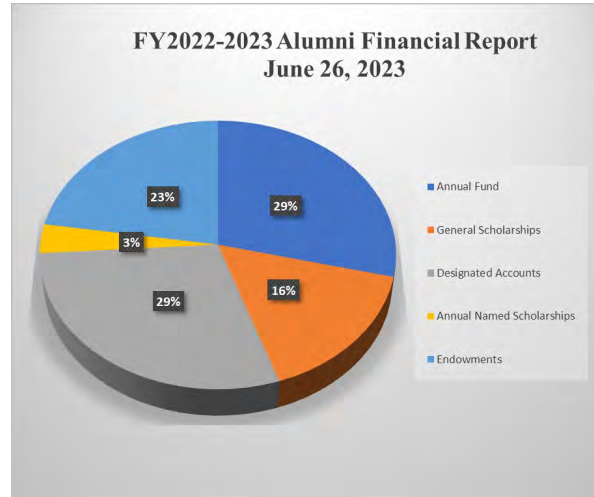
1869 Annual Fund (Unrestricted)	\$243,665.99
General Scholarships	\$135,226.58
Designated Accounts	\$246,613.54
Annual Named Scholarships	\$ 29,452.50
Endowments	\$190,467.54

It is notable that this year's reunion classes, TCNAA, and chapters have raised **84%** of the overall alumni donations so far!

There is still time to complete the task with our financial resources, won't you help us reach our goal of \$1,266,200?!!!!

Here's how you can help:

Make your gift to Tougaloo College by June 30, 2024.



Mail to: *Office of Institutional Advancement*
Tougaloo College
500 W. County Line Road
Tougaloo, MS 39174

Give online: [Ways To Give | Tougaloo College](#)

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

Standing Ovation to the Tougaloo College Alumni Relations Young Alumni Program

“Eagles for Life”

With the goal of engaging alumni graduates between the years of 2010 and 2022 as equal alumni stakeholders and enhancing the financial stability of the College through financial donations and in-kind services, this young alumni group continues to provide resources and services to the College and TCNAA. We also salute them for their collective contributions to the 2022-2023 fiscal year fundraising efforts. As of June 26, 2023, they have raised **\$36,534.23** with **32 donors** and **87 gifts**. Hats off, young alums, we salute you!!!

“Good friends never say goodbye. They simply say, ‘See you soon.’” ~ Unknown ~

Doris Griffith Bridgeman

Doris Griffith Bridgeman '69
Director of Alumni Relations
2007–2023

COUNTDOWN TO CELEBRATION 2024!!!

Now is the time to reach out to your old roommates, teammates, fraternity brothers, sorority sisters, or classmates and plan to reconnect during the upcoming reunion year. If you are a member of the class of [1944](#), [1949](#), [1954](#), [1959](#), [1964](#), [1969](#), [1974](#), [1979](#), [1984](#), [1989](#), [1994](#), [1999](#), [2004](#), [2009](#), [2014](#), or 2019, then **Friday – Sunday, May 3-5, 2023** is your special time to celebrate! As always, all other classes are invited to celebrate with the classes of 4s and 9s. Let's engage with each other for great food, music, fellowship & fun!

As you prepare for the grand celebrations, here is a list of Class Agents | Tougaloo Ambassadors to connect with:

