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The Tougaloo Alumni Bulletin (TAB) was first published in November 1990. The TAB is the official magazine of the Tougaloo College National Alumni Association and is committed to educating, serving, and empowering alumni. The content of the TAB is designed to share news and events about the College and alumni, as well as discuss Tougaloo's leadership role in addressing a wide range of issues relevant to our community.

From the Desk of TCNAA PRESIDENT DELK



Dear Alumni and Supporters,

Thank you for making Tougaloo College's 156th Founders' Celebration a memorable success. Together, we honored our rich legacy and demonstrated the strength of our Eagle Community.

The week showcased the best of what Tougaloo has to offer, from events hosted for students, alumni, and the community alike. There were several outstanding highlights from the week, including the Coronation of Mister and Miss Tougaloo, the Presidential Lecture Series featuring Waikinya Clanton, and Showtime at the Loo with Comedian Sheryl Underwood; the Alumni Tailgate; and lastly, the Founders' Day Convocation featuring Rev. Dr. Wheeler Parker, Jr.

The Alumni Association inducted five phenomenal alumni into the TCNAA Hall of Fame: Mrs. Leona Bishop (Education), Dr. Lindberg Clark, Jr. (Community Service), Dr. M. Deborrah Hyde (Medicine), Mr. Michael McClendon (Arts & Entertainment), and Atty. Paheadra Robinson (Government & Law). The Hall of Fame remains a cornerstone event for the National Alumni Association, as it helps us strengthen our support of the college and special initiatives that positively impact our students.

Due to the alumni support of TCNAA and its continued efforts to provide students with scholarships, we are proud to announce that we have awarded five students in the Education Department a \$1,000 scholarship, funded by the recently established T.R. and Herdesena Sanders Teacher Education Annual Scholarship Fund. These scholarships were in addition to the annual scholarship we provided to students.

As president, I remained committed to serving on the presidential search committee for the 15th President of Tougaloo College. I am pleased to inform you that the first phase of the application process has been successfully completed. As members of the search committee, we carefully reviewed 114 submissions before narrowing the pool to 12 eligible applicants for initial interviews. The dates of those interviews are November 20 and 21. To learn more or stay connected with the presidential search, please visit the college's website, where updates will be provided throughout the process.

While we continue to embark on this journey of propelling Tougaloo forward, remain steadfast in your support for her. Your generosity, now more than ever, ensures we sustain programs that uplift our students, strengthen our college, and advance initiatives that benefit our broader community.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication to Tougaloo College. I look forward to seeing you at future events and continuing our important work together.

With warm regards and gratitude,

Joyce Small Delk '72 MPA
President, Tougaloo College National Alumni Association



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November 12, 2025

Dear Alumni,

It is with great pride and appreciation that I extend warm greetings to you. I remain inspired by the unwavering dedication of our students, faculty, staff, and alumni whose collective commitment strengthens Tougaloo College's legacy of excellence and service. I am pleased to share several recent milestones that reflect the vibrancy and progress of our institution.

In October, during the Annual Meeting of the Tougaloo College Board of Trustees, we welcomed two distinguished members and bid farewell to two others. We extend sincere congratulations to Attorney Tray Hairston on his appointment and to Dr. Chris Gilmer on his re-election following a brief absence. We also express our gratitude to Rev. Geoffrey Black and Mr. Jefferey Artis for their years of dedicated service and leadership.

We were honored to host Ms. Aunjanue Ellis-Taylor, celebrated alumna and Emmy Award Nominee, for *The Convocation: A Gathering of Black Women Artists*. Conceptualized and led by Ms. Ellis-Taylor, this inspiring event celebrated creativity, justice, and the transformative power of storytelling by women of color. It featured performances, film screenings, and distinguished guests, and opened with a reception in her honor. She was presented with a proclamation recognizing her civil rights advocacy and humanitarian efforts that continue to inspire change and challenge inequity.

Additionally, we were privileged to welcome Dr. Marc Lamont Hill, acclaimed author and scholar, as part of our *Voices for a Just World Lecture Series*. His thought-provoking address examined justice and solidarity from Mississippi to Palestine, inviting our community to explore global struggles for liberation through the lens of race, freedom, and resistance—underscoring Tougaloo's role as a center for intellectual engagement and social transformation.

These achievements affirm our shared commitment to sustaining Tougaloo's legacy of academic distinction and social responsibility. As we approach the holiday season, I invite you to continue investing in Tougaloo's future by contributing to the 1869 Fund, which provides vital resources to enrich our students' academic experiences and prepare the next generation of leaders and change agents.

With gratitude and warm regards,

Donzell Lee, Ph.D.
President

Tougaloo College Celebrates Its 156th Founders' Week 2025

This year's theme was "Celebrating Our History – Anchored in Excellence, Rooted in Social Justice, and Positioned for Greatness." The week began with the coronation of Mister and Miss Tougaloo College and culminated with the Founders' Convocation. The following photos capture highlights of the week's events.

Coronation of Mister and Miss Tougaloo College

Justin Williams, Mister Tougaloo College 2025–2026; Almia Valentine, Miss Tougaloo College 2025–2026



Presidential Distinguished Lecture Series

Speaker: Waikinya J. S. Clanton, '08
State Director, Mississippi Southern Poverty Law Center



Founders' Concert

Henry Rhodes, Blues, Dr. Bianca Jackson, Classical, Kerry Thomas, R&B, Latoya Hubbard, Gospel



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Student Government Association's Glimmer of Legends Soiree



Film Screening: "John Burris Godfather of Police Litigation"



