



Name: Sam Cooper

Position: President

Candidate Bio

I am Samuel E. Cooper, a member of the Class of 1980, Biology major. I am also the immediate past National President of NCCU Alumni Association. I must say it would be a pleasure and joy to serve you again and represent the Association. I take this opportunity to respectfully ask you for your

support and vote as I am a candidate for 2024-2026 term. As President, I will continue to embrace the core values of NCCU Alumni Association, which are promoting the University, communication, customer relations and upholding University's motto, "Truth and Service". Under my past presidency, NCCU Alumni Association had a representation among its peer institutions as being the preeminent alumni association promoting the spirit of fellowship among its graduates, former students, friends and visitors.

What does Truth & Service mean to you?

What Truth and Service means to me is a *call to action*. It is to exemplify the upmost integrity in all you do and speak. To serve the North Carolina Central University, Alumni Association, the student body and community without hesitation to foster and spirit of engagement among all.

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

First, I will continue to promote the objectives set forth the NCCU Alumni Association by-laws and most importantly, uphold the mission of NCCU Alumni Association; "The NCCU Alumni Association aspires to promote a sense of pride to foster a lifelong bond between North Carolina Central University and its alumni and friends, leading to increased support for the University's vision". We must also continue to foster membership growth as it is vital for sustaining the existence NCCU Alumni Association. We must also engage our younger alumni base including our most recent graduates and students currently on the campus.

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

I have been active in NCCU Alumni Association for many years. First, I am member of the Charlotte Chapter. I have held several leadership positions, National President 2016-2020, Interim National Vice-President 2015-2016, Region 3 Vice-President 2006-2014 and many committees chair positions. A Life Member of NCCU Alumni Association, NCCU Foundation Board Member 2016-2020, Member of National HBCU Association, Member of North Carolina HBCU Roundtable, Member of MEAC Alumni Alliance.