Our End Is Your Beginning

Maggie W. Glover urges Sophomore Class to be in control.

The Sophomore Class held its assembly on Thursday, April 3, 2014 in the Neal-Jones Auditorium. Dr. Maggie W. Glover, the college’s Activity Director/Director of Developmental Programs in the Division of General Studies, was the speaker. She began delivery of her message by reading a letter that was published in The State on Friday, March 7, 2014. “I am sharing this letter with you,” she explained, “not only because of its profound message and its sincere apology; I am sharing it with you because it is an excellent piece of modeling and mentoring written by our very own, Dr. Marc C. David, chairman of the Division of Religion and Humanities.”

With thoughtful and skillful weaving, she caringly interlaced the class theme – Starting at the Finish Line: The End is Only the Beginning – into the letter. Noting Dr. David’s apology as the sentiment of every administrator, faculty and staff member, she expressed confidence in students and their ability to be successful. “No matter what we did not give to you,” she said, “know that our ending is your beginning . . .” Cautioning students against the menaces of making excuses and failing to think, she told them, “You are an eagle, and you can spread your wings and fly.”

Dr. Glover went on to encourage students to be “critical thinkers” and “active learners.” Speaking of their college days, she said, “This is the point in your life where you decide right here and now what it is I am going to do with the rest of my life. . . You are young adults and you must know where you are headed. The end of your college career is the beginning of your life.”

Finishing her message the way she started, with an apology, she said, “We are sorry we didn’t give you all that was given to us, but you cannot ever let that stop you. Never ever let the obstacles impede or stop you. You can always climb over them, dig under them, shift through them, go around them, move them; you can even ignore them. But, please know you always can. You can do anything you are big and bad enough to dream about.”

Dr. Richardson, in his remarks, commended class officers, members, and their advisor for planning and executing an excellent program. “This is such a profound speech Dr. Glover has made, utilizing some of Dr. David’s material.” The president invited Dr. Glover to deliver her message again at the presidential assembly, which closes out the year.
President Addressed VIP

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