Building Dedications

Founders' Day Speaker

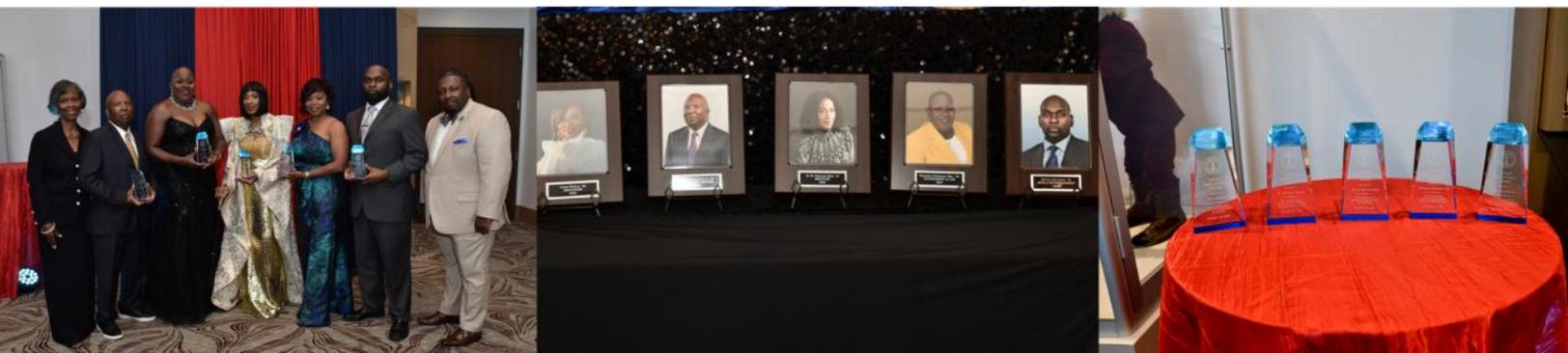


Dedication of the Jessie L. Sherrod, M.D., M.P.H., FAAP Auditorium; Dedication of the Aurelia Jones-Taylor, M.B.A., Jesolyn Larry Howell, Ph.D., Jessie L. Sherrod, M.D., M.P.H., FAAP Art Suite

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Wheeler Parker, Jr., Pastor & District Superintendent, The Argo Temple Church of God in Christ (Summit, IL)

TCNAA Hall of Fame Inductees 2025

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TCNAA Hall of Fame Inductees 2025

Since its inception in 1992, TCNAA has inducted 168 alumni into the Hall of Fame. These alumni represent the best of what it means to be a Tougalooian. We salute this year's inductees and we look forward to celebrating the next class of inductees in 2026.



To watch the video tribute and acceptance messages from each inductee,
Please click the links below:

[Hall of Fame Acknowledgement Video](#)

[Inductee Video Tribute](#)

[Hall of Fame Souvenir Journal](#)

From What's Up Wednesday to the Alumni Weekend: The Spirit of Tougaloo Connection

By George "Chuck" Patterson, '03

*How a Midweek Campus Gathering Evolved Into a Celebration of Legacy,
Love, and the Future of Tougaloo*

There was a time when Wednesdays on Tougaloo's campus meant more than just the middle of the week. What's Up Wednesday was our way of pausing the grind — a chance to breathe, to laugh, to reconnect, and to celebrate the spirit of community that defines what it means to be a Tougaloo Eagle. We didn't call it a movement back then, but that's what it became. It was a moment that gave rise to a mindset: that Tougalooians will always find a way to gather.

As I look at what Tougaloo Alumni Weekend has become, I can't help but see the lineage. What's Up Wednesday created the rhythm. Angela Williams, Joshua Green, and The 90s Reunion gave it a shape. And the idea for the Tougaloo Alumni Tailgate — credited to Charles "L.J." Molden — provided the spark that transformed reunion energy into something truly timeless. Today, that tailgate is the heartbeat of Tougaloo Alumni Weekend, drawing generations back home to laugh, dance, reflect, and reconnect under the same shade trees where it all began.

In many ways, TAW is the evolution of everything we've ever done to stay connected. It is a living bridge that stretches from the 1990s to today — linking memories of late nights and laughter to the professional and creative excellence that our alumni now embody. We've built a framework of engagement that reflects not only who we were, but who we are becoming.

And if we're looking for a model of consistency, we can look no further than those who came before us — like the Class of 1972 — who've shown that staying connected is both a duty and a joy. They've kept the spirit alive by gathering often, proving that the Tougaloo bond doesn't fade; it deepens.

What makes TAW special is not just the crowd it draws, but what it represents. It represents yearlong collaboration and creativity among alumni — designers, attorneys, engineers, educators, and event professionals — who pour their skills into something that uplifts the entire Tougaloo family. It represents the College's growth, both as an institution and as a brand rooted in legacy and innovation. It is proof that we have the talent, imagination, and heart to build the next era of the Tougaloo Way.

When I think about the future, I see the possibilities in our 500 acres — a vision I call Tougaloo Futurism. Our motto says "Where History Meets the Future," and this is our moment to live that out. From sustainable campus development to hospitality and live-event programming, we can imagine a Tougaloo that not only educates but also creates — a community that becomes its own city, its own ecosystem of excellence. Every time we gather, whether it's a Wednesday on Warren Hall Patio or a weekend on the Campus Green, we are rehearsing for that future.

Tougaloo has always been on the right side of history. The next step is to make sure we're also on the right side of the future. And if the energy of Tougaloo Alumni Weekend is any indication, we're already well on our way.

"Every time we gather — whether it's a Wednesday on the Patio or a weekend on the Green — we are rehearsing for Tougaloo's future." - George "Chuck" Patterson, '03



Message from Tougaloo College SGA President

**MORGAN STANLEY
93RD SGA PRESIDENT**

We have some of the best alumni in the world - individuals who continue to pour into students like me every single day. One of those remarkable alumni is Diva Melvin, my academic advisor and biology instructor, who constantly guides and supports me along my journey. Then, there are brilliant minds like Dante Benford, an extraordinary intellectual whose wealth of knowledge and curiosity inspires us all.

We are also uplifted by powerful leaders such as Waikinya Clanton, Kimar Cain, and Angela Grayson, who use their platforms to be a voice for the voiceless. And we cannot forget generous alumni like L. J. Molden, who continuously give back to Tougaloo College in meaningful ways. Our alumni embody the mission and vision of Tougaloo. From The Honorable U. S. Congressman Bennie Thompson to NAACP President Derrick Johnson, they have shown the world the power of a Tougaloo education. I have had the privilege of working closely with both on major social justice initiatives, including the Bennie G. Thompson Civic Engagement Summit, where we brought representatives from every HBCU in Mississippi's Second Congressional District together at Tougaloo.

And last year, when Zeita Merchant, the first Black woman Admiral of the U.S. Coast Guard, came to campus, she established the pre-commissioning program that will allow one Tougaloo student the opportunity to enter the Coast Guard and receive a scholarship to support their education. She reminded us that giving back is not about waiting until you have everything, it is about serving where you are with what you have right now. I plan to do the same.

