ANNUAL REPORT
STRENGTHENING THE EDUCATION CONTINUUM

NORTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT
COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES
North Carolina's 36 independent colleges and universities share an educational legacy that began more than two centuries ago. Our campuses are vital contributors to our state, nation and world, providing jobs and economic growth and producing talented graduates who improve the quality of life and sustain strong communities. Students, faculty and staff with many talents and different perspectives make our campuses robust and exciting intellectual communities that serve all regions of the state.

Our independent colleges and universities contribute greatly to education at all levels in North Carolina, providing teachers for early childhood through high school and college. In addition, we produce educated professionals who are leaders in non-profit, businesses and government. North Carolina is advancing its reputation for economic vitality and innovation thanks in part to NCICU institutions.

For 45 years, NCICU has worked with the North Carolina General Assembly and Congress to ensure that grant and scholarship support is available to North Carolina students to help make a college education possible. These funds, added to more than $600 million in institutional aid, student loans and work-study opportunities, enable students to pursue their goals in college and prepare for lives of service and success.

Support by corporate and foundation donors to the Independent College Fund of North Carolina enables NCICU to sponsor additional student scholarships as well as enrichment programs and special projects, such as the enormously successful annual NCICU Ethics Bowl. A number of donors to the Fund have been contributors for more than 50 years, and six companies have contributed more than $1 million. They have made and continue to make a difference in the lives of our students and we are deeply grateful.

Leo M. Lambert, Chair, NCICU Board of Directors
President, Elon University

Delores Sides, Chair, ICFNC Advisory Board
International Textile Group, Inc.

“I liked the atmosphere of a private school. I have reaped the benefits of being able to spend quality time with professors, get involved with the local community in service programs and then see the support the community provides back.”
Andrew Bret Baldwin – Louisburg College
GOVERNANCE
NCICU is governed by a board of directors comprised of the presidents of the 36 independent colleges and universities in North Carolina. Governing North Carolina’s independent colleges and universities are more than 1,300 of the state’s government, business and civic leaders. Independent college and university trustees are deeply committed to their responsibilities and deeply engaged in providing planning and guidance to their institutions.

ACCREDITATION
The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges provides regional accreditation for all 36 NCICU campuses. Continuing accreditation requires institutions to maintain high quality education, management practices, and standards. Regional accreditation assures the quality the state recognizes for quality assurance.

ACCOUNTABILITY
The North Carolina Education Assistance Authority awards and accounts for all state grant funds provided to North Carolina students attending the 36 campuses of NCICU. Those state funds, as well as federal funds and overall financial aid programs, are subject to independent audits of institutions and to state and federal program reviews.

OUR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
Independent higher education in North Carolina includes coeducational colleges and universities, colleges for women, historically black colleges and universities, and one two-year college. All are liberal arts, comprehensive or research institutions and are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

OUR TAX STATUS
NCICU and all 36 independent colleges and universities are tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. Contributions are fully tax-deductible as provided by law.

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“A college has opened my eyes to many career opportunities that I had not thought about previously. I have always wanted to go into the medical field, and still plan to attend school to be a Physician Assistant, but I am now also excited about the laboratory and research side of medicine.”

Taylor Stewart – Campbell University

Photo: High Point University
“It is a bit challenging to balance a work-study job, engineering classes and fulfilling premed requirements. The scholarship reduces the amount of money I would have to contribute through work-study, which means I can focus on my work.”

Sean Johnson – Duke – UPS Foundation scholarship

Education is the foundation that supports economic development, encourages reasoned discourse on societal issues and enhances individuals’ quality of life. Tracing its roots to 1772 in North Carolina, independent higher education has always played an important role in educating the state’s citizenry.

That role remains vital today as North Carolina’s growth as the ninth most populous state continues. North Carolina employment is projected to grow 12.6% by 2024, adding more than 553,000 new jobs. This is twice as high as the projected national average (6.5%)1. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 11 of the 15 fastest growing occupations require some level of postsecondary education. In addition, occupations requiring a Master’s degree or higher are projected to experience the greatest percentage increase in employment.2

The role of private higher education is critical to the future of North Carolina as it continues to grow. More than a quarter of baccalaureate degrees and a third of graduate and professional degrees are awarded by our 36 campuses.