1954	Mrs.	Alma	Hines	sonya.sims@colin.edu
1959	Mr.	Franklin	Ceruti	frank@ceruti.net
1964	Mrs.	Norweida	Spencer	norweidar@yahoo.com
1964	Mrs.	Ruth	Byrdsong	rmb0612@gmail.com
1969	Mrs.	Jacqueline	Bland	jackiebbland@hotmail.com
1969	Mrs.	Carolyn	Hackett	ohack@aol.com
1974	Ms.	Lela	Thompson	lelaothompson@tx.rr.com
1974	Dr.	Mary	Jones	maryjones48@hotmail.com
1979	Mrs.	Sonya Hines	Sims	sonya.sims@colin.edu
1979	Mr.	Ronald	Sims	rbsims2001@yahoo.com
1984	Mr.	Shaun	Thomas	shawnt81@hotmail.com
1984	Ms.	Gwen	Winters	gwen84gw@gmail.com
1989	Mr.	Sterling	Dunkley	sdunkley@hrworks.com
1989	Ms.	Ramona	Anderson	rlals2643@yahoo.com
1994	Ms.	Melanie	McEwen	melmcewen@yahoo.com
1994	Dr.	Berthron	Mock-Muhammad	berthtron.mock.muhammad@gmail.com
1999	Mrs.	Khira	Turner-Jobe	khira0413@aol.com
1999	Ms.	Paquita	McCray	paquitamccray@bellsouth.net
2004	Mr.	Julius	Rainey	juliusrainey@yahoo.com
2004	Ms.	Tara	Nimox	tnimox@outlook.com
2009	Ms.	Brittney	Sherrod	bdsherrod09@gmail.com
2009	Ms.	Whitney Hunter	Batteast	waliseh@gmail.com
2014	Rev.	Cassius	Rudolph	cassius.rudolph@gmail.com
2014	Mr.	Rochelle	Williams	rochellewilliams74@gmail.com
2019	Ms.	Raegan	Kelley Johnson	johnson.raegan97@gmail.com

This is also a time to continue supporting our beloved Tougaloo with our financial resources. Alumni are challenged once again to raise \$1,266,200 during the 2023-2024 fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024. Remember that the only gift too small is no gift at all!!!

Year	Classes	Golden Class	Silver Class
2025	0s and 5s	1975	2020
2026	1s and 6s	1976	2021
2027	2s and 7s	1977	2022
2028	3s and 8s	1978	2023

Then back to the **4s and 9s!**

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



Tougaloo Athletics

Accomplishments and activities in the Department of Athletics:

- We had a very exciting year including (32-2 Men's Basketball Season, Gulf Coast Athletic Conference (GCAC) Championship, NAIA Tournament Quarter Finalist and Ranked #8 in the NAIA).
- Hosted Gulf Coast Athletic Conference Men's Basketball Tournament.
- Hosted the East Sports Conference Championship.
- Hosted the HBCU GCAC Baseball Conference.
- Held Voter Registration Drive on April 20th.
- Offering 2023 summer camps.



Join the Club

The Tougaloo College Athletic Booster Club works to benefit ALL sports for ALL students and ALL teams, now and into the future. Your membership in the Booster Club is one of the best ways to show your support for Tougaloo College Athletics. For us to be able to support all of the ongoing efforts of the Athletic Department, we need our families, friends, staff and communities to join us now! YOUR help is crucial to the continuation and growth of Tougaloo College Athletics. Because the Booster Club is an IRS 501c(3) Charitable Organization, your donations are tax deductible!

Join TCABC Online, visit:

<https://tougalooboosterclub.org>

Pay by CC/Debit or Check

Tougaloo College Bulldog Athletic Booster Club



P.O. Box 10755

Jackson, MS 39289

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

Mr. Jesse Cornelius Lewis, PhD '53
Mrs. Olivia Townsend '54
Mrs. Thelma Harris Rouser '55
Dr. Bettye Woods-Coleman '61
Dr. Alfred Lee Cook, Sr. '61 A member of the
"Tougaloo Nine"
Mrs. Freddy E. Clay Moore '61
Dr. James C. Coleman '61
Dr. Robert "Bob" Harrison, III '61
Mr. Lonnie Haynie, Jr. '61
Deacon Earnest Devine '65
Mrs. Evelyn Louise Robinson Davis '66
Mrs. Hilda Gipson Billups '72
Ms. Terrye Nichols Lacey '72
Ms. Bernice Haynes Smith '73
Mrs. Annie Alberta Nash Walker '74
Dr. Dorothy Sallis Stewart '76
Mr. Kenneth Gibson Lewis '77
Dr. Lewis Blair, Jr. '78
Mr. Mack Pendleton '84,