Two key alumni during my tenure have been Dr. Delores Bolden-Stamps and Mrs. Doris Bridgeman. These women give of themselves tirelessly to this institution. Their example of service to our dear Eagle Queen has inspired me to do the same. Both of these remarkable women were recently recognized as the first honorees of our "Glimmer of Legends Soirée" for their commitment to Tougaloo College.

My experience has truly been shaped by alumni influence. Everywhere I go, I encounter a Tougaloo alum who has something meaningful to share about this institution. They offer wisdom, create opportunities, and often extend personal support to help students like me reach our goals.

As a proud member of the Tougaloo College Pre-Alumni Council, I stand ready to make the transition to becoming a member of the Tougaloo National Alumni Association. I look forward to carrying the torch, advancing our mission, and expanding the reach of Tougaloo College. As a future alum, I am committed to giving back to the institution that has given so much to me.



Alumna Aunjanue Ellis-Taylor Hosts “The Convocation: A Gathering of Black Women Artists”

Acclaimed actress and alumna Aunjanue Ellis-Taylor returned to Tougaloo College to host the first-ever gathering of Black women artists in what she appropriately called “The Convocation: A Gathering of Black Women Artists.” This conference was held from October 31 to November 2 on the campus of Tougaloo College and featured deep and enriching performances, conversations, and music that focused on the contributions of Black women to the arts.

The Convocation spotlighted short films, such as *Fannie* and *New York Day Women*, and featured filmmakers like Angela Taylor Patton and Ellis-Taylor. Also, on hand to share their expertise were television writer **Lisa Michelle Payton**, actresses **Ebony Obsidian** and **Sanaa Lathan**, and visionary director **Kasi Lemmons**, who shared the director's cut of her classic *Eve's Bayou*.

During the Saturday night event, guests were treated to an all-women jam session called *The Shed*. It was led by **Terri Lyne Carrington, Rita Brent**, and friends.

On Sunday, the final day of the event, **Dr. Ebony Lumumba** hosted *Literary Voices*, an intimate series of readings and conversations featuring **D. Danyelle Thomas, Ambre Dromgoole, Victoria Christopher Murray**, and **Imani Perry**.

Sidra Smith, Sinetra Bowdry, and Aunjanue Ellis-Taylor gave closing speeches in the Chapel, reflecting on the beauty of the weekend and the continuing legacy of Tougaloo's creative energy. A sublime Quartet Concert filled Woodworth Chapel as the sun sank beneath the campus trees, paying tribute to the history of Black women in music via harmony, tone, and group praise. The audience was inspired and changed forever by the climax, which felt like a blessing.



Now More Than Ever: Join TCNAA

Dear Tougaloo Alumni,

The Tougaloo College National Alumni Association (TCNAA) continues to stand as a powerful bridge between the past, present, and future of our beloved Eagle Queen. Now, more than ever, your membership matters.

Joining TCNAA means more than paying dues; it means staying connected, giving back, and building forward. Members strengthen the legacy of Tougaloo by supporting scholarships, mentoring students, and ensuring that the College continues to thrive for generations to come.

“Membership is not optional — it’s essential. Tougaloo’s future depends on each of us doing our part to uplift, invest, and advocate for our institution.”

—Michael J. Cleveland, MPH '17, Membership Committee Chair, Tougaloo College National Alumni Association

In a time when HBCUs face new challenges and opportunities, alumni engagement is the heartbeat of sustainability. By joining today, you’re not just honoring history — you’re shaping it.

Join or renew your membership today at tcnaa.org/join-tcnaa

Sincerely,

Michael J. Cleveland, MPH, '17
Membership Committee Chair, Tougaloo College National Alumni Association
President, UNCF National Alumni Council



Membership Dues, Profile Updates, and the 2026 TCNAA Elections

TCNAA urges all members to update their profiles. Since TCNAA has adopted electronic voting for all membership-based elections, ballot access will be sent to the member's email address on record in the TCNAA Membership Database on January 31, 2026. A valid email address is also required in order to receive important TCNAA and Tougaloo College information and updates. Annual and Subscribing Life Membership dues must be paid by January 31, 2026, in order to achieve "Active" membership status for the 2026 nomination and election purposes. Note: TCNAA Life Members are always Active.

Frequently Asked Questions:

- **How do I check my membership profile/status?**
 - Access the membership portal by visiting <https://tcnaa.member365.org/sharingnetwork/> and logging in with your credentials:
 - Email:
 - Password:
 - Select "My Account" then "Membership" to reveal your membership status.
- **How do I change my email address on record?**
 - Access the membership portal by visiting <https://tcnaa.member365.org/sharingnetwork/> and logging in with your credentials:
 - Email:
 - Password:
 - Select: "My Profile" then "Personal Info" then enter your new email address in the "Email Field" then select the "Update My Profile" button to save the change(s).
- **How do I pay my membership dues?**
 - Access your Members365 Portal as shown in the examples above. Lapsed memberships will display this information:

Renewal Time

Your Annual Membership
Membership lapsed on 06-30-2025

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Select "Renew today."

- I am a TCNAA Life member but do not get updates or ballots. Your email address is missing or incorrect in the TCNAA Member365 Database.
- What should I do if I do not have an email address on record in the TCNAA Members365 Database? Contact the TCNAA Web Administrator at admin@tcnaa.org.



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Ms. Barbara Wade '85

New Annual Members

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Ms. Sabrena Keeler '94
Ms. Ava Lee '72
Mr. Peter Ma '72
Mrs. Janet Adams '72
Ms. Patreece Sanders '94
Ms. Undrea Walker Nash '95

Honoray Annual Members

Mr. Michael O'Brien

Soaring Eagles

Whitney Batteast '09, founding executive director of “Pickles & Popsicles,” a resource for postpartum education, mental health support and maternal self-care, now reaches national audiences through her recent role on the National Partnership for Women & Families’ “Listening to Mothers” Advisory Council in Washington, DC.

Batteast founded her organization in response to the disparities and systemic challenges facing mothers – particularly Black mothers. In Mississippi, which has one of the highest maternal mortality rates in the country, the risk for Black mothers is nearly four times higher than that of their counterparts. Her program has garnered support from United Healthcare, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and the WISH Postnatal Home Visit Program with Parkland Hospital in Dallas, Texas.



