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ASU alumna speaks at Honors Day Convocation

Albany State University held its Annual Honors Day Convocation on Friday, March 27.

The ceremony took place in the HPER gymnasium at 10 a.m. The keynote speaker was ASU alumna Dr. Beverly Robinson, the new vice president for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs and an Albany State alumna.

Robinson started off her speech with a story of her childhood. As the youngest of 10 children, she always had the desire to climb higher and higher. She encouraged the attentive crowd in the gymnasium always to strive to achieve new heights because learning never stops.

Robinson informed the audience that the main message would be interactive. She told listeners they would recite this quote throughout the course of the speech, “Our thoughts will produce actions. Actions will form habits. Habits produce character, and character will determine your destiny.”

Robinson also spoke of three principles she applies to her life. The first was emotions.

She informed the audience that one should be in control of his or her emotions. In governing emotions, one should eliminate moodiness and be more tolerable. The second principle was restraint.

“It is impossible to retract negative words once they are spoken, but it is possible to restrain words then promote encouragement,” Robinson said.

She encouraged the audience to train their thoughts using the three qualities of wisdom, integrity and humility.

Destiny was the final principle that Robinson said she applies to her life.

“You have the ability to be productive,” she said, “Always use your common sense throughout your life.”



Photo caption: Dr. Beverly Robinson, ASU alumna and vice president for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs, addresses students during the Honors Day Convocation.