Mr. Reginald Wyatt Silas '95
Mr. Philip Jeremy Casey, Former Tougaloo Student
Mr. Henry Oscar Allen, Former Tougaloo Student
Dr. John David Teal, Former Tougaloo Professor of
Physics



*Sending
Prayers
To You*

SPOTLIGHT ON THE CHAPTER

Ro'chelle Williams '14

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(202) 510-8639

TCNAA Washington D.C. Alumni Chapter,
Northeast Region



“As the newly elected president, I look forward to continuing my steadfast commitment to the Washington Area Tougaloo Alumni Chapter. My goal is to build on tradition while moving the chapter forward into this next iteration. I hope to bring the support of alumni in the Washington-DC Area into the fold while increasing

scholarship funding for Tougaloo College and its deserving students.”

Meeting Date/Time:

Monthly, Second Saturday at 1 PM EST

Major Fundraising Event:

Washington on the Potomac

FB Link:

<https://m.facebook.com/WATACDCALUMNI/>

LaDonna Harrell Harris '88

lmharris@swbell.net

(346) 702-3960

TCNAA Houston Area Alumni Chapter, Mid-South Region



“I am excited to carry on the successful legacy of the Houston Chapter by upholding our mission to offer scholarships and assistance to Tougaloo College students from the Houston area. Our goal is to encourage alumni to become part of the

Tougaloo College Na-

tional Alumni Association and contribute to the endeavors of the Office of Alumni Affairs. It is my desire to keep Houston area alumni updated on campus news and advancements and cultivate interest in Tougaloo College.”

Meeting Date/Time:

Monthly, Second Sunday at 6 PM CST

Major Fundraising Event:

A Night of Jazz with a Touch of R&B

LOCAL CHAPTER UPDATES

Dallas Fort-Worth Chapter Alumni Chapter

Submitted by Jeannie Coe Flood, President

via dfw.tcnaa.org or tougalooallegedfwalumni@gmail.com.



The Tougaloo College Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) Alumni Chapter experienced a stellar 2022-2023 fiscal year. The Chapter hosted the renowned Tougaloo College Concert Choir in December 2022, which resulted in over \$20,000 in financial gifts to the College. The



Concert Choir performed at Mount Olive Baptist Church and Cornerstone Baptist Church in Arlington, Texas. We extend a heartfelt thanks to Frances Hutchins Whiteurst from the Houston Area Alumni Chapter for her support and joining us in welcoming the Choir to DFW. During the year, we also held successful fundraisers including our long-standing annual "Spirit of Giving" Christmas campaign.

The DFW Alumni Chapter is committed to supporting and promoting our beloved alma mater. The chapter participated in over ten College Recruitment Fair and Expo events throughout the DFW metroplex. Kudos to our extraordinary Recruitment Committee for their untiring dedication and commitment. In addition, the Chapter established "Operation Eagles Soar," an initiative to enhance and increase community relationships, visibility, membership, and recruitment efforts. The Chapter also participated in UNCF Dallas Walk.



We extend congratulations to chapter member Dr. Jimmie Thompson, Class of 1973, celebrating his 50TH Golden Anniversary! Chapter membership continues to increase. The Chapter is looking forward to hosting its annual Summer "Cool Down" in July 2023.

The DFW Chapter meets the third Sunday at 3pm via Zoom and welcomes all alums in the North Texas area. We can be reached

Tougaloo College DFW Alumni Chapter

SUMMER COOLDOWN Kickback!!

Food! Fun! Fellowship!
(Family-Friendly!)



**SATURDAY
July 15th
5pm-9pm**



Gateway Parks Amenity Center

**1351 South Gateway Blvd.
Forney, TX 75126**



RSVP via
QR code or
link by
July 8th



For more info text 682.999.8706

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LOCAL CHAPTER UPDATES – continued

Metro Detroit Tougaloo Alumni Chapter

Submitted by Herbie Banks

The Metro Detroit Tougaloo Alumni Chapter is composed of 14 active members whose primary goal is to promote and serve Tougaloo, recruit inactive members and engage/recruit prospective high school students/seniors to Tougaloo College. The majority of our members are retired, however they remain dedicated to supporting our dear Eagle Queen.



