



*Congratulations to the Tougaloo  
Golden Class of 1967  
on their 50th Anniversary Reunion*

## Lumumba wins Democratic primary without a runoff

Political newcomer lands an impressive, decisive, historic victory

By Othor Cain  
Editor

In what is being billed as a surprise sweep, Democratic mayoral candidate Chokwe Antar Lumumba, won an impressive, decisive and historic nine person race Tuesday to become the Democratic nominee for mayor of Jackson.

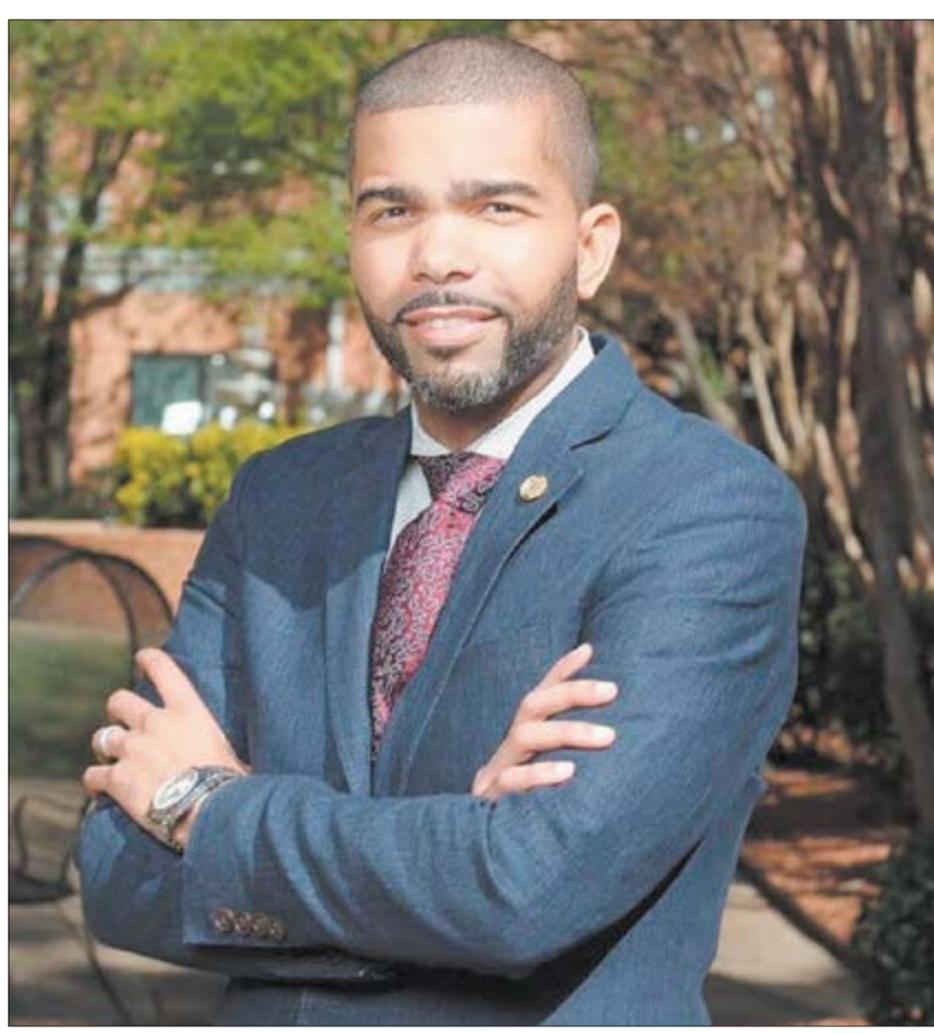
Lumumba avoided a runoff by pulling 55 percent of the vote in a crowded field that included current Mayor Tony Yarber.

Yarber, who is serving the unfulfilled term of Lumumba's father who died less than eight months after taking office, was never able to rise above the 5 percent mark, conceded early in the night and threw his support behind Lumumba.

Tuesday marked the first measurement in the race for this political newcomer who started campaigning nearly a year ago. "Tonight is about defying conventional wisdom which said there had to be a runoff," Lumumba said during his victory speech. "Jacksonians united behind this campaign in pursuit of a common interest."

