



## Trump on clear path

By Julie Pace and Scott Bauer  
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS – His rivals out of the way, Donald Trump has become the Republican Party’s presumptive presidential nominee.

Ohio Gov. John Kasich will announce the end of his underdog White House bid on Wednesday, according to three campaign officials who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the candidate’s plans. The decision comes a day after Trump’s only other rival, Ted Cruz, left the 2016 contest.

With no GOP opponents left, Trump has an open path to represent the party in the November general election – presumably against Democratic front-runner Hillary Clinton.

Clinton, in her first remarks since Trump’s new status was crystalized, said she was more than prepared to handle the kind of deeply personal attacks that helped defeat Trump’s Republican rivals.

“To me, this is the classic case of a blustering, bullying guy,”

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## Tougaloo graduates offered words of hope

### Commencement speaker Andrew Lack, chairman of NBC News and MSNBC, receives honorary doctorate

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Tougaloo College held its commencement ceremony May 1 and the institution’s motto – “Where History Meets the Future” – rang true throughout the day.

“The best way to predict the future is to create it ... Eleanor Roosevelt once said the future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. Our past has happened, learn from it,” said Waynesha E. Blaylock, 2016 class valedictorian, as she addressed her fellow graduates. The keynote commencement speaker was Andrew Lack, chairman of NBC News and MSNBC.

Tougaloo, established in 1869 by the American Missionary Association of New York, was commissioned to educate freedmen and their children who were recently freed slaves.

In 1871, the Mississippi Legislature granted the institution a



Tougaloo College 2016 Class Valedictorian, Waynesha E. Blaylock, addresses her fellow graduates. PHOTO BY JAY JOHNSON

formal charter under the name Tougaloo University. It remained predominantly a teacher training

school until 1892. Then in 1916, the name changed officially to Tougaloo College.

A campus entrenched in history has reminders in every direction that quietly speak to the

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## Receiving master’s degree just in time for Mother’s Day

By Shanderia K. Posey  
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When you say you’re a single mother, you’ve said a mouthful. Raising kids alone was never God’s plan, yet many – about 10 million women in the United States – are doing just that. I am one of them.

### COMMENTARY

As Mother’s Day approaches, I dare not use this space to have a pity party. Instead, I must share the triumphs, blessings, fulfillment, accomplishments and contentment I have experienced in spite of being the head of my household.

For example, this Friday will mark a huge milestone in my

life. I will receive my master’s degree in mass communications from Mississippi College. Trust me when I say, they don’t just give those degrees away.

My brain has been stretched. I have logged many hours researching, writing papers, doing assignments, etc. With my nearest family more than two hours

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## LGBT rights advocates protest at Capitol about new state law

By Jeff Amy  
The Associated Press

Hundreds of supporters of lesbian, gay bisexual and transgender rights protested Sunday against a new Mississippi law they call discriminatory, saying they’re not giving up their fight.

The law, which takes effect July 1, is to allow religious groups and some private businesses to deny services to same-



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sex couples and transgender people. More than 300 people marched from the state Capitol to the governor’s mansion in Jackson, the capital city, bidding to keep up pressure on Gov. Phil Bryant and other Mississippi leaders who support the

law. “We need to show him loud and clear we’re not going away,” Chad Griffin, president of the Human Rights Campaign, told the crowd gathered outside the white columned-mansion.

The only signs of activity inside the mansion’s wrought iron fence were a few State Capitol

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## Congresswoman calls for probe of government advertising

At a press conference on Capitol Hill earlier this year Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton called on the U.S. Government Accountability Office to update its 2007 report on government spending with minority media publications. She was joined by leaders of the National Newspaper Publishers Association and National Association of Hispanic Publications. FREDDIE ALLEN/AMG/NNPA



By Stacy M. Brown  
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District of Columbia Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton recently fired off a letter to the Comptroller General of the U.S. Government Accountability Office demanding a new report detailing federal advertising contracts and

subcontracts with minority-owned newspapers and media companies.

The Democrat’s missive to the GAO comes a little more than a month after she held a press conference on Capitol Hill with leaders from the National Newspaper Publishers Association, an organization

made up of more than 200 black-owned newspapers, and the National Association of Hispanic Publications, a trade group that represents the largest Spanish language publications in the country.

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