

Darlene Dunmeyer-Roberson

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*“Two roads diverged in a yellow wood, and I ... I
chose the one less traveled by, and that has made
all the difference.”* **–R. Frost**

Darlene Dunmeyer-Roberson, a former teenage mother, is a native of Hollywood, South Carolina and the eldest child of two. She’s a graduate of the University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC with a (B.A.) in Psychology and attained her Masters of Education in Urban Counseling (M.Ed) from Norfolk State University, Norfolk, VA. Darlene is the CEO and Founder of Next Level Educational Services, LLC, Manassas, VA and Charleston, SC. She enjoys using her experiences to motivate others. Darlene openly speaks of her successes and failures in hopes to make a difference in the lives of many.

Darlene’s speaking style is straight-forward, thought-provoking, and honest. She is very knowledgeable and **HER MESSAGE IS POWERFUL!** She is captivating and you will enjoy every moment. Her speeches are tailored to inspire, motivate, and give each individual valuable tips and tools for the present to pursue their own future. Her speeches and presentations are valuable to all age groups.

Darlene is always available to speak to groups on subjects pertaining to how to prepare for and choose a college, what to expect while in college, how to make your dreams a reality as a teen parent and making smart choices.

Other topics:

Inspirational, Motivational, Self-Esteem, Personal Development, Success Strategies, Career planning (including interviewing skills and resume writing), Leadership, Tips for Educational Success (for the parents and/or child)

Recent Speaking Engagements:

- Student Leadership Conference: "I would follow my passion, if I knew what it was..."
- "Your Pipeline to Success" a seminar to educate students about the Cooperative Development Energy Program (CDEP) at Fort Valley State University.
- The Tammy Show: Straight-talk forum on Alternative Education in Rural South Carolina and Public School Choice.
- Career Day: "Imagine the Possibilities", Strategies of succeeding as an underrepresented student in college.
- Public School Choice, Town Hall Meetings: "Somebody ought to say something".....

Published Articles:

- Applying to College over Christmas Break: Advice to Woodbridge Senior High School Students, editor Gresham Harkless, The Patch, Woodbridge, VA, December 27, 2010.
- Entrepreneur Spotlight: Darlene D. Roberson-Entrepreneur Darlene Roberson helps area students get into college, editor Gresham Harkless, The Patch, Woodbridge, VA, November, 29, 2010.

Professional Memberships:

- American Counseling Association
- Virginia School Counselors Association
- Association for Counselors and Educators in Government
- National Association of Professional Women
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated

Darlene is the recipient of numerous educational awards and citations, among the many are the Minerva Award for Service to Youth in Education and a Certificate of Achievement from the Chairman of the School Board and the Superintendent of Schools, Prince William County Public Schools, signifying her reputation for quality professional work among her peers.

Darlene is married to, for 21 years, LCDR Ronald R. Roberson (Ret) USN. They have one adult son, Captain Adriel M. Roberson, USAR. The Roberson's live in Northern Virginia.

Motto:

"Show where you're going, without forgetting where you're from."