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Message from National Alumni Association President

I hope that 2009 has been good to you so far, but for many these have been timorous times. Even in times like these we must be about the business of promoting Tougaloo College National Alumni Association and Tougaloo College. This is why it is so important to have objectives and measurable task to accomplish those objectives. We have all had distractions but must become more focused on securing Tougaloo's legacy by performing the task we have been assigned. If you have not been assign a task but you are not a member of TCNAA, a local chapter, or the Bulldog Booster Club you need to get focused. If you have not participated in Tougaloo's Annual Fund (1869 Fund), the Galloway Project, and/or a TCNAA or chapter sponsored event, you need to get focused.

In the past, I have emphasized the importance of participating in the Annual Fund and recruiting students for Tougaloo. This year is no different. The recruitment this fiscal year has gone well, with the college having an increase in enrollment over last year, for both the fall and spring semesters. Con-

trastly the 1869 Annual Fund goal has proven to be a challenge. We are confronted with making the Annual Fund goal by the June 30th 2009 fiscal year end. Collecting only 1 million dollars as of 02/28/2009, we need an additional 2.9 million dollars to end the fiscal year in the **BLACK**. If you have not donated to the fund, please do so, if you have donated and you can use more deductions for 2009, Tougaloo will be a worthwhile recipient.

There are a number of projects being planned that will allow alumni, chapters and families of alumni and friends to participate. There will be more information coming out before commencement but if you have not heard of something before that time contact the Alumni Affairs office for an update. Four projects under consideration are:

- Century Club – This is a club being initiated by Richard House out of Dallas. Alumni and friend can donate a deductible \$100 to the club, which will choose a project or need on

Tougaloo's campus to undertake.

- The building or renovation of the Alumni House. This project will have more momentum during the year.
- Galloway Hall – Alumni and chapters have participated in the adopt-a-room project for the renovation of Galloway Hall. The donors will be given signage in Galloway Hall. More rooms are available to be adopted, contact Alumni Affairs Office or me, if interested.
- Tougaloo Endowment Trust – TET is being launched in partnership with Bank-Plus, where alumni and friends can participate by supporting Tougaloo through monthly direct bank account or credit card payments. Contact the Office of Institutional Advancement for more information.

Be Blessed,

Roosevelt Turner, '72

Gamma Upsilon Chapter of AΦA
will celebrate
"60 Years of Service and Brotherhood"
May 9 & 10, 2009.

Contact
Brothers Percy Anderson, Jr., '85 at drpandersonjr06@aol.com or
Carlos D. Smith, '02 at smithcarlosd@gmail.com
for a schedule of activities.

Nominations for 2009 Hall of Fame Induction

WHAT: 2009 Hall of Fame Induction Banquet

WHEN: Saturday, October 17, 2009, at 7 p.m.

WHERE: Hilton Hotel in Jackson, Mississippi

WHY: To induct alumni* that have demonstrated excellence in the fields of: Athletics, Arts & Entertainment, Business, Communication, Community Service, Education, Government & Law, Medicine, Religion, and Science

*Nominees:

- Should be alumnus of Tougaloo College
- Accomplishments in his/her field must be documented
- Contributions to Tougaloo (financial and service) must be documented
- Must be present at the banquet in order to be honored (unless recognized posthumously).
- Must have a ten-year span of departure from Tougaloo College (graduated and transferred).
- Must meet the Distinguished Alumni Award criteria

All nominations must be received by **April 1, 2009**. Nomination forms can be obtained from www.tcnaa.org or from the Office of Alumni Affairs. Selections will be made by **May 10, 2009**. For additional information the Office of Alumni Affairs at (601) 977-7836.

