

## A MESSAGE FROM ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

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### COMMENCEMENT 2020

The Office of Academic Affairs, along with President Walters and the Tougaloo College family, announces plans to celebrate the Class of 2020. **Commencement exercises will be held Sunday, August 2, 2020.**

The COVID-19 global health crisis has brought to the College's attention realities that we understand have compromised our ability to host a commencement ceremony that truly invokes the spirit of Tougaloo, and illustrates our commitment to upholding our traditions and properly celebrating the accomplishments of our graduates. With careful planning that is guided by recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control, the commencement exercise will be held on the campus green in front of Historic Woodworth Chapel on **Sunday, August 2**. Eric H. Holder, Jr., the 82<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Attorney General, will serve as the commencement speaker. In the event of inclement weather, commencement will be held inside Kroger Gymnasium.

Tougaloo College takes the position that we must and will protect the health and safety of our graduates, their families, the campus community, and all members of the Tougaloo College family on this special occasion. There will be a limit on the number of guests each graduate is allowed and the number of people allowed on the campus. And, it will be necessary for graduates and their invited guests to adhere to the strict measures and guidelines enforced by the College for Sunday, August 2. Details are forthcoming.