Not only do private colleges and universities contribute greatly to higher education attainment in North Carolina, but they also provide that education at a minimal cost to the state: two percent of the state’s higher education budget. Without any additional cost to taxpayers for the incredible infrastructure of our campuses, the surrounding communities can enjoy beautifully landscaped grounds, participate in special events and attend high caliber performances in impressive performing arts centers. Through these resources, our private colleges and universities help North Carolina reach beyond its capacity to strengthen the quality of life for communities throughout the state, and guarantee the educational opportunities for all students.

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2 NC Dept. of Commerce, Labor & Economic Analysis Division

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The various sectors of education in North Carolina work both autonomously and collaboratively to achieve the goals set by our elected officials and to meet the needs of a growing, diverse state. Established by the North Carolina General Assembly in 1992, the Governor’s Education Cabinet – with representatives from the Department of Public Instruction (K-12), the State Board of Education, the NC Community College System, the University of North Carolina and NCICU, along with the Departments of Health and Human Services and Commerce – explores how education can lead the state forward. The sum of their collaboration strengthens the outcomes for all.

One noted collaboration with the North Carolina Community College System saw the implementation of the revised and expanded Independent Comprehensive Articulation Agreement, which assures a smooth transition for community college students to our colleges and universities.

Other joint initiatives include:

- Centralized Residency Determination which determines in-state or out-of-state residency status for students attending any higher education institution in North Carolina. The process is managed through the NC State Education Assistance Authority and College Foundation, Inc.
- The State Longitudinal Data System which will collect data from all colleges and universities to assure consistency and equitable consideration in funding models.
- Participation in NC-SARA which allows participating colleges and universities to offer courses in other states, and allows students attending college in North Carolina to student teach, conduct clinicals, or take courses from NCICU campus while in other states participating in SARA.

Independent colleges and universities also have a major impact on the education of K-12 students through the teachers we produce. Our campuses graduate 22 percent of first-year teachers, and 29 percent of all NC teachers who have graduated from colleges or universities in the state. The need to educate more teachers is one of the reasons many of our colleges were established. With a shortage of 100,000 teachers anticipated by 2021, this pipeline is one our campuses with teacher education programs will continue to support.

As North Carolina continues to be among the fastest growing states and moves toward being the eighth most populous, our state’s 36 private, non-profit colleges and universities will have an ever increasing role in educating our citizens and preparing graduates who think critically and can adapt to the future as they lead our state and country forward.

Keeping college accessible for students whose best opportunity for success will be found in a smaller, private campus community, is a priority for our 36 colleges and universities. Students’ financial needs are met through state, federal and institutional aid, along with family contributions.

The 2017 North Carolina General Assembly maintained its support of the North Carolina Need-Based Scholarship (NCNBS) in the budget it passed for fiscal years 2017-2019. The General Assembly’s appropriation to the NCNBS is $88.4 million for FY 2017-2018 and $88.4 million for FY 2018-2019. The funds ensure that all North Carolinians who qualify for NCNBS assistance will receive a scholarship award.

In the fall of 2016, 36,982 North Carolinians attended NCICU institutions as undergraduates. Of that number, 21,741 received scholarship assistance from the NCNBS for an average scholarship award of $3,674.

The number of North Carolinians attending North Carolina’s independent colleges and universities continues to grow as does their financial need. In addition to the NCNBS, 50% of NC students on our campuses receive federal Pell Grants. The campuses themselves provide nearly $600 million in institutional grants, raised through private philanthropy.

“A private college offers small classes and the relationships I have built with professors and other students have pushed me to work hard. Students are having important conversations outside of class as well which stretches me to think in new directions.”

Katelyn Roache – Elon University

Photo: Salem College
The NCICU Collaboration Initiative continues to expand the number and diversity of opportunities to make it easier and more cost-effective for campuses to procure products and services.

There are two ways that companies can partner with NCICU to help campus purchasing power, Direct Contract Affiliates and Business Affiliates. NCICU continues to look for new legacy programs that not only will reduce purchasing costs further, but also that will help sustain the Collaboration Initiative over the long-term.