Based on early returns 34,169 people voted in the mayor's race, of those, 18,617 votes went to Lumumba, placing him well above the required 50 percent plus one vote. This was a strong sign of cross-generational, cross-socio economic and cross-ethnic background voting. "I'm going to make certain that I bring everybody to the table," Lumumba said. "Whether you supported me or not, I want you to be a part of what we are building."

Lumumba moves to the general election June 6 where he will face one Republican candidate, one third party candidate and several independent candidates.



Lumumba

## No charges for officers

Department of Justice won't file charges against Baton Rouge police officers in Alton Sterling's death

ByJaweed Kaleem and Joseph Tanfani  
Associated Press

The Department of Justice will not bring federal civil rights charges against two police officers involved in death of Alton Sterling, the 37-year-old black man whose shooting by police last summer set off days of protest in Baton Rouge, La.

The decision, first reported Tuesday by the *Washington Post*, was confirmed by two sources familiar with the investigation. A Justice Department spokeswoman declined to comment.

Sterling was shot to death July 5 after police responded to a 911 call about a man who made a threat with a gun in front of a minimarket. Witness and police accounts differed on whether Sterling was threatening officers and whether he had reached for a gun. The Justice Department and the FBI launched an inquiry two days after Sterling's death.

The investigation sought to find out whether officers had violated Sterling's civil rights and whether the shooting was justified. It's the first inquiry into a high-profile police shooting to be completed during the Trump administration under Atty. Gen. Jeff Sessions.

The news of no federal charges does not mean the officers involved are in the clear. Louisiana Atty. Gen. Jeff Landry's office has said it would look at evidence from the investigation to see whether state charges were warranted. A spokeswoman for Landry did not reply to requests for comment on Tuesday.

The officers, Blane Salamoni and Howie

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# Living your life like its 'Golden'

By Othor Cain  
Editor

## Tougaloo Class of 1967 to march again

Can you imagine what could happen in fifty years? How you've changed? How the world has changed? How relationships changed? How life changes?

One common theme that will never change for the Tougaloo College class of 1967 is their love for their beloved institution and their love for each other. Some say this class is like family. "We did a lot of things together, including protesting and taking a stand when it was necessary," said Carolyn Amerson, a member of the class of 1967. "Our bond is strong and it is always good to gather and reconnect with each other."

Members of this class after asking permission [and being denied] to use a campus bus they affectionately called 'the blue goose'...took the bus to Jackson State University to participate in a student demonstration to protest the treatment of students by



The Blue Goose

the police.

Amerson said this class gathers every five years, but this year is extra special.

This weekend the class will gather on the historic campus flanked by low hanging moss trees and beautifully structured historic buildings to receive their golden diplomas. The class will celebrate 50 years of success.

For the past two years a steering

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## Tougaloo Colleges announces Honorary Degree recipients for 2017 Commencement

Engineer of the Year, Emmy Award Winning Journalist and Grammy Award Winning Blues Musician have been announced as this year's Tougaloo College honorary degree recipients. Eugene M. DeLoatch, W. Randall Pinkston, and Bobby Rush will receive the degrees during commencement, scheduled for Sunday, May 7 at 10 a.m. on the Tougaloo campus.

"We are pleased to recognize our honorary doctorate recipients, all of whom are extraordinary individuals. They have immense achievements and made impactful contributions to society. We are honored to add them to our list of distinguished alumni." - Beverly W. Hogan, president of Tougaloo College.

Eugene M. DeLoatch earned a B.S. degree in mathematics and electrical engineering from Tougaloo College and Lafayette College (PA) respectively. He also holds the M.S.E.E. and Ph.D in bioengineering from the New York Polytechnic Institute

University. In February 2017, DeLoatch was named Black Engineer of the Year by the Career Communications Group. DeLoatch has spent many years as an educator and researcher and remains committed to promoting engineering to young people with particular emphasis on individuals from groups that are underrepresented in the engineering profession. Over a ten-year period, DeLoatch's degree granting programs at Morgan State University led the nation in the production of African-American electrical and civil engineers at the baccalaureate level. DeLoatch is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions. He is a life member of Tougaloo College National Alumni Association and a generous philanthropist. DeLoatch has consistently supported Tougaloo College's Annual Fund by contributing over \$90,000.

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