TCNAA Membership Application



Date Submitted: _____ Chapter: _____

Name: _____

Prefix (Mr., Mrs., Ms., etc) First Maiden Last

Degree: _____ Year: _____

Spouse Name (If TC Graduate):

Prefix (Mr., Mrs., Ms., etc) First Maiden Last

Degree: _____ Year: _____

Address: _____

Street City State Zip Code

Telephone: () _____ () _____ () _____

Home Business Cell

Email: _____ Fax: _____

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

- Single Annual Membership \$ 25.00
- Spouse Annual Membership \$ 25.00
- Honorary Membership \$ 25.00

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

- Single Life Membership \$500.00
- \$100.00 per year on 5 year payment plan \$100.00
- Spouse Life Membership \$500.00
- \$100.00 per year on 5 year payment plan (spouse) \$100.00
- Honorary Membership \$ _____
- Payment Enclosed **Total Enclosed:** \$ _____

Please make check/money order payable to: **TCNAA Membership**

Return your completed form with payment to:

TCNAA
P.O. Box 288
Tougaloo, MS 39174

Annual Membership begins July 1st and ends June 30th



**TOUGALOO COLLEGE NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
2009 REUNION AND COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND
REGISTRATION AND TICKET ORDER FORM
MAY 9-10, 2009**

Date _____ Phone Number(____) _____ Class Year _____

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

**State of the College Luncheon
Owens Health and Wellness Center 12 p.m.
Saturday, May 9, 2009**

Open Seating

\$20.00 (**until** April 9, 2009) Number of Tickets _____ x \$20.00 = Amount \$ _____
 \$30.00 (**after** April 9, 2009) Number of Tickets _____ x \$30.00 = Amount \$ _____

**Annual Alumni Banquet
Hilton Hotel 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 9, 2009**

Limited Seating (tickets will not be sold onsite)

Individual Tickets

\$40.00 (**until** April 9, 2009) Number of Tickets _____ x \$40.00 = Amount \$ _____
 \$45.00 (**after** April 9, 2009) Number of Tickets _____ x \$45.00 = Amount \$ _____

Group Seating (Table of 10)*

\$400.00 (**until** April 9, 2009) Number of Tables _____ x \$400.00 = Amount \$ _____
 \$450.00 (**after** April 9, 2009) Number of Tables _____ x \$450.00 = Amount \$ _____

*Please indicate a group name or list of table guests

*Preferred seating: (no guarantee) _____ Class _____ AΦA _____ AKA _____ KAΨ

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Tickets will NOT be mailed. They may be picked up on: Friday, May 8th, in Warren Hall from 1 p.m.—5 p.m.
 Saturday, May 9th, in Health & Wellness from 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.; .
*Annual Alumni Gathering will be held Friday evening, May 8th beginning at 5 p.m. by Warren Hall
 Join us for FUN, FOOD, and FRIENDSHIP!*

Make Checks Payable to: TCNAA (**not Tougaloo College**)
 Mail to: TCNAA Commencement
 P.O. Box 288
 Tougaloo, MS 39174

Letter from the President of the College

Dear Fellow Alumni:

We are pleased to be a part of the 2009 Spring/Summer edition of the *TAB* and extend our warmest greetings to you. This has been a remarkable year thus far for the College. But just as our nation is undergoing change and adjusting to the impact of the economy, so is Tougaloo College. The words of Charles Dickens ring true in today's environment, "... *these are the best of times and the worst of times* ..." Our campus is undergoing a major physical transformation with the construction of the Bennie G. Thompson Academic Center, the historic restoration of the Mansion and the renovation of Warren Hall. Our students are excelling and receiving recognition for their academic achievements. Enrollment showed increases for the fall 2008 and spring 2009 semesters. Fundraising is comparable to

where we were this time last year.

These are challenging economic times for everyone. We realize that some of our supporters, including alumni, might be experiencing personal challenging times. We want you to know how much we appreciate your support and value our association. We encourage you, especially alumni, to continue to support the College even if you are unable to contribute at previous levels. Also you can assist us in recruiting students. If each of us would commit to recruit one student, we would have a long waiting list. This is important for our stability and survival. We ask you to accept the challenge with us.

