

# Robinson new 1747 director at AIDB Regional Center

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**TALLADEGA** — The Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind will welcome its new Talladega Regional Center director Monday.

Patrick Robinson, a community leader and national award-winning coach, will oversee the daily operations of the Talladega Regional Center, which serves residents in the East Alabama counties of Calhoun, Cherokee, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Etowah, Randolph, Talladega and St. Clair. The center's services include early intervention, home training, assistive technology,

information and referral, technical assistance, interpreter coordination, sign language classes, transportation, community service access and education.

"I am excited about this new opportunity and I'm ready to serve the deaf and blind communities through the Talladega Regional Center," Robinson said.

"There are many deaf and blind families living in this area and we all want to enjoy our lives and share our skills and interests with the community. I look forward to creating more awareness with businesses and in bringing the com-



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munity together.”

Before graduating from Alabama School for the Deaf in 1986, Robinson, a Prattville native, served as president of numerous student organizations and graduated as valedictorian of his class.

In 1991 he earned a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., and served as a student coach for the women's basketball team for three years.

He also holds a masters of science degree in deaf education from Western Maryland College in Westminster, Md.

After returning to ASD, Robinson served in almost every capacity, including being a house parent, assistant coach, dormitory program supervisor, adjustment specialist, job coach, summer work coordinator and head volleyball coach.

Most recently, Robinson was work experience coordinator and head basketball coach at ASD.

Under his leadership the Silent Warriors basketball team won two straight national championship titles.

“I am thrilled that Mr. Robinson will assume the responsibility of managing the Talladega Regional Center,” said Dr. John Mascia, interim vice president for Adult Programs.

“Mr. Robinson's education, experience and long affiliation with AIDB will serve him well as he offers direction which will enhance a program already recognized as a first class community service center.

“He has a demonstrated passion for assisting individuals who are deaf and blind in a way that allows them to live and work in their community. I look forward to seeing the Talladega Regional Center

grow under his leadership.”

Robinson was named Coach of the Year by Deaf Digest in 2009 and 2011, and was Talladega County Volleyball Coach of the Year three times.

He has also served on the AT&T Relay Service Advisory Board, as president of the Alabama chapter of the Gallaudet University Alumni Association and of Black Deaf Advocates.

His other activities include membership in the Alabama Taskforce on Mental Health Services, Alabama Association for the Deaf, Alabama High School Athletic Directors and Coaches Association, the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services Deaf Advisory Board and Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

Robinson and his wife, Marvice, have two children, Amber and Camisha.

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