Our Chapter remains financially active with the UNCF and recently became a financial member of Detroit's HBCU organization. We look forward to participating in various programs throughout the 2023 and 2024 school year. Our goal is to reach out to various high school counselors and provide them with brochures on Tougaloo College.

During the month of June, we will meet to discuss and plan for the upcoming school year. The following members are currently serving as our chapter officers: Herbie Banks, President; Gwen Johnson, Vice-President; Elinda Burks, Secretary; and Estella Ball, Treasurer. Should any of you know of anyone in the metro area who graduated from or attended Tougaloo College, please have them

contact Minnie Roberts at 248-231-1627. We are always looking for a few good men and women to serve and promote Tougaloo College.

North Carolina Tougaloo Alumni Chapter Community Engagement & Outreach

Submitted by Angela Miller Gobar '76

On March 11, 2023, members of the North Carolina Tougaloo Alumni Chapter participated in the Concord, NC Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's College & Career Fair Experience.

More than twenty-five colleges, universities and businesses had representatives to share information with area high school students and parents about their institutions. The event also offered workshops on FAFSA, scholarships and SAT/ACT prep. The Chapter's participation was an opportunity to introduce many attendees to the historic Tougaloo College for the first time and to share all that the College has to offer academically, socially and culturally.



Tougaloo alumni included l-r Dianna and Jerry Langston '74, Angela Miller Gobar '76, and Anthony Gobar, Jr. '10

TAB Extra Feature



Members of the Southern California Tougaloo Alumni Chapter

Houston Alumni Chapter Participates in Local College Fairs

Submitted by Frances Whiteurst '76

Spring is the time for college fairs in the Houston area. Local chapter members had the privilege of sharing the great Tougaloo story with students at several local high schools and the Houston HBCU College Fair. Many students have never heard of Tougaloo, so members take great pride in sharing information about the college and the excellent academic experience that it offers. Names



Houston Community College, l-r Michael Ayers, Eula Course and Frances Hutchins Whiteurst



Houston HBCU College Fair, l-r Teresa McCoy and Shirley Carson Evans

of students were collected and sent to the college for further communication. College fairs attended this year included Humble High School (Humble, TX); Brookshire High School (Brookshire, TX); Houston Community College HBCU College Fair (Houston, TX), the Katy-Richmond, TX Chapter of the Links College Fair; and the Houston HBCU College Fair.

Houston ChapterLends Helping Hand in Service to the Community

It is always a joy for Houston Chapter members to partner with Trustee Marion Tresvant during her annual Perry Lee Homes Healthcare Christmas holiday bike give-away.



l-r Dr. Howard Bartee, Trustee Marion Tresvant, Frances Whiteurst, David Miller

Over 300 guests were able to receive one bike and one helmet. Trustee Tresvant provides a festive holiday atmosphere, getting everyone into the spirit with Christmas music played by Jackson, Mississippi's very own, DJ Rander (Wildman) Adams and Janice Adams.

31st Annual A Night of Jazz – Save the Date

The Houston Chapter will host its major fundraiser, the 31st Annual A Night of Jazz event, Saturday, August 26, 2023. This year's Soaring Eagle Award recipient is Tougaloo alum, Fred Griffin '76. Griffin is the publisher of the local community newspaper, *The Houston Neighbors Newspaper*.

Save the Date

**Tougaloo College
Houston Area Alumni Chapter**

**31st Annual A Night of Jazz with a
Touch of R & B**

**Westin Galleria Hotel
5060 West Alabama
Houston, TX 77056
August 26, 2023**

For additional information, email:
tougaloohouston@gmail.com

Membership in TCNAA

By Ranada Robinson

A new year for Tougaloo and for TCNAA starts on July 1! Please renew your membership by visiting this link to request access to your membership profile page: <https://tcnaa.org/membership-status/>. Before you remit your dues, please take a moment to review your contact information and save any changes before you proceed to the payment portal. It is vital that you update your address, email address, and any other contact information to ensure that you receive correspondence such as meeting notices, ballots, and updates from TCNAA.

