

TOUGALOO COLLEGE

Tougaloo, Mississippi 39174



OFFICE OF THE BOARD CHAIR

Subject: Presidential Search Finalist Candidate #2—Dr. Archie Tucker II

Presidential Search Committee Chair and Chair of the Board of Trustees Dr. Blondean Davis and the Presidential Search Committee are pleased to announce the second finalist candidate for the 15th President of Tougaloo College, **Dr. Archie Tucker II**.

Dr. Tucker currently serves as President of Push Pull Solutions (PPS), LLC. Additional information about his background and credentials can be found below.

Dr. Tucker will be on campus for interviews on **Thursday, January 22, 2026**. Your attendance and engagement with the candidate during your respective constituent group meetings are highly encouraged. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback on the candidate.

Below is a schedule of the candidate's constituent meetings:

Time (CST)	Tougaloo College Constituents	Meeting Location
1:15 –2:30 p.m.	Meeting with Staff	Dr. Jessie L. Sherrod Auditorium
2:45 –4:00 p.m.	Meeting with Faculty	Bennie G. Thompson Conference Room
4:15 –5:30 p.m.	Meeting with Student Body	Dr. Jessie L. Sherrod Auditorium
5:45 –7:00 p.m.	Meeting with Alumni	Dr. Jessie L. Sherrod Auditorium and via Zoom https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82740614008?pwd=TX59gLWuTaLsrQcPRDF0l0buIQQHKG.1

Each session will begin with introductory remarks from the Search Committee Leadership Team, followed by a presentation from each candidate along with a question and answer session, and conclude with an evaluation of each candidate by the respective constituency groups.

We ask that you provide feedback on the candidate via this feedback survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TougalooFinalistAT>. The survey will remain open for 24 hours after the candidate's visit and **will close on January 23, 2026 at 11:45pm CST**.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful engagement with the candidates and this process.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Blondean Y. Davis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Blondean" being the most prominent part.

Dr. Blondean Y. Davis
Chair, Tougaloo College Board of Trustees and
Chair, Tougaloo College Presidential Search Committee



Dr. Archie Tucker II

Dr. Archie Tucker II currently serves as President of Push Pull Solutions (PPS), LLC, a woman-owned, minority-owned consulting firm specializing in external relations, government affairs, philanthropy, community engagement, executive strategy, fundraising, marketing, and organizational leadership development. PPS's service has included but has not been limited to leading national fundraising efforts, lending curriculum development expertise, and providing interim leadership at the Thurgood Marshall College Fund, UNCF, and Edward Waters University, respectively.

Archie brings more than 20 years of successful experience in higher education, with over half of his career spent in senior executive leadership roles reporting directly to institutional presidents. He has held executive leadership positions in development and external relations at four institutions across Mississippi, Alabama, Texas, and Florida. His professional expertise spans development, marketing, public relations, government affairs, economic and workforce development, negotiation, enrollment management, and career services.

Archie has served at both MSIs, including multiple HBCUs and an HSI, and a PWI, with more than a decade of service at Alabama A&M University. Most recently, he served as Senior Vice President of University Advancement at The University of Texas at Tyler, where he led development, alumni relations, community engagement, and special events across five academic campuses. His portfolio included fundraising for a new School of Medicine and advancement efforts across a 10-hospital, 90+ clinical healthcare system. Prior to UT Tyler, Archie served as Vice President for Marketing, Communication, and Advancement at Alabama A&M University. In this role, he oversaw fundraising; marketing, public relations, and brand engagement; a 100,000-watt radio station and television studio; The UPS Store; and other auxiliary and operational units. He previously served as the Chief Development Officer at Mississippi Valley State University and held

leadership and support roles in workforce development, career services, and enrollment management at Coahoma Community College and Delta State University.

Archie holds a Doctorate in Urban Higher Education from Jackson State University, an MBA from Delta State University, and a Bachelor of Business Administration from Mississippi Valley State University. He has completed executive education and certification programs through the Association of Governing Boards; the American Association of State Colleges and Universities and Association of Public and Land-grant Universities; the Higher Education Leadership Foundation; Harvard University; Indiana University; Hampton University; and The Lobby School. In 2015, he was named the inaugural Fundraiser of the Year by the Association of Fundraising Professionals - North Alabama.

Archie has served numerous boards and committees at the local, state, national, and international levels, with a focus on economic development, education, philanthropy, business and industry, and social justice. He is an active member of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

A native of Leland, Mississippi, Archie and his wife, Veronica, were featured on Season 3 of Ellen's Game of Games in 2020. They are the proud parents of two sons, Jordan and Austin.