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LeMoyne-Owen College and Cummins Inc., to Host Corporate CEOs

Memphis, TN (September 14, 2009) – More than 50 corporate CEOs from companies across the Mid-South have been invited to a private breakfast meeting hosted by LeMoyne-Owen College and the president of Cummins Inc., Tim Solso. The breakfast meeting is being held to share details of the College's Strategic Transformation Plan, to talk about the record enrollment occurring at the College this season, and about plans to build new dormitories over the next several months. Mr. Solso and LeMoyne-Owen College President Johnnie B. Watson will make presentations and answer questions about the College's immediate and long range plans for the future. "We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Mr. Solso and to Cummins Inc.," said President Watson. "Over the years while others have continued to raise questions about the contribution that HBCUs make, Cummins decided instead to do its own homework and to find out whether investing in LeMoyne-Owen College would be worthwhile. Their effort resulted in a friendship that has lasted almost 20 years."

Cummins Inc., a global leader in design, manufacture and distribution of service engines and related technologies, is a long-time supporter of LeMoyne-Owen College. "Cummins values our partnership with LeMoyne-Owen College," said Mr. Solso. "At Cummins, we believe that we are only as strong as the communities in which we live and work and LeMoyne-Owen is an incredibly important part of the Memphis community. I am happy to spend my time helping other Memphis area businesses understand how they too can be a part of a thriving institution that is situated in our own backyard."

Specifically, Cummins has been the presenting sponsor of the Hank Aaron Celebrity Sports Weekend for many years contributing countless dollars in volunteer support and financial contributions. The company has been involved in the renovation of two of the College's main historic buildings, Steele Hall and Sweeney Hall; has contributed \$100,000 to expand the College's computer laboratory allowing more computer units per student; funded student-teacher training programs to enhance the teaching program at the College; and has assisted in many other endeavors.

Since the early 1990s, Cummins has invested in LeMoyne-Owen College and has assisted the College in becoming more financial secure. Cummins Inc., is headquartered in Columbus, Indiana and serves customers in approximately 190 countries and territories through a network of more than 500 company-owned and independent distributor locations and approximately 5,200 dealer locations.

Cummins reported net income of \$755 million on sales of \$14.34 billion in 2008. Today, the company is a multinational Fortune 500 company that operates and serves customers around the globe. At the same time, Cummins retains strong ties to its Indiana home, where the Company's headquarters remain.

LeMoyne-Owen College has a diverse faculty and student body. It is the only historically black college in the City of Memphis. For more information about this important meeting, see the contact above.

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