As always, please also encourage your friends and family members who are not currently members to join us by visiting <https://tcnaa.org/join-tcnaa/>.

We encourage everyone to join one of our many committees and roll up your sleeves with us so that we can make a major impact in the coming year! Together, with over 800 active TCNAA members, we were able to achieve so much in support of our alma mater, and we can do even more as we increase our membership. We welcome your ideas and recommendations, and we look forward to working to make the TCNAA membership experience even more valuable this year!

New Life Members

Mr. Kendric Lucas
Ms. Deltrinas Rayann Hodges '01
Dr. Sandra Carr Melvin '95
Dr. Lars U. Johnson '07
Ms. Ruby S. Smith '00
Mrs. Ashley Simmons Coffey '05
Ms. Tiffany Ann Monee Perry '03
Dr. Patricia Small White '84
Mrs. Michele Huff Thomas '88
Mr. Darren Whitehead '90
Ms. Shalom F. Watkins '01
Dr. Leneise Lynn '88
Ms. Shetee Williams '05
Dr. Charae Montalisa Farmer '84
Mr. Alvin Smith '82
Rev. Dr. James V. Steele '75
Mr. Malcolm Chenier Jackson '87
Ms. La Loria Konata '92

New Subscribing Life Members

The Honorable Mary Hoskins Coleman '70
Mr. Lawrence Douglas Sampson, Jr, '06
Mrs. Zatanya Collins '94
Mrs. Felicia Samuels Jones '08
Mrs. Shiquita Vaughn Williams '05
Ms. Tiffanie Stokes '06
Mrs. Oona Carr McKenzie '93
Dr. Stanitia Davis '04
Mrs. Ebonye Dawn Debose Moore '01
Dr. Arlette Miller Smith '71
Mrs. Annie Jean Thomas Bridges '79

Dr. Barbara Warner Martin, Ph.D. '80
Dr. Lakeyra McCoy Palmer '00
Mr. Fred Alexander '84
Mr. George Willis Bartley, Jr. '72
Rev. Maxine Simmons Bolden '92
Mr. Marcus J. Mason '05
Ms. Angela Scott-Mason '03
Dr. Jacqueline Aldridge Washington '97
Dr. Shaharatova Venece Dente '06

New Annual Member

Ms. Detrice L. Roberts '13
Ms. Tayarta Brown '01
Dr. Hollye Rachelle Johnson '92
Mr. Patrick Oneil Worthy, Jr. '16
Ms. Tanya Thurman '98
Mrs. Karyn Dunlap Jackson '99
Ms. Muneerah Travis '04
Mr. Perry Allen '95
Ms. Chriscella Leonia Clay '08
Ms. Sheila Weathersby Burbridge '80
Ms. Tashana Renee Coleman-Carter '01
Dr. Sara Elizabeth Coleman '06
Miss Heather Danielle Bennett '15
Ms. Victoria Valencia Washington '08
Mrs. Sharon Thompson Harvey '82
Ms. Raina Anderson, Atty. '97
Dr. Nathaniel Holmes '90
Mrs. Takisha Luckett Lewis '07
Ms. Elisabeth De'Aldria Weston '05
Ms. Ashley Gilmer '13
Mrs. Keiya Walker Newell '10
Mrs. Yolanda Gales Smith '83

