


ASU ranked in top 25

Albany State University is ranked among the top third of HBCUs by U.S. News & World Report.

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ALBANY — U.S. News & World Report magazine has ranked Albany State University in the top third of its America's Best Black Colleges 2009 list.

ASU earned the 25th spot out of 81 historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs). The university gained momentum, jumping up a spot from last year's edition.

ASU officials said they are proud of the recognition and that they plan to do even better next year.

"We won't be happy until we're number one," Ruth Salter, assistant vice president of institutional research and effectiveness, said. "We don't know how long that will take, but it's currently our goal."

The colleges are judged in several categories, such as the freshman retention rate, graduation rate, class ratios and number of students who scored in the 25th-75th percentile of the SAT or ACT exams.

Salter said the factors considered in the magazine's rankings are also areas ASU is constantly working to improve.

"Things like the retention rate and the graduation rate are issues we're working on all the time," Salter said.

Results are also decided based upon peer surveys sent to HBCU presidents, provosts and deans, which Salter said is important.

"Part of the ranking comes purely from surveys, from people who work at other historically black colleges and universities, so they're rating us higher," Salter said. "Our reputation is rising among our peers."

Two Georgia colleges appeared in the top three. Spelman College and Morehouse College, both located in Atlanta, nabbed the first and third spots, respectively. Howard University ranked second, and Hampton University and Fisk University rounded out the top five.

Florida A & M University landed at No. 15.

The entire America's Best Colleges 2009 list will appear in the Sept. 1-8 edition of U.S. News & World Report.

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