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## ASU advances as a top-ranked HBCU

ASU recognized as #1 public HBCU in Georgia

ALBANY, Ga. – U.S. News & World Report has released this year's list of top ranked colleges and universities. Albany State University is listed among the nation's top Historically Black Colleges and Universities and the #1 public HBCU in the state of Georgia for the second year in a row. ASU made the cut at #13 among all public HBCUs in the nation.

"We provide an excellent education at Albany State University, an education that prepares our students to compete on a global level," said Interim President Arthur Dunning. "We are delighted that the



Albany State University graduates celebrate at the May 2015 spring commencement ceremony.

work of our faculty, staff and students is being recognized on a national level; we are working diligently to provide even more opportunities for student success."

According to the rankings, ASU pulled ahead of Georgia's public HBCUs -- Fort Valley State University and Savannah State University. The rankings are based on graduation and retention rates, peer assessments, student-to- faculty ratio, admission test scores and the strength of the faculty; alumni giving was also considered.

Paul Bryant, associate provost for Enrollment Management, credits ASU's small class sizes, among other advantages, for the ranking placement.

ASU also ranks among the five best Georgia colleges offering nurse practitioner programs, according to NurseJournal.org. The ASU nursing department is listed as a top choice for the website's 2015 ranking of America's Best Nursing Schools and Colleges.

"The Albany State experience is not only remarkably educational, but, also professionally fulfilling and enjoyable," Bryant said. "We encourage all students to take full advantage of what Albany State has to offer."

ASU ranks #27 among all HBCUs nationwide.

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**About ASU** ... Albany State University, in Southwest Georgia, has been a catalyst for change in the region from its inception as the Albany Bible and Manual Training Institute to its designation as a university. Founded in 1903 to educate African-American youth, the university continues to fulfill its historic mission while also serving the educational needs of an increasingly diverse student population. A progressive institution, Albany State University seeks to foster the growth and development of the region, state and nation through teaching, research, creative expression and public service. Through its collaborative efforts, the university responds to the needs of all of its constituents and offers educational programs and service to improve the quality of life in Southwest Georgia. For more information see <a href="http://www.asurams.edu">http://www.asurams.edu</a>. Follow the university on Twitter at @Albany State University Official Page.