Mrs. Pamela Ralston '84
Mrs. Natasha Tucker Jamerson '98
Mrs. Destiny Kyles Jones '13
Ms. Ashlea Brandon '13
Mrs. Tenesha Danielle Batiste '04
Ms. Jameka Shante Thigpen '04
Mrs. Karen Renee Nolan Johnson '82
Mrs. Kenecha Brooks Smith, Ed.S. '99
Ms. Waikinya Javodka Shaneka Clanton '08
Dr. Crystal Jones Johnson '05
Ms. Karen Denise Harris '89
Dr. Rosalyn Newton '04
Ms. Berthene Washington '78
Dr. Angela Shearry Sneed '91
Ms. Ta'Kiya Moore '22
Mrs. Shunessa Ealey White '00
Ms. Sonya McGee '00
Dr. Tommye Robinson Finley '71
Dr. Lucy Alexander '85
Ms. Rose Parkman '68
Dr. Monica J. Sutton '91
Dr. Angela D. Shearry-Sneed '91
Ms. Kayla Sharee McVay "
Mrs. Catiffany Nicholson Williams '04
Mr. Michael Kenneth Harris Jr. '17
Mrs. Tonya Boyd-Cannon '08
Dr. Kristin Fairley Nalls '04
Mr. Antonio Ali Gamble '04
Mr. Ronald Lattimore '70

Tougaloo College Class of 1972

The Class of '72 celebrated its 50th Reunion in 2022 and donated over \$350,000 and a flag pole to Tougaloo College through donations from classmates, fundraisers, and matching gifts. Whenever you come on campus, you will see the Tougaloo flag flying proudly on the Class of '72's flag pole.

The Class of '72 had two initiatives from its 50th reunion that were continued during the 2023 Reunion weekend. One was the Beverly Wade Hogan Reunion Golf Classic, and the other was the donation of food items to the students' food pantry. Both proved successful--first in 2022 and again during the 2023 Reunion weekend. The Class of '72 will endeavor to continue these events each reunion year as long as we have the resources and the energy. We would like to thank Tougaloo alumni, friends and businesses for their support of these events. While the Class of '72 provided much-needed items for the shelves and freezers in the pantry, we know the students will quickly put them to good use. Therefore, we would like to invite more classes, chapters and alumni to pick a month to give to the pantry. The students need our help regularly in re-filling the shelves and freezers.

Roosevelt Turner
President, Tougaloo College Class of '72, Inc.

The Tougaloo College Class of 1972 is a duly qualified, tax exempt organization under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code--Tougaloo College Class of 1972, Inc. With this 501(c) (3) designation, donations made to Tougaloo College through the Class of 1972, Inc. are tax deductible.



WLOO-TV: Tougaloo College's Very Own Television Station

Contributions by Trustee Marion McNeal Tresvant



WLOO TV, "my 35" is continuing to shine in 2023. The station started the year off by showing the live broadcast of the GCAC (Gulf Coast Athletic Conference) tournament, which Tougaloo College hosted. According to Marion Tresvant, Chairwoman of the Board of Directors for WLOO, this was the first time in WLOO's history that the station provided live broadcasts of the Tougaloo Bulldogs' games. And, this year, WLOO will again broadcast select SWAC games through American Spirit Media. The following video is the teaser for the upcoming SWAC football season.



2023 WLOO HBCU
Teaser (4).mov

Click Image

Or visit: https://tctnaa.org/tab/images/2023_WLOO_HBCU_Teaser_4.mov

On May 4, 2023, some members of the Board of Trustees visited WLOO television station for the first time. They had a chance to meet with students and faculty members including Mr. Karlos Sanders, Chair of the Mass Communications Department. Board members were very impressed with the students and the TV station personnel.

Want to watch WLOO but don't know where to find it? You can watch it on Channel 35.1 or on the cable/satellite sys-