Like America, Tougaloo College is a resilient community. We are familiar with economic hardships and have tremendous experience navigating troubled

waters. While these are indeed uncertain economic times, we are realistically optimistic about the future. We will continue to apply the skills of our better selves, be innovative in attracting more students and helping them find ways to finance their education, strategically manage our resources, tighten our belts, increase fundraising, reduce expenses, make small personal sacrifices to benefit the greater good of this community and continue to have faith that *God smiles on Tougaloo*.

We thank you for your support of your alma mater. Together, we can continue to make great things happen for Tougaloo!



Beverly W. Hogan, '73

Commencement Activities

Friday, May 8, 2009

Alumni Gathering on Warren Hall Lawn 5:00 p.m.
Live Entertainment: Henry Rhodes & the Mo' Money Band

Saturday, May 9, 2009

TCNAA Annual Meeting 9:00 a.m.
Owens Health and Wellness Center
Room 212 A/B

State of the College Luncheon 12:00 noon
Owens Health and Wellness Center-Kroger Gymnasium

TCNAA Annual Tennis Tournament 3:30 p.m.
James C. Coleman Athletic Complex

Alumni Banquet 7:00 p.m.
Hilton Hotel

Alumni Dance
(immediately after Banquet)
Hilton Hotel

Sunday, May 10, 2009

Baccalaureate Service 8:00 a.m.
Woodworth Chapel
Speaker: TBD

Commencement 10:00 a.m.
Campus Green

Calling All Classes Ending in "4's" And "9's"

The Golden Class: 1959 and the Silver Class: 1984; 1934; 1939; 1944; 1949; 1954; 1964; 1969; 1974; 1979; 1989; 1994; 1999; 2004.

CLASS AGENTS ARE NEEDED TO REPRESENT EACH CLASS.

These classes will be celebrating reunions during the May 2009 commencement. If your class year is listed above, please contact the Office of Alumni Affairs promptly for information at (601) 977-7836.

Alumni Directory

2009 Tougaloo College Alumni Directory

Have you received your "Important Notice" postcard from Harris Connect? Have you called the toll free number to verify your information? If you answered "no" to either question, please call Harris Connect today, regarding our new directory, *Tougaloo College Alumni Today*, at 1-800-546-9359 – Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Saturday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, 11:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (CT).

ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND RATES

RATES ARE VALID ONLY FOR MAY 4 – 10, 2009

CODES MUST BE USED TO SECURE THE DISCOUNTED RATES

DRURY INN

601-956-6100

610 E. County Line Road
Ridgeland, MS 39157

\$79.99 Single (King sized bed); Double (2-Queen sized beds)

Code: 314662

COMFORT SUITES

601-977-6111

6485 I-55 N, Frontage Rd.
Ridgeland, MS 39157

\$79.10 Single/Double

Single (will hold up to 4) /Double (will hold up to 6)

Code: TouCom (Tougaloo College)

www.gm.ms010@choicehotels.com

This rate is inclusive of daily continental breakfasts

THE COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT

601-956-9991

6280 Ridgewood Court Drive
Jackson, MS 39211

Rates Differs: May 4 – 6, 2009 = \$119.00

May 7 – 10, 2009 = \$89.00

Code: TOU (Tougaloo College)

HILTON JACKSON HOTEL

601-957-2800

888-263-0524

1001 E. County Line Road
Jackson, Mississippi 39211

May 4 – 10, 2009 - \$99.99 Single/Double

Code: TGRAD (Tougaloo College)

JAMESON INN OF JACKSON

601-206-8923

585 East Beasley Road

Jackson, Mississippi 39206

May 4 – 10, 2009 - \$69.99 Single/Double

Code: JATOU (Tougaloo College)

*** A rebate program for room rentals at Drury Inn and Comfort Suites will allow the college to receive rebates for each room booked in the name of Tougaloo College.

Check the website for updated information (www.tcnaa.org)

Effective March 2009

NCTAC IS BACK!!