Doris Griffith Bridgeman '69 was honored as one of the 2025 SHERO Community Impact Award recipients during the Butterflies by Grace Defined by Faith 15th Annual Awards Gala on October 18 at the Jackson Hilton Hotel in Jackson, Mississippi. Honorees were recognized for their unwavering dedication as powerful catalysts for positive change, inspiring others to strive for excellence. Doris was humbled to be recognized as a woman of courage, strength, resilience, impact and unwavering faith.



Margie Collins'97 is the CEO of Bridgecross, LLC, which was awarded the Inc. 2025 Best Workplaces award. Bridgecross LLC is a mission-focused, minority and woman-owned small business delivering secure, efficient, and tailored professional services to federal agencies across IT, healthcare, administrative, and management domains. With certifications including 8(a), EDWOSB, SDVOSB, and MBE, Bridgecross helps clients meet socioeconomic goals while providing enterprise-grade solutions in areas like cybersecurity, software development, IT portfolio management, and project support.

The company also supports high-impact programs for the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Labor, and NOAA, among others. Margie Collins is a proud member of the Washington Area Tougaloo Alumni Chapter.



Soaring Eagles



Dr. Jason K. Taylor, MD '99, a staff rheumatologist for the Baptist Medical Group, Madison, MS, previously served as president of the Mississippi Arthritis and Rheumatism Society. Nationally, he served on the American College of Rheumatology 2020 Task Force Committee and the Association of Rheumatology Health Professionals E-Learning Committee.

After receiving his degree in Biology from Tougaloo, he earned his medical degree from Saint Louis University School of Medicine and completed his residency in Internal Medicine and fellowship training in Rheumatology at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. He also served as an Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of Rheumatology. Taylor speaks widely at local symposiums and events.

Derrick Johnson '93, President and CEO of the NAACP, was recently included on the 2025 Root 100 list for his leadership in civil rights, equity, and justice. The recognition highlights his work since becoming the NAACP's president in 2017.

The Root 100 list is generated from TheRoot.com, an online journal that focuses on African-American politics, culture, and society. Each year, it releases a list of the 100 most important black influencers between the ages of 25 and 45.



Jerry Ward, PhD '64, "Trouble the Water: Remembering the Life and Work of Dr. Jerry Ward," was a virtual conversation presented on November 16th during the 2025 Words & Music Festival in tribute to the literary icon. Curated and moderated by Kelly Harris-DeBerry, panelists from New Orleans and Mississippi, including Candice Love Jackson, PhD, C. Leigh McInnis, Howard Ramsby, II, PhD and Kalamu ya Salaam, discussed Ward's contributions and literary lessons.

The conversation is available on the festival's YouTube and Facebook channels.



Soaring Eagles

Dexter Whitley, B.S., M.S., J.D., Ph.D., C'04, recently received the 2025 Kindness Matters Award from Kids in Need of Defense for his exceptional contributions to pro bono cases in support of unaccompanied and separated children.

Whitley is a highly accomplished patent attorney and member of Fish & Richardson's litigation team, focusing on complex patent cases in life sciences, pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, and Hatch-Waxman litigation. Following his degree in Biology from Tougaloo, he earned a Master's degree and a Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences from the University of Mississippi Medical Center. He earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Miami School of Law in 2017.

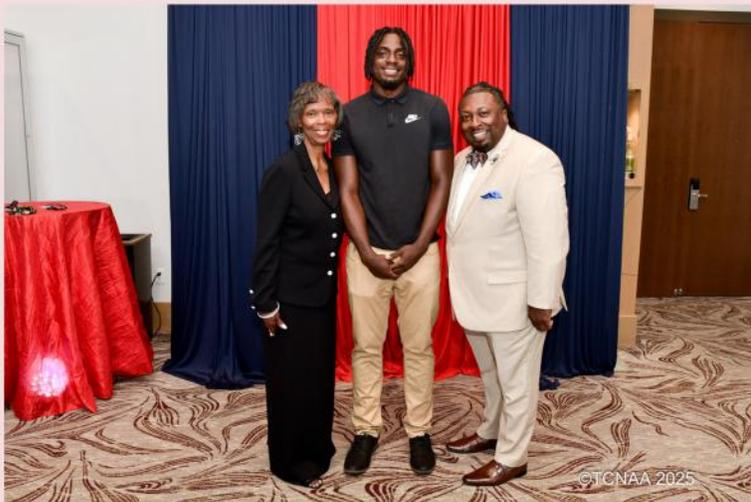


Frank Williams '74, co-founder of the New York-based organization "Grandpas United," was recently featured on national television programs including Good Morning America and The Kelly Clarkson Show for his work. The organization provides retired men with a sense of purpose by mentoring youth, many of whom lack male role models.

Williams co-founded the organization in 2018 along with Dr. Jim Isenberg to utilize the wisdom and skills of grandfathers to help strengthen communities.

TCNAA Scholarship Awards

The TCNAA Scholarship Committee continues to provide students with much-needed scholarships through the TCNAA Scholarship Program. This year, we awarded five \$1,000 scholarships to five students majoring in education for the 2025-2026 academic year. For more information on our scholarship programs or to learn how you can contribute to the TCNAA Scholarship Fund, please visit our website at tcnaa.org. Together, we can help shape the leaders of tomorrow!



Tougaloo College Renewed as Jackson Heart Study Training & Education Center for the Next Decade

BY TONI WILLIAMS HOLLOWAY

As the Jackson Heart Study (JHS) marks its 25th anniversary, Tougaloo College is celebrating a major milestone of its own—its renewal as the Jackson Heart Study Undergraduate Training and Education Center (TEC) for another 10 years. The renewal extends Tougaloo’s long-standing role in shaping the next generation of researchers, health professionals, and community leaders through the nation’s largest study of cardiovascular disease among African Americans.

“We are thrilled to continue this journey for another decade,” said President Donzell Lee. “The renewal of our Training and Education Center is not just a recognition of past success, but a powerful vote of confidence in the future of Tougaloo students who will carry this work forward.”

Since JHS launched in 1999, enrollment has exceeded 5,000 participants from the Jackson metro area. Tougaloo has been at the forefront of preparing young scholars for careers in science, public health, and beyond. Students have gained hands-on experience, mentorship, and academic training that have propelled them into leadership in the fields of medicine, law, education, business, and research.

