“North Carolina Central University was recognized with a distinction that is truly fitting for our institution: 2016 HBCU of the Year. This award from HBCU Digest acknowledges the Eagle Excellence that is uniquely North Carolina Central University. From our student scholars, esteemed faculty and distinguished staff to our accomplished alumni, we are a university that is thriving.”

Dr. Debra Saunders-White, Chancellor
COLLEGE OF BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES  
Dean: Dr. Debra Parker

- The Endzone Initiative: College of Behavioral and Social Sciences is offering a new Bachelor of Science degree in Behavioral and Social Sciences aimed at helping returning students complete their undergraduate degrees
- The Juvenile Justice Institute helps policy makers and practitioners make well-informed policy and program decisions and works to reduce rates of juvenile crime and improve the juvenile justice system
- The Institute for Homeland Security and Workforce Development takes its knowledge and expertise to underserved communities to train individuals in disaster preparedness across the U.S. The Institute also analyzes and designs emergency preparedness strategies for organizations internationally

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES  
Dean: Dr. Carlton Wilson

- Eleven academic departments and 22 degree programs, including a Ph.D. in Integrated Biosciences
- The program Biomanufacturing Research Institute and Technology Enterprise (BRITE) and the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences are ranked #1 among STEM programs at HBCUs
- The Department of History has produced more students who have earned the Ph.D. in History than any other HBCU
- The student newspaper, The Campus Echo, that is produced by the Department of Mass Communication was rated the #1 student newspaper at an HBCU
- World renowned jazz artist Branford Marsalis is an artist-in-residence in the College of Arts and Sciences' Department of Music

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS  
Dean: Dr. Wanda Lester (Interim)

- AACSB International Accredited institution with four majors: Accounting, Business Administration, Computer Science and Business, and Hospitality and Tourism; and five concentrations: Marketing, Management, Finance, Human Resources, and Entrepreneurship
- Hospitality and Tourism Administration is one of the only accredited hospitality and tourism programs in the state under the ACPHA accrediting body
- Computer Science and Business is an interdisciplinary degree joining the College of Arts and Sciences Computer Science program with the Computer Information Systems
- In Spring 2017, the School of Business will be introducing two new initiatives that will support the study of big data ideas and concepts to students

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION  
Dean: Dr. Audrey Beard (Interim)

- Ranked #17 by U.S. News & World Report as 2016 Best Online Graduate Education Program
- Highest percentage of enrollment growth in 2014-2015 of all UNC System universities
- The Counselor Education Program received the 2015 Southern Association of Counselor Education and Supervision Outstanding Master's Degree Program award for the Southeastern U.S.
- The director of the Counselor Education Program received the UNC Board of Governors Teaching Excellence Award
- NCCU Education majors provide tutoring services to area elementary and middle school students
- Curriculum and Instruction Program implemented the Teacher Assistant to Teacher Program (TA2TP), attracting 100+ candidates

SCHOOL OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCES  
Dean: Dr. Jon Gant

- The School of Library and Information Sciences of North Carolina Central University was authorized in 1939 when the charter of the then North Carolina College for Negroes was amended for the purpose of allowing the establishment of graduate and professional programs
- The master's program was initiated in 1950 with the first Master of Library Science (MLS) degree being awarded in 1951. The master's program was originally accredited by the American Library Association (ALA) in 1975.
- The School offers a joint JD/MLS degree in law and librarianship with the NCCU School of Law and a joint MBA/MIS degree in conjunction with the NCCU School of Business

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE  
Dean: Dr. David Hood

- Supports the success of freshmen and sophomores during transition into NCCU and works to ensure students are on track for graduation within four years
- Current freshman to sophomore retention rate: 80.7%
- Encourages students to utilize our Academic Success and Enrichment Services, which include tutoring, supplemental instruction, academic workshops and more
- All freshmen and sophomores are followed closely and meet regularly with one academic advisor from admission to the time they are admitted into their major department as a junior
- Freshmen (and transfers entering with less than 30 credits) will enroll in UNIV 1100-First Year Seminar during their first semester to help introduce them to college life