2023 SCHEDULE OF GAMES



WEEK	CONFERENCE	DATE	TIME	AWAY	HOME	LOCATION
PRE		8/26/2023	12PM*	HBCU GO PREVIEW WEEK		CANTON, OH
1	SWAC/SIAC	9/2/2023	4PM	MISSISSIPPI VALLEY	CENTRAL STATE	CHICAGO, IL CHICAGO FOOTBALL CLASSIC
2	SWAC/OVC	9/9/2023	7PM	ARKANSAS @ PINE BLUFF	TENNESSEE STATE	MEMPHIS, TN SOUTHERN HERITAGE CLASSIC
3	BIG SOUTH/MEAC	9/16/2023	4PM	HAMPTON	HOWARD	WASHINGTON, DC TRUTH & SERVICE CLASSIC
4	SWAC	9/23/2023	3PM	TEXAS SOUTHERN	GRAMBLING STATE	GRAMBLING, LA
5	SWAC	9/30/2023	3PM	TUSKEGEE	ALABAMA A&M	HUNTSVILLE, AL
6	SWAC	10/7/2023	3PM	BETHUNE-COOKMAN	ALABAMA STATE	MONTGOMERY, AL
7	SWAC	10/14/2023	3PM	TEXAS SOUTHERN	BETHUNE-COOKMAN	DAYTONA BEACH, FL
8	SWAC	10/21/2023	3PM	ALCORN STATE	ARKANSAS @ PINE BLUFF	PINE BLUFF, AR
9	SWAC	10/28/2023	3PM	BETHUNE-COOKMAN	GRAMBLING STATE	GRAMBLING, LA
10	SWAC	11/4/2023	3PM	ARKANSAS @ PINE BLUFF	PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	PRAIRIE VIEW, TX
11	CIAA	11/11/2023	3PM	CIAA CHAMPIONSHIP GAME		SALEM, VA
12	SWAC	11/18/2023	3PM	ARKANSAS @ PINE BLUFF	TEXAS SOUTHERN	HOUSTON, TX

tems below.

35.2 - Heroes & Icons (H&I)- Classic television series 1980s-2000s

35.3 - Start TV legal/police & other dramas and E/I Children's programming

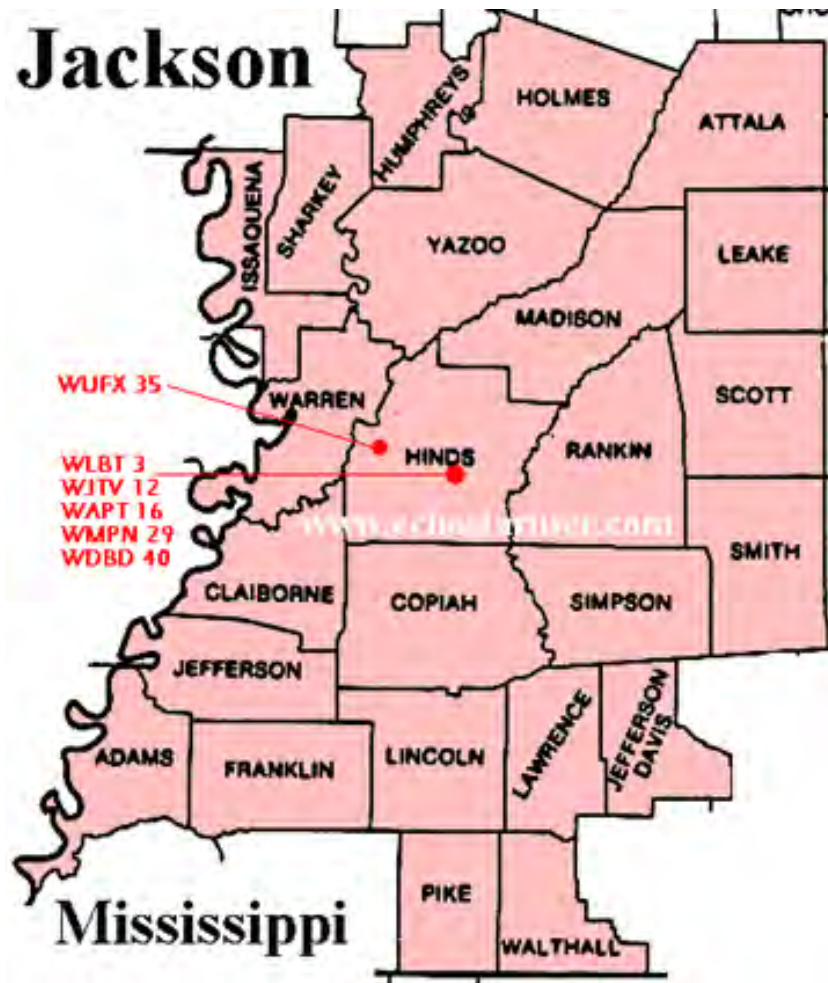
35.4 - Decades - Classic television sitcoms 1950s-1990s

35.5 - This TV - Films and Children's programming

36.6 - Movies! (M!) - E/I, Films, Timeless, Iconic, Classic, Movies

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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.