Together with partners at Jackson State University and the University of Mississippi Medical Center, Tougaloo has helped drive groundbreaking research and community outreach efforts aimed at addressing health disparities across Mississippi. Over the past 25 years, JHS has:

- Documented the disproportionate impact of hypertension, obesity, and diabetes on African Americans.
- Expanded wellness programming, faith-based partnerships, and community health screenings.
- Supported a strong pipeline of Tougaloo students entering graduate and professional programs nationwide.

- Informed public health policy at the state and national levels.
- Provided critical insights during the COVID-19 pandemic about cardiovascular risk among African Americans.

“Tougaloo College’s renewal as a TEC is cause for celebration not only on campus but across the Jackson community,” said Dr. Wendy White, JHS Principal Investigator for Tougaloo College. “Generations of students have grown into leaders because of this program.”

Dr. Kisa Harris ‘15, JHS Co-Principal Investigator and a JHS alumna, added, “Anniversaries remind us of where we’ve been, but renewals remind us of where we’re going. Tougaloo’s commitment to excellence and community is stronger than ever.”

With this renewal, Tougaloo College will continue offering rigorous training in research, leadership, and professional development—ensuring students remain competitive in STEM fields and prepared to impact communities nationwide. The college will also continue reinforcing the lessons of JHS: healthy communities are built on knowledge, responsibility, and partnership.

JHS alums like Dr. Harris continue to be trailblazers in their respective fields while maintaining a commitment to using research for the betterment of our communities – while leading with the legacy our Eagle Queen bestows.

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CHICAGO AREA TOUGALOO ALUMNI CHAPTER

**ROSE SMALL RAMEY '79,
CHAPTER PRESIDENT**

During the 2025 Tougaloo College Founders' Weekend, the Chicago Chapter of the Tougaloo College National Alumni Association proudly connected with students from the Chicago metropolitan area for a special time of fellowship, mentorship, and celebration.

The gathering was filled with laughter, meaningful conversation, and shared experiences as alumni learned more about the students' journeys at Tougaloo and their aspirations for the future. The chapter provided words of encouragement and practical advice on navigating campus life, academics, and leadership opportunities.

As a gesture of support, each student received a gift card from the Chicago Chapter—a small token of love and commitment to the next generation of Tougalooians. The event highlighted the importance of maintaining strong connections between alumni and current students, reminding everyone that the “Tougaloo Spirit” extends far beyond the gates of the College.

“Connecting with our Tougaloo students from the Chicago area reminds us why we do what we do. It's not just about giving back—it's about showing these young leaders that they have a community rooting for them every step of the way. Seeing their passion and hearing their stories fills us with pride and hope for the future of Tougaloo College.”

—**Rose Small Ramey, President, Tougaloo College Chicago Alumni Chapter**

The Chicago Chapter remains committed to supporting students from the region through mentorship, scholarships, and engagement initiatives, continuing the proud legacy of “Where History Meets the Future.”



Chicago Chapter Member w/ Current Tougaloo Students

DALLAS-FORT WORTH ALUMNI CHAPTER

JEANNIE COE FLOOD '79 CHAPTER PRESIDENT

The “Dynamic” Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) Alumni Chapter is multigenerational, innovative, and progressive as it continues to promote and support our beloved alma mater. The DFW Alumni Chapter concluded the 2024-2025 fiscal year by participating in several community-related events. Events included the Texsippian Cookout, a joint collaboration with Alcorn, Jackson State, Mississippi Valley State, DFW Alumni Chapters, and the DFW HBCU Alumni 5K. The Chapter also hosted a successful “Soaring Through Creativity” virtual art fundraiser.

The Chapter kicked off the new fiscal year with its annual much-needed Summer Cooldown in July. Alumni, students, parents, and friends enjoyed a relaxing afternoon of food, fellowship, and fun.

Recruitment

In anticipation of the new academic year and high school recruitment season, the Chapter held a Recruitment Refresher training with Paul Scott in early September. The Refresher was very informative with the latest trends, tips, and tools necessary to attract prospective students. The Chapter participated in 17 college recruitment events in September. We continue to build relationships with local high schools to enhance our recruitment strategies. During Tougaloo Founders' Alumni Weekend, several chapter members held an engaging and inspiring conversation with the Tougaloo DFW metroplex students.

We Are Tougaloo Spotlight -Marcus Mason

Marcus Mason recently celebrated 20 years of service with the American Red Cross. He began his journey with the organization as an intern while pursuing his Master's in Public Administration at the University of Texas at Arlington. From intern to volunteer to paid employee, Marcus supported both HR and volunteer management for the Dallas Area Red Cross Chapter, even deploying to support large disaster relief efforts.

In 2011, the same year he was named a “30 Under 30” honoree by the Dallas Observer, Marcus joined the Red Cross' national headquarters in Washington, D.C., where he played a key role in launching the organization's first enterprise-wide volunteer management system.

After 12 years in IT, Marcus returned to his roots in volunteer management. He now serves as Director of Volunteer Mobilization for Service to the Armed Forces, International Services, and Corporate Departments. In this role, he leads the volunteer engagement strategy and serves as the primary relationship manager and strategic thought partner to help teams better engage volunteers who support U.S. military personnel and their families both stateside and overseas. He also recruits and collaborates with teams managing international disaster response volunteers and incorporates volunteers across corporate functions within the Red Cross.

Outside of work, Marcus is deeply involved in his community. At New Mt. Zion Baptist Church (NMZBC) in Dallas, he serves as a Deacon, co-leads the Children's Church Ministry, weekly teaches youth to build a personal relationship with God, and sits on the NMZBC Daycare Board. Marcus is also active with the Tougaloo DFW Alumni Chapter, where he has served in various capacities, including Chapter President. He is an inaugural Tougaloo “40 Under 40” recipient, a lifetime member of the Tougaloo College National Alumni Association (TCNAA), and currently serves on its Board. A proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Marcus is married to Dr. Angela Scott-Mason '04, and they have 3 future eaglets.