**DIRECT CONTRACT AFFILIATES**

Agreements negotiated with Direct Contract Affiliates by NCICU provide campuses with the ability to purchase products and services at prices discounted beyond what each could negotiate on its own. Additionally, these agreements provide a small compensation to NCICU for the purpose of sustaining the Collaboration Initiative's efforts to work on behalf of all campuses.

- **AED Superstore** is the most trusted name in Automated External Defibrillators.
- **Avon Moving** is a full-service moving and storage company that can accommodate student moves in-state and out-of-state.
- **Blackboard Transact** provides hardware and software for securing campuses with access control and video surveillance.
- **CBLZ Fiduciary Risk Management Services** helps private colleges and universities better manage a retirement plan that meets organizational and plan participants’ goals.
- **CFI College Foundation, Inc. and NCICU** developed the College Funds Installment (CFI) Payment Plan that allows students and families to make interest-free monthly installment payments to cover college expenses.
- **CWD Government (CWD-G)** provides NCICU colleges and universities access to discounts on a variety of hardware, software and peripheral products.
- **College Consortium** automates academic course sharing to assist NCICU campuses to easily share online courses and tuition revenue to support student needs and institutional goals.
- **DeWeese Grove and Associates** has a unique system for helping nonprofit institutions to capture the maximum refund from sales and use taxes.
- **Educational and Institutional Cooperative (E&I)** is the member-owned, not-for-profit sourcing cooperative delivering expertise, solutions, and services to the higher education community.
- **Eric Ryan Corporation** reviews telecommunications billings to uncover errors on past billings that may result in refunds, credits or potential future savings.
- **First American Equipment Finance** serves NCICU institutions with lease financing opportunities at preferred rates.
- **Forms & Supply (FSI)** is a North Carolina-based, family-owned and operated provider of quality office supplies and equipment. FSI provides highly-personalized customer service with next day delivery to the purchaser's desktop.
- **GDS Transnational** and NCICU are partners in an agreement that allows member institutions discounted pricing on antivirus software.
- **Microsoft EES Agreement** is a one-year renewable contract that provides NCICU institutions access to deeply discounted pricing on Microsoft products.
- **Microsoft Student, Faculty and Staff Select Agreement** allows students, faculty and staff at all NCICU institutions to obtain Microsoft software legally at deeply discounted prices.
- **OptimalResume™** helps colleges and universities deliver the best possible resume services to students and alumni in a resources-challenged environment.
- **Staples Advantage**, the business-to-business division of Staples, provides its entire line of office and facilities supplies, furniture and equipment to NCICU campuses at substantially reduced prices.
- **ThankYou** helps facilitate and analyze effective connections with donors, alumni/alumnae, and prospective students through personalized video.
- **UnitedHealthcare Student Resources** provides affordable student health plans to North Carolina’s independent colleges and universities.

**BUSINESS AFFILIATES**

Business Affiliates, partnerships between NCICU and businesses that already serve one or more campuses and want to make their products and services available to all campuses, include the following:


**Coordinated procurement**

Providing opportunities for North Carolina’s independent colleges and universities to procure goods and services at discount prices has been a key goal of the Collaboration Initiative. PayBack Partners has evolved as an e-procurement web portal to make those purchasing agreements more easily accessible to campus personnel. The portal, which launched in the spring of 2017, will let users shop online for the best prices on many of the commodities that campuses regularly consume. An electronic payment feature that carries a rebate based on the dollar volume of purchasing through the portal will help make the procurement process a net profit center.

**Software and training**

Thirty-one independent colleges and universities have participated in an NCICU program, funded by a continuing grant from SAS, that provides free software and training. In 2016-17, those campuses received over $2 million in free software, with amounts based on individual campus needs and ranging from $6,700 to over $244,000 in value. Other campuses have begun working with NCICU’s systems administrator and SAS to participate in the software offer and training.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Each year, NCICU sponsors a series of meetings and activities, each focusing on a particular administrative function or academic discipline. Those sessions bring together officials from our campuses in fields such as academic affairs, admissions, business, development, financial aid, information technology, institutional research and assessment, libraries, marketing, public information, purchasing, student affairs, teacher education and Title IX (the 1972 federal law that requires gender equity for boys and girls in every educational program that receives federal funding).
After four competitive rounds in the February event, Chowan University, Meredith College, Montreat College and Salem College earned their way into the semi-final round by accumulating the most wins.