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

Examples of in-kind gifts include:

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

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

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.

This important information is from the Office of Institutional Advancement.

TOUGALOO'S TAX TIPS | CONTRIBUTIONS TO COVER STUDENTS' EXPENSES

As the 2023 calendar year ends, Tougaloo College is appreciative to all donors. As a private institution, contributions from our donors play an integral part in providing a quality education to our students.

According to IRS Publication 526, contributions earmarked for a particular student are not charitable contributions, and therefore not tax deductible. "You can't deduct contributions to specific individuals, including contributions to individuals who are needy or worthy. You can't deduct these contributions even if you make them to a qualified organization for the benefit of a specific person. But you can deduct a contribution to a qualified organization that helps needy or worthy individuals if you don't indicate that your contribution is for a specific person." If you have further questions, please contact your trusted tax advisor.

TOUGALOO COLLEGE | TAX TIPS | END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

The calendar fiscal year ends at 11:59 pm on **Sunday, December 31**. In order for your gift to be considered a 2023 tax year gift, it must be made, received, and/or postmarked by Sunday, December 31.

Hand delivered gifts: For gifts that are hand delivered to Tougaloo College, the delivery date is the date we actually receive the gift. Hand delivered gifts must be received by December 18, 2023. Tougaloo College will close about December 18, 2023 for the Winter Break.

Credit Card Gifts: You are encouraged to make credit card gifts to Tougaloo at www.tougaloo.edu/ as these gifts can be made even when the College is closed.

Gifts Sent by Check: The IRS considers a charitable gift made by check complete at the time the check is delivered or mailed, and the postmark is the evidence of the gift date.

Please mail contributions to Tougaloo College, Office of Institutional Advancement, 500 West County Line Road, Tougaloo, MS 39174. Gifts delivered by overnight courier, e.g., Federal Express, UPS, and others, are deemed to have been made when they are delivered.

Thank you for continued support.

Questions? Contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 601-977-4458.

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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 management 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 di-

rect 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/>



Tougaloo College Office of Alumni Affairs
Publication of Alumni/Alumni Families Condolence Announcements

The Office of Alumni Affairs has established a means by which the death of alumni and alumni families can be announced to alumni constituents to show our concern during their time of bereavement.

Guidelines

Information should be shared with the Office of Alumni Affairs at least two days prior to services for publication, by e-mail and other media. It may be shared by the family, classmate or other entity with consent from the family. Past deaths may also be acknowledged. (A contact person/place/other means for condolences is required.)

Publication Information:

Name of Deceased

Date of Death

Name(s)/Graduation/Attendance Years of Immediate Alumni Relative(s)

Photo if Available:

Visitation/Wake/Family Hour:

Date of Funeral Service:

Services entrusted to: (Funeral Home in Charge)

Internment: (if applicable)

Condolences may be sent to: (Include Relationship, i.e., son, daughter, etc.)

The following may also be included as appropriate: In lieu of flowers, memorials and/or donations may be sent to ...

Condolences will be expressed from the Office of Alumni Affairs and the Tougaloo College National Alumni Association Benevolent Committee.

To submit information, please share by e-mail to and cbmayfield@tougaloo.edu. Questions may be directed by phone to (601) 977-7836 | (601) 977-4455.

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"Let's Get Fired Up!"

The TAB staff welcomes the submission of articles of interest to the Tougaloo College alumni community. Please go to the link at: <https://tcnaa.org/resources> to download the TAB Submission Guidelines. Articles may be submitted electronically to TAB@tcnaa.org.

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