Marcus Mason



Tougaloo DFW Students - Founders' Week



DFW - UNCF WALK

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**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025
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TOUGALOO COLLEGE
DFW ALUMNI CHAPTER

HOUSTON AREA TOUGALOO ALUMNI CHAPTER

LADONNA HARRIS '88
CHAPTER PRESIDENT

The Tougaloo College Houston Area Alumni Chapter hosted a spectacular and successful “Eagle Queen Jazzy Brunch” on Saturday, August 23, 2025, at The Ballroom at Tanglewood. This was a new twist on the chapter’s previous signature event, “A Night of Jazz.” This year marked the chapter’s 33rd year of dedicated service and fundraising. The chapter proudly recognized and honored the commitment and support of alumnus Dr. Vincent Harris and his wife Cassandra Harris for their outstanding contributions.

Thanks to the generous attendance and contributions of all supporters, the chapter successfully raised the essential funds needed. These proceeds are dedicated to increasing the local chapter's Endowment, awarding scholarships to deserving Houston-area students attending Tougaloo College, and providing vital financial support to the college. The enthusiastic participation ensures that the chapter can continue its meaningful work of empowering the next generation of leaders through education. The chapter extends its deepest gratitude to everyone who made the Jazzy Brunch event a memorable success!

Upcoming events for the Houston chapter include:

- Trustee Marion Tresvant’s Perry Lee Home Health Care Bike Give-away
- The annual Christmas mixer



From L to R: Cassandra Harris, Dr. Vincent Harris and President LaDonna Harris



From L to R: Members of the Houston Area Tougaloo Alumni Chapter

THE JACKSON-TOUGALOO ALUMNI CHAPTER

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NEW ORLEANS AREA TOUGALOO COLLEGE ALUMNI CHAPTER

DR. MALESSIA PAYTON '76 CHAPTER PRESIDENT

On October 12th, the New Orleans Area Tougaloo College Alumni Chapter participated in the 2025 Q.U.E.E.N.S annual recruitment event for high school students, held at the Lyons Center in New Orleans. The chapter was represented by alumni Freddi Williams Evans '77, chapter president Dr. A. Malessia Payton '76, and Je'Marcus Welch '12, Assistant Principal at Frederick Douglass High School.

During the event, Evans and Dr. Payton welcomed students and engaged them in meaningful discussions about the various academic majors offered at Tougaloo College. They provided valuable information on the pathways to academic excellence, emphasizing how students can benefit from the college's programs.

More than 100 students received detailed admissions recruitment materials and learned about the diverse programs available at the College. This outreach effort aimed to inspire and inform prospective students about the opportunities awaiting them at the institution.

Evans also represented Tougaloo College at L. B. Landry High School's College Day in November.



From L to R: Freddi Evans, Je'Marcus Welch, and Dr. A. Malessia Payton

WASHINGTON AREA TOUGALOO ALUMNI CHAPTER

Dr. Ro'chelle D. Williams '14
Chapter President

Washington Area Tougaloo Alumni Chapter is proud to announce the WATAC Scholars for the 2025-2026 academic year! Each of these outstanding students embodies the spirit and legacy of Tougaloo College through their leadership, academic excellence, and commitment to service. WATAC's scholarship support is made possible thanks to the generosity of our members and friends who believe in investing in the future of our Alma Mater.



Xaelen Maxwell
Junior, Biology Major
Dallas, Texas



Nayla McClure
Senior, Political Science Major,
Pre-Law & Public Policy, Minor
Utica, Mississippi



Wadelyn Middleton
Senior, Biology Major
Pascagoula, Mississippi



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Freshman, Biology Major, Public
Policy and Administration, Minor
Belzoni, Mississippi



Terry Rogers
Junior, Political Science Major,
Pre-Law, Minor
Quitman, Mississippi

Reunion Classes

“Our participation Still Matters – Tougaloo’s focus still remains clear: to provide students with transformative educational experiences.”

In 2026, we will be celebrating the **Golden Class of 1976** and the **Silver Class of 2001**. Start planning now to attend Commencement activities and make this a memorable time with classmates and friends.

Reunion Classes:

1946 | 1951 | 1956 | 1961 | 1966 | 1971 | **1976** | **2001** | 2006 | 2011 | 2016 | 2021 | 2025

We give special recognition to two milestone groups:

★ **Golden Class of 1976**

★ **Silver Class of 2001**

At Tougaloo College, **every year is a reunion year**, but classes celebrating five-year milestones are especially highlighted. It is never too early to start planning — here is a sneak peek at upcoming Golden and Silver Class celebrations:

Reunion Year	Golden Class	Silver Class
2026	1976	2001
2027	1977	2002
2028	1978	2003
2029	1979	2004
2030	1980	2005
2031	1981	2006

We invite all alumni to **join the journey**—whether your milestone year is this year or still to come. Let us work together to rekindle memories, strengthen our bonds, and keep the legacy of our beloved **Tougaloo College** shining bright.

Stay connected. Get involved. Celebrate with purpose.

#TougalooForever 

Tougaloo College Pre-Alumni Council: Operating in Excellence

Jermarius Everett, President
Kiersten Burk, Vice-President

The Tougaloo College Pre-Alumni Council (PAC) continues to embody the College's motto of "Where History Meets the Future" by preparing students to become engaged alumni and lifelong supporters of their alma mater. This year, PAC has led with purpose, creativity, and community spirit—bridging the gap between students and alumni while championing service, scholarship, and giving.



One of the year's hallmark events was the Mister and Miss UNCF Pageant, which raised over \$10,000 to support PAC initiatives and future programming. The pageant not only celebrated student talent and leadership but also strengthened the organization's capacity to give back to Tougaloo and its students.

In partnership with the Student Government Association, PAC co-hosted the Glimmer of Legends Soirée, an elegant evening dedicated to connecting current students with alumni. The event encouraged alumni giving and honored two exceptional Tougaloo figures—Dr. Dolores Bolden-Stamps and Mrs. Doris Bridgeman, PAC's Advisor Emerita—for their longstanding dedication to the College and its students.

Throughout the year, PAC members have proudly represented Tougaloo on both the local and national stages. Notably, Jada Hall, who serves as the National Pre-Alumni Council President, and Wykendrick Jones, the Southwest Regional Representative, have provided outstanding leadership at the national level.

On campus, PAC has remained an active presence through events such as Cookies with the Court, which connected the campus community with Mister and Miss UNCF and shared valuable scholarship opportunities. The organization also launched two service initiatives—Queen's Service and Vice President's Service—focused on collecting school supplies and hygiene items for those in need. These projects reflect PAC's dedication to service and will contribute to their engagement at the upcoming National Pre-Alumni Conference.