Meredith and Salem Colleges advanced to the final round - the first time two women’s colleges faced off in the finals. Exploring the topic of “Corporate Ethics in International Contexts,” they discussed whether “U.S. companies have an ethical obligation to withdraw their operations from countries which repress universal human rights.” The resulting thought-provoking discussion earned Salem College top honors, a first for this team that has been competing in the Ethics Bowl since its inception.

The judges and moderators praised the teams for their thoughtful arguments and broad knowledge of the topics which they demonstrated by using relevant historical facts, points of applied ethics, and current events to state their case.

Supported by gifts received from more than 30 corporate and individual sponsors, NCICU provides funding assistance to support each campus as it prepares for the Ethics Bowl competition. Without the support of these generous donors, led by presenting sponsors Duke Energy and Wells Fargo, the Ethics Bowl would not be possible.

The NCICU Ethics Bowl emphasizes applied ethics as a hallmark of the student academic experience. The study of ethics is an important element of education for the more than 68,000 undergraduates enrolled at North Carolina’s 36 independent colleges and universities. Private colleges are recognized as having environments that not only encourage analytical thinking and dialogue among students and faculty, but also instill a sense of social responsibility and accountability.

The NCICU Ethics Bowl provides an enhanced academic experience by increasing awareness and communication among students from NCICU colleges and universities and area business and community leaders about how ethics can be applied in leadership, decision-making, interpersonal relations, and various issues in our society and culture. Preparing students to collaborate as a team to build consensus on critical ethical issues is an important aspect of the NCICU Ethics Bowl.

T he North Carolina Legislative Building Complex set the perfect stage for the Sixth Annual 2017 Ethics Bowl theme of “Ethics in Law.” Teams representing 21 NCICU campuses and their faculty coaches and mentors arrived with excitement, awe about the buildings in which they would compete, and a palpable energy that permeated the venue. More than fifty judges and moderators, from a variety of civic, corporate, governmental and non-profit organizations, volunteered hours of preparation and time to adjudicate the competition.

NCICU Ethics Bowl
Opportunities for Giving

Independent College Fund of North Carolina

North Carolina’s 36 independent colleges and universities continually seek out partners who will help keep tuition affordable for their students. To assist them in securing those resources, the Independent College Fund of North Carolina, an arm of NCICU, partners with the corporate and foundation communities to invest in scholarships and other programs to support our students. Sixty percent of student scholarship funds raised is distributed equally to our campuses through ICFCN. The remaining 40 percent is distributed in proportion to the number of full-time equivalent undergraduate students at each campus. In some instances, individual campuses also receive specially designated contributions.

The 2016-17 Independent College Fund of North Carolina campaign raised $591,000 in scholarship support, $218,000 for student enrichment programs and other grants and over $2 million in in-kind gifts, for a total of more than $2.9 million in contributions.

Student Enrichment Programs

Enrichment programs such as the NCICU Ethics Bowl and the North Carolina Undergraduate Research & Creativity Symposium grow in popularity each year with hundreds of students participating. These events are huge undertakings requiring the support of countless volunteers and donors to succeed. In addition to volunteers, NCICU seeks financial support for these programs which enhance the quality of education and provide a valuable learning experience for our students. These programs are possible only with the strong support of our donors.

Capital Campaign Gifts

NCICU moved its offices to a permanent home in 2008 — a historic residence that was built in 1881 in the heart of North Carolina’s capital city. Gifts to NCICU’s capital campaign support the renovation and maintenance of the house. Located at 530 N. Blount St. in Raleigh, the office provides strong visibility for NCICU and independent higher education. Current and prospective donors are invited to visit when you are in the Triangle.

Donors

NAMED SCHOLARSHIP DONORS

The following donors initiated the Nominated Scholarship Program and provided at least $2,000 annually per student scholarship in the name of their organization.

