

**Statement of Appreciation from  
the Chancellor about Beverly Washington Jones**

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To the NCCU Community:

Please join me in thanking Dr. Beverly Washington Jones for more than three decades of outstanding service to North Carolina Central University. A two-time graduate of this institution, Dr. Jones received both her B.A. and M.A. degrees in history from North Carolina Central University, and became the first African American woman to receive a Ph.D. in American history from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

In addition to serving as provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, Dr. Jones has served NCCU in a variety of other capacities through the years including dean of the University College and interim chancellor. She has also served as the executive director of the Historically Minority Colleges and Universities Consortium (HMCUC) of North Carolina. She has been a leading educator and advocate for increasing funding, curriculum reform, and progressive educational programs for at-risk youth. Her accomplishments have been recognized on numerous occasions, most recently by *Network Journal* magazine as one of the 25 Most Influential Black Women in Business.

She has published five books and more than 20 articles on various subjects, from the stories of Durham's historic Hayti district to the advancement and consequence of American politics.

Like you, I value Dr. Jones' loyalty, commitment, and contributions to North Carolina Central