Looking ahead, PAC is excited to present its upcoming PAC Week, taking place November 10–14, which will feature professional development workshops, financial literacy sessions, and a variety of interactive events designed to empower and uplift the student body before the holiday break.

With continued support from alumni, administration, and students, the Tougaloo College Pre-Alumni Council remains steadfast in its mission—to connect, serve, and empower the next generation of Tougaloo graduates.

Tougaloo College Athletics Updates

By: Eric Pilcher

Tougaloo College Athletics continues to shine on the conference and national stage with a series of remarkable achievements:

Faculty Recognition

- Alvin C. Carter has been named the HBCU Athletic Conference Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) of the Year for the third consecutive year, underscoring his dedication to academic and athletic excellence.
- Assistant Cross-Country Coach Paul Scott was named Assistant Coach of the Year for the third consecutive year.

Cross Country Accolades

- Head Cross Country Coach Eric Pilcher was honored by the Rice FAME Group 2024–2025 HBCU Makeda Excellence Awards as the Outstanding Coach for both the men’s and women’s cross-country programs.
- Nevon Taylor earned Co-Outstanding Runner for men’s cross country from the same awards body.
- The Men’s Cross Country Team was picked to finish 1st and the Women’s Team 2nd in the 2025–26 HBCUAC Preseason Poll.
- Preseason All-HBCUAC Selections:
 - Men’s: Nevon Taylor, Ashton Neely, and Kavan Wooten
 - Women’s: Herlancia Miller and Tanisha Boyd
- Coach Pilcher also represented Tougaloo as a panelist for a Recruiting Seminar hosted by The Skills Lab at the Mississippi Natural Science Museum.
- On September 8, 2025, a ring ceremony was held during a volleyball game to honor the Men’s Cross Country Team, winners of the 2024 HBCUAC Championship.
- On October 16, 2025, the men’s and women’s cross-country team competed in the 2025 HBCU Athletic Conference Championship. The men’s team finished 3rd overall with Kameron Brister receiving All-HBCUAC honors for his spectacular 6th place finish. On the women’s side, Herlancia Miller received All-HBCUAC recognition for the second consecutive season for her superb 4th place finish in the championship. Miller also qualified for the 2025 NAIA National Cross Country Championship for the second consecutive year.

Community Engagement

- Student-athletes and coaches volunteered on September 26, 2025, to assist with the re-opening of the Dr. Robert Smith Center of Excellence, Tougaloo College Community Pantry drive-thru pantry.

Basketball Highlights

- Associate Head Men’s Basketball Coach Thomas J. Billups was inducted into the Vicksburg-Warren School District Athletics Hall of Fame on September 20, 2025.
- A ring ceremony was held scheduled for November 8, 2025, recognizing the Men’s Basketball Team’s 2024 GCAC Regular Season Championship.
- Women’s Basketball standout Makaila Brown was named to the 2025-26 HBCU Athletic Conference All-HBCUAC Second Team. The Lady Bulldogs opened their 2025-2026 season on November 6, 2025, against Rust College.
- Men’s Basketball powerhouse Antonio Patterson was named to the 2025-26 HBCU Athletic Conference All-HBCUAC First Team, and teammate Willie Anderson was named to the All-HBCUAC Second Team. The Bulldogs opened their 2025-2026 campaign on October 31, 2025, in Miami, FL, against Florida Memorial University.

Baseball Achievement

- Head Baseball Coach Earl Sanders has been selected for induction into the 2025 College Baseball Hall of Fame. The ceremony will be held on February 12, 2026, in Overland Park, Kansas.
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Eric Pilcher

2024-2025 HBCU MAZEDA EXCELLENCE AWARD
OUTSTANDING COACH
 MEN'S & WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

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 TOUGALOO COLLEGE
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FACULTY ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVE
of the Year

ALVIN S. CARTER

"I found inspiration in 'If you want to see a world without the top of a pole, you have to look in their own back to get them.' Therefore, I am truly grateful to receive this honor!"





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Tougaloo Nine Book

Hot of the Press

Fans of author M. J. O'Brien's *We Shall Not Be Moved*, which introduced a nationwide audience to the story of Tougaloo's crucial role in the Jackson Woolworth's sit-in of 1963, are in for a treat. His new book, *The Tougaloo Nine: The Jackson Library Sit-In at the Crossroads of Civil War and Civil Rights*, has just been released by the University Press of Mississippi.

O'Brien's sophomore foray into nonfiction places Tougaloo College "at the center of the era's radicalism and social change," says Tougaloo alum Dr. Daphne Chamberlain in an early review. The book provides "detailed analysis," she further states, "of what is arguably one of the most pivotal moments in Mississippi civil rights history."

Tougaloo alums will find this work of particular interest, as O'Brien traces the early Mississippi movement back to an on-campus meeting of students with the NAACP's Medgar Evers in the historic Woodworth Chapel and to the ensuing library sit-in of 1961 that set the activist ball in motion and put Tougaloo College on the map.

Profiles of all nine Tougaloo students enhance the narrative, along with chapters titled "The Oasis" and "Tougaloo's Culture of Resistance." "This is a love letter to Tougaloo," O'Brien said. "I'm so honored to have had the chance to do a deeper dive into Tougaloo's spirited history."

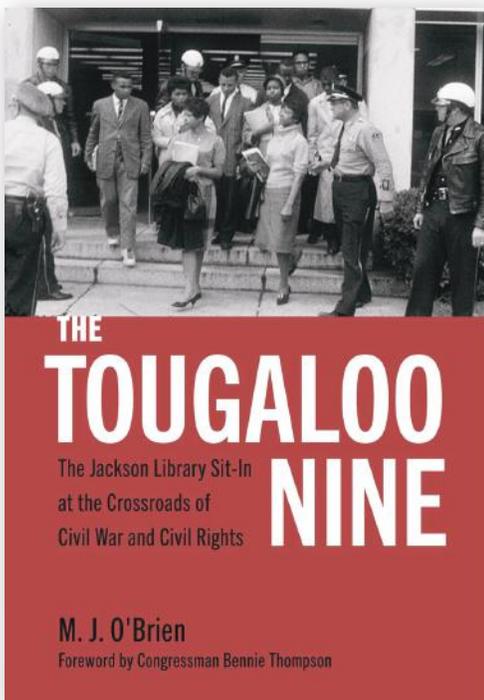
Copies of *The Tougaloo Nine* can be ordered through the University Press of Mississippi's website. [Click here](#) to access the site. The book can also be purchased through [Amazon](#), [Barnes & Noble](#), and [IndieBound](#). The unabridged audio version (through Audible) is also available for pre-order, as is the e-book version.