$300,000 to $99,999

- UPS Educational Enrichment Fund $534,000 (administered by the Council of Independent Colleges) $6,290 scholarship for 36 students attending independent colleges and universities in North Carolina that are from underserved and disadvantaged populations and communities

- The Duke Energy Foundation $3,500 scholarship for 23 students residing in Duke Energy’s service territory who are from an underrepresented population and participating in Engineering, Math, Environmental Studies, or Education.

- Wells Fargo Foundation $67,600 $2,204 scholarship at all ICNCF member institutions

- BB&T Charitable Foundation Scholarship $39,800 $2,182 scholarship at all ICNCF member institutions

$2,000 to $29,999

- Blumenthal Scholarship
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- OCC-UPS Educational Enrichment Fund
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Enrollment figures represent full-time-equivalent undergraduate enrollment.
Partnerships for our Students and our Citizens

The history of the State of North Carolina and the history of North Carolina private higher education are closely linked. From the founding of Salem College in 1772 to the establishment of Methodist University and North Carolina Wesleyan College in 1956, North Carolina’s 36 liberal arts, comprehensive and research colleges and universities have been centers of educational, economic and cultural growth and enrichment.

For more than two and a half centuries, private colleges and universities in North Carolina have educated leaders in government, business, non-profits and in broader civic engagement. Our graduates teach in public schools across North Carolina, serve in health and other science fields, own or lead businesses, participate in the arts, and contribute countless volunteer hours to our rural and urban communities.

Today, NCICU campuses award one in four baccalaureate degrees and one in three graduate degrees in the state. We also award more than half of the medical degrees, 65 percent of the law degrees, more than half of master’s in nursing degrees, 53 percent of pharmacy degrees, 38 percent of physical therapy degrees, and 88 percent of physician assistants’ degrees. Graduates with these degrees have a significant impact on the pipeline of available talent and expertise that employers in our state are seeking.

Together with the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, the North Carolina Community College System and the University of North Carolina, NCICU works to strengthen opportunities for education for our citizens and for the students from other states and countries who want to attend college in North Carolina and stay to work, raise their families, and contribute to the state’s economy.

North Carolina private higher education is committed to a strong future for our state and to continuing to make education possible for students. More than two thirds of North Carolina undergraduates qualify for need-based state aid; more than half qualify for Pell Grants; and, on some campuses, as many as 90 percent of students receive need-based financial aid.

Helping these and our other students be successful is an ongoing contribution to the education continuum of North Carolina.

A. Hope Williams, President
North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities

“I have always known that getting a degree was critical, but I didn’t think that I could pay for it. After speaking with several people at the university, I found out that I would be able to afford college. I knew that I had to jump on this opportunity.”
Richard Edwards – Chowan University – BB&T scholarship

“One of the factors that helped me make my decision was that I was able to transfer in the majority of my credits from the community college. My major a Social Work and Shaw University has an amazing program that I was very much interested in.”
Maureen Gupton – Shaw University

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- Bennett College, Greensboro
- Brevard College, Brevard
- Cabarrus College of Health Sciences, Concord
- Campbell University, Buies Creek
- Catawba College, Salisbury
- Chowan University, Murfreesboro
- Davidson College, Davidson
- Duke University, Durham
- Elon University, Elon
- Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs
- Greensboro College, Greensboro
- Guilford College, Greensboro
- High Point University, High Point
- Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte
- Lees-McRae College, Banner Elk
- Lenoir-Rhyne University, Hickory
- Livingstone College, Salisbury
- Louisburg College, Louisburg
- Mars Hill University, Mars Hill
- Meredith College, Raleigh
- Methodist University, Fayetteville
- Montreat College, Montreat
- N.C. Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount
- Pfeiffer University, Misenheimer
- Queens University of Charlotte, Charlotte
- St. Andrews University, Laurinburg
- Saint Augustine’s University, Raleigh
- Salem College, Winston-Salem
- Shaw University, Raleigh
- University of Mount Olive, Mount Olive
- Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem
- Warren Wilson College, Asheville
- William Peace University, Raleigh
- Wingate University, Wingate

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