

*Remarks for the  
Presidential Inauguration of Dr. Hogan  
Tougaloo College  
October 19, 2003*

- Recognize
  - Dr. Beverly Hogan
  - Mayor Harvey Johnson, Jr.
  - Mayor Mary Hawkins-Butler
  - Leroy Walker, Jr.
  - Rev. Dolphus Weary
  - Edward Blackmon
  - Board of trustees, professors, students,  
and alumni
  
- Good morning it is a pleasure to be here at Tougaloo College once again for such an auspicious occasion
  
- Since its inception over 130 years ago, Tougaloo College has become a well known and highly respected entity committed to academic excellence and dedicated to continued involvement in the community

- Tougaloo College was chartered on the principle that the school “be accessible to all”
- Just as education on all levels should be accessible to every person
- Tougaloo College is steeped in tradition, has a rich history, and has graduated some of Mississippi’s finest including a high percentage of doctors, lawyers, and teachers
- In keeping with its rich history and yet looking towards the future Dr. Beverly Hogan, a former graduate, trustee, and college administrator was selected to serve as the 13<sup>th</sup> President of Tougaloo College
- Someone once said, “Nothing so conclusively proves a persons ability to lead others as what they do from day to day to lead themselves.”

- When you look at Dr. Hogan's educational background, the upward mobility in her professional career, and her commitment to service, it is clear that she is more than capable of steering her own destiny and the destiny of Tougaloo's in the right direction, as she has done now for more than a year.
  
- Image of Mississippi in 2003 far different than the image most know
  - Moving faster than anyone else into the 21<sup>st</sup> century
  - Competing and leading in the global marketplace
  - Setting new standards for education and economic development
  
- We're proving to the people of Mississippi, and the rest of the nation, that we're serious about education
  - Serious about giving you every advantage we can/ every advantage you deserve to compete on the national level

- Your living in an exciting time in Mississippi with unprecedented opportunities
- Congratulations Dr. Hogan and congratulations to the trustees, faculty, staff, students, and alumni for 134 years of excellence