



Name: Andre D. Vann

Position: President

Candidate Bio

I am, Andre D. Vann '93 & '95 a native of Henderson, NC and a Presidential Candidate of the NCCU Alumni Association. I am a proud third generation graduate with a great nephew soon to be the fifth generation in May and I live by a simple motto of "If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change" which is a call to look inward and to see a new world, when your intentions are positive and impactful, then your life is ever changed and the

journey really gets interesting.

It is through that lens that I see my work and life of service to North Carolina Central University, the NCCU Alumni Association and the Durham community that we must change the way we see life not just for ourselves, but for others.

I am appreciative of the great education and opportunities that I have received at NCCU and want to ensure that the same way the university invested in me is the same way that we should ensure generational success for the next generation of Eagles. That they too may attend and support our alma mater with all they have. I have continued since my graduate school days been a consistent donor to NCCU and this will not change.

I am a very inclusive leader who seeks to understand the thoughts, feelings, wants and desire of those that I encounter and hope to lead as President of the NCCU Alumni Association, Inc.

Being among our intergenerational community in the association, even virtually, has guided me the opportunity to serve the NCCU Alumni community with the help of all alumni. I commit to making room at the table for a diverse set of opinions and ideas across our association.

I ask you to join me on this journey and to remember to Collaborate, Engage, and Contribute. "

What does Truth & Service mean to you?

“Truth and Service” is more than our University's motto. It is a way of life that was modeled by the founders Dr. James E. & Annie Day Shepard that I have drawn inspiration from all my adult life. It is about upholding the ideals of the never-ending quest to be a seeker of knowledge and truth and understanding the role that it plays in the intellectual, social, and financial uplift of North Carolina Central University and future Eagles thus continuing the traditions expressed by our founders.

Service is and has always been our hallmark and certainly our purpose. As a proud Pearl alum (30 Years), I have understood clearly the long commitment to be of service not to self, but unto others. The entire pedigree of alums from NCCU can attest to the quest to offer our selves in service to others whether through military service, public service, public school teacher, or a community change agent. All who wear maroon and gray are including myself are duty bound to commit to service unto others. It is true as has been said in the (NCCU Recruitment Bulletin) that "Truth and service mark the road of all who pass through NCCU."

What are three goals you have for the position you are seeking?

My vision focuses on the following three areas: **Collaborate, Engage, and Contribute**

Collaborate: Community engagement, expanding philanthropic efforts, educational outreach efforts, educational outreach programs, and widening our alumni footprint locally, regionally, nationally and globally. Also, work to reactivate and organize alumni chapters in a transparent and data driven manner and way.

Engage: Coordinating and conducting targeted programs and activities to strengthen and grow the relationship between the University and its Alumni, friends and supporters; attract an array of qualified students; and to heighten a greater sense of pride and commitment to our alma mater and model for other HBCU's.

Contribute: The financial health and wellbeing of our alma mater is based upon the support that is given by the alumni community that has been impacted by NCCU. The immediate goal will be to encourage a culture of philanthropy across our alumni community in support of our alma mater and needed scholarship dollars for our alumni scholars. In doing so we will thus propel our next generation of Eagles forward thus relieving them of debt and offering a better tomorrow for our next generation. Lastly, a culture of transparency and respect will be enhanced across the NCCU Alumni Association community."

Please list your involvement with the association locally /regionally/nationally

I have had the pleasure of being of service on the local, regional and national level and my interest dates back to the administration of the late alumnus Roger R. Gregory who mirrored for me what excellence and commitment to NCCU should look like.

Durham Chapter - two time Chair of the NCCU - AA Awards Support Committee (Ad -Hoc), a Durham Chapter Ambassador at the NCCU football games and a Member -at- Large, member of the Executive Board and recently organized a chapter engagement outing for the "Color Purple" at the Carolina Theatre. I have been a consistent donor to the NCCU AA Durham Chapter Endowment Fund and others causes.

Regionally - I have the pleasure of serving as Region IV Secretary from 2022 to 2024 and recently reelected to serve as Secretary from 2024 to 2026. I have worked with regional leadership in the establishment and reactivation of chapters in the region. I also hosted a candidates forum to promote civic engagement that was very successful.

National Level- I have served as chair of the Resolutions Committee, the NCCU vs. UNC Planning Committee, Nominations Committee for the 40 Under 40, Coordinated the First University Tour of Campus (2023 & 2024), founder and editor of the NCCU AA Newsletter committee, and recently co -hosted the NCCU Chancellor's Search Alumni Forums.

I was also a contributor and author of historical excerpts for the NCCU Alumni Association Centennial booklet (2010).