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Saint Augustine's College celebrates 141st commencement

Saint Augustine's College awarded 168 bachelor's degrees during its 141st Commencement held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 10, on the College Quadrangle. It had been 30 years since the ceremony was held on campus.

The Rev. Calvin O. Butts delivered the commencement address. Butts is pastor of the renowned Abyssinian Baptist Church in New York and is president of State University of New York college at Old Westbury.

Butts' speech addressed the importance of character and integrity. He encouraged the students to use their academic achievements to reach the goals they've set for themselves. Butts added that if students keep education and faith apart of their lives, their possibilities are endless.

Saint Augustine's College President Dianne Boardley Suber said she recognized the sacrifices — financial and emotional — students made throughout their time at the College. She encouraged them to remain connected with their alma mater.

"You stood on the shoulders of many who made this possible," Suber said. "Make sure your shoulders are there for those who follow."

About 2,500 people gathered to celebrate the commencement ceremony.

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