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### **Reverend Jesse Jackson to be Special Guest Speaker at Voter Education Rally at LeMoyne-Owen College**

*Everyone is invited to come out and learn how to get ready for Election Day.*

MEMPHIS, TN (March 29, 2012) With the presidential election quickly approaching in November, the new law that now requires voters to present a photo ID at the polls is a hot topic. Reverend Jesse Jackson will be the special guest speaker at LeMoyne-Owen College's **Voter Education Rally Tuesday, April 3, 2012, at 10 a.m.**

Volunteers will hand out voter registration applications, along with such vital information as voting eligibility requirements, voting rights restoration, absentee voting, and how to apply for a State of Tennessee photo ID.

The rally will take place on LeMoyne-Owen College's campus lawn in front of Brownlee Hall, 807 Walker Ave.

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The American Missionary Association founded The LeMoyne-Owen College in 1862 to educate freedmen and runaway slaves at the Union Army's Camp Shiloh in Shiloh, Tennessee. The school relocated to Memphis a year later, but was destroyed during race riots in 1866. Lincoln Chapel, as the school was then known, was rebuilt and reopened in 1867 with 150 students and six teachers. Lincoln Chapel was renamed LeMoyne Normal and Commercial School in honor of benefactor, physician and abolitionist Dr. Francis Julian LeMoyne and relocated to its current site at 807 Walker Ave in 1914. After more than 50 years of steady growth, LeMoyne merged with Owen College in 1968. Today, The LeMoyne-Owen College has a student body of more than 1,000 students and offers 4-year degrees in five disciplines: Business and Economic Development; Education; Fine Arts and Humanities; Natural and Mathematical Sciences; and, Social and Behavioral and Sciences.