The Tougaloo Nine

The Jackson Library Sit-In at the Crossroads of Civil War and Civil Rights

M. J. O'Brien

Foreword by Congressman Bennie Thompson



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demonstration in the state
of Mississippi



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During a dramatic three-day period in March 1961, nine students from historically Black Tougaloo College staged sit-ins at the all-White Main Library in Jackson, Mississippi. The students conducted their protest and were arrested, held in jail overnight, and convicted of “breach of peace”—the first time that charge had ever been brought in a Mississippi courtroom. Meanwhile, students at Jackson State College held sympathy protests, and the police responded harshly on both day one and day two. On day three, police attacked a peaceful crowd of observers awaiting the trial’s outcome, using attack dogs, billy clubs, and tear gas to disperse the crowd, one of the first known uses of police dogs on a peaceful gathering during the civil rights era.

The protests occurred while Mississippi was preparing to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the state’s secession from the Union and the commencement of the Civil War. The library sit-in preempted the state’s Confederate extravaganza that brought more than thirty thousand mostly White observers into the streets of Jackson while the students sat in jail, further inflaming passions on both sides.

In *The Tougaloo Nine*, M. J. O'Brien delves into Tougaloo College’s culture of resistance, Mississippi’s determination to preserve segregation, and the early stirrings of the student movement in Jackson. Through numerous interviews and years of detailed research, O'Brien tells the stories of these courageous African American students. He also explores the personalities leading the charge on both sides, including Mississippi NAACP leader Medgar Evers; Tougaloo professors and administrators Ernst Borinski, Reverend John Mangram, and President A. D. Beittel in one camp; and Governor Ross Barnett, Citizens’ Council leader William Simmons, and Jackson Mayor Allen Thompson in the other. Altogether, *The Tougaloo Nine* presents the stunning picture of those who risked their lives and future livelihoods to fight for full social and political equality in Mississippi, USA.

M. J. O'BRIEN a writer and researcher who served for twenty-five years as the chief communications and public relations officer for a national not-for-profit cooperative. He is author of the award-winning *We Shall Not Be Moved: The Jackson Woolworth’s Sit-In and the Movement It Inspired*, published by University Press of Mississippi.



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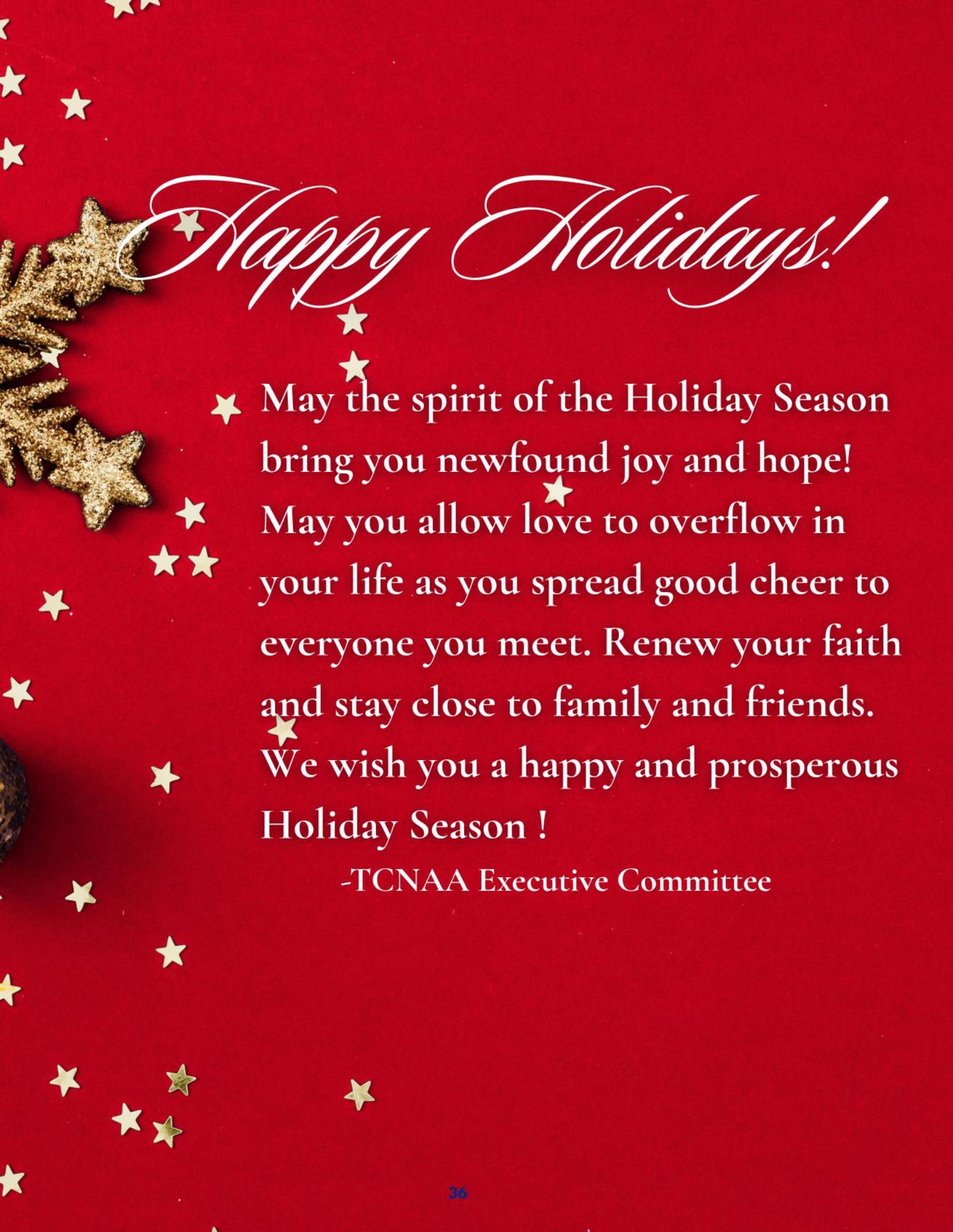


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