The Northern California Tougaloo College Alumni Chapter, NCTCAC, is back in action. The NCTCAC was re-activated August 2008 under the leadership of Diane Parker Berry and Janice Wilson (Reed). Members in attendance at the kick-off meeting are shown in the picture below:



Left to right: Diane Parker Berry '71, Geraldine Hollis '63, Clarence Johnson '71, Cassandra Parker '61, Alex Bellamy '79, and Janice Wilson '71.

For more chapter information, please contact Diane Parker at berrydp@sbcglobal.net or Janice Wilson at jwilson434@comcast.net. For recruitment and education information, contact Clarence Johnson at cjohnson51@hotmail.com.

We would like to know how other chapters handle virtual mentoring. If you have suggestions, please email Barbara James at Wiyata550@yahoo.com.

The NCTAC is off to a good start with members actively participating in chapter meetings and planned activities. The NCTCAC is planning a Jazz Cruise for the fall of 2009 at which they hope to raffle a car. Stay tuned for details.

Dallas-Fort Worth Alumni Chapter

"a Tougaloo Christmas"

T'was the Saturday before Christmas", and all around here, Tougaloo Alumni were stirring with Christmas cheer! It was the D/FW Chapter's Annual Spirit of Giving Fundraiser, graced by our own presidents Beverly Hogan '73 and Roosevelt Turner '72.

We were honored that Tougaloo College President, Dr. Beverly Hogan and TCNAA President, Mr. Roosevelt Turner took time from their busy schedules to join area Tougaloo students, alumni and friends of Tougaloo at the home of Dr. Jimmie ('73) and Mrs. Lela ('74) Thompson.



Festive holiday dishes, singing, reminiscing, and games helped to blend the joy of Christmas with a celebration of Tougaloo. Thank you to everyone who supported us, and our efforts to support Tougaloo College. Call James McQuirter '64 at (214) 460-0537 or email at mcquirt@swbell.net for more information about the Tougaloo College Dallas/Fort Worth Alumni Chapter.

2009 TCNAA ELECTIONS

TCNAA election ballots will be mailed to all current (dues paid) TCNAA members and all 2008 Tougaloo graduates as of **April 1, 2009**.

Two envelopes will be mailed with each ballot, the **Ballot Only Envelope** and the **TCNAA Pre-Addressed Envelope**.

In order for a ballot to be counted, it must meet the following qualifications:

1. The completed ballot must be placed inside the, **Ballot Only envelope**. Do *not* sign the ballot.
2. The **Ballot Only Envelope**, must be placed inside the TCNAA Pre-Addressed Envelope.
3. The TCNAA Pre-Addressed Envelope must be signed in the designated space near the flap of the envelope and sealed.
4. The TCNAA Pre-Addressed Envelope must be returned or posted marked on *or* before **April 30, 2009**.

VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

Bertha Thames '67, Election Committee Chairperson

Alumni Giving Report

It was because of dedicated and hard working alumni, like you, that we were able to provide Tougaloo with more than **\$1,054,000.00** for the 2007 – 2008 Annual Fund campaign. Thanks to all of you for your support and participation. Class giving statistics of the 2007 - 2008 Alumni Giving Report are provided at the TCNAA website: www.tcnaa.org.

The 2008 – 2009 Annual Fund (1869 Fund) goal is **\$1,000,000.00**. Let's make this campaign year a GREAT success by surpassing our goal. Let's pledge to work diligently and wisely to continue to strengthen the our Alma Mater, the one we love – this year, next year, and for decades to come. Let's make that extra effort to help the EAGLE QUEEN soar.

Thanks,

Alumni Giving Committee

Gamma Omicron Alumnae announce "60 Years of Setting the Standard," a celebration of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., to be held May 7-10, 2009, on the campus of Tougaloo College.

For more information contact Ranada Robinson, '02 or Jennifer Rundles, '00 at GOreunion@yahoo.com, or via mail at Gamma Omicron Reunion, c/o Jennifer Rundles, 900 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, NC 27603.

Please spread the word and information to all GO sorors today!!

Visit the TCNAA Web Site @ www.tcnaa.org for the latest in alumni news.

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