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INDEPENDENT  
COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

*Supporting, representing, & advocating  
for North Carolina Independent  
Higher Education*

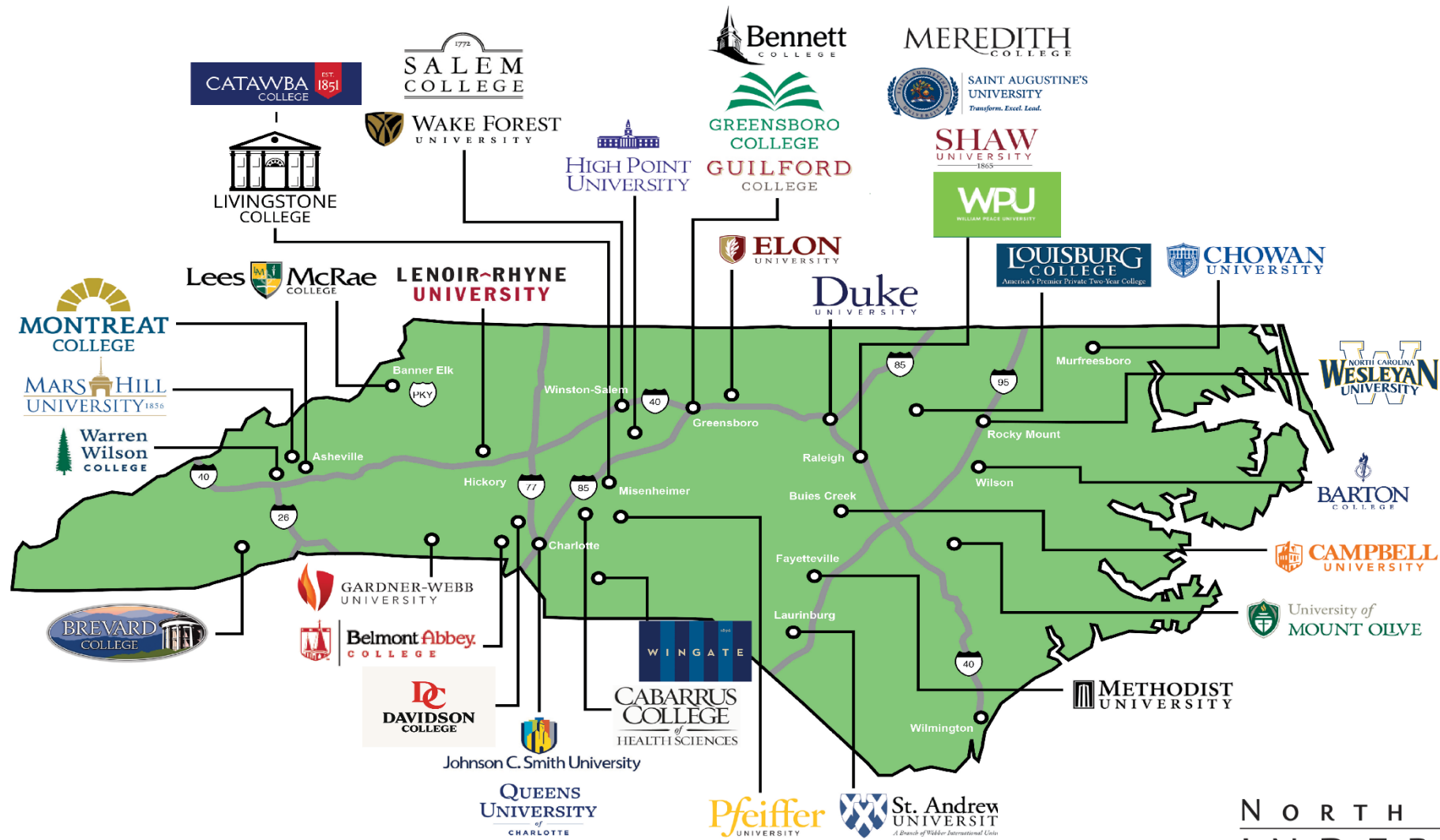
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## Representing 36 Campuses across North Carolina



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- **84K Students**
- **\$14.2B Impact**
- **66K Employees\***
- **\$1.5B in Research**

*\*North Carolina's private higher education sector is the largest private employer in the State.*





## 36 Private, Nonprofit Institutions

- 5 HBCUs
- 3 Colleges for Women
- 1 2-Year College

## Serving 84K Students

- **59K** undergraduates
- **25K** graduate & professional students: law, medicine, physician assistant, nursing, etc.

## Awarding:

- **1 in 4** Bachelor's Degrees in NC
- **1 in 3** Graduate Degrees in NC

- NCICU is actively involved in supporting the State's educational attainment goal of ***2 million by 2030***: 2 million 25- to 44-year-olds with a high-quality postsecondary credential or degree by the year 2030.
- ***\$93 million in Pell Grants*** awarded in 2021-2022.

## NCICU's 36 Institutions

- Average Tuition & Fees: \$34,111
- Nearly 50% of NC students receive federal Pell Grants
- \$92 million in state financial aid
- \$1.2 billion in institutional aid



# Filling Graduate, Professional Degree Pipelines

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**25%**

**Teachers  
Graduated  
in NC**

**40%**

**Nursing  
Masters  
Degrees**

**62%**

**Pharmacy  
Degrees**

**60%**

**Medical  
Degrees**

**71%**

**Law  
Degrees**

**90%**

**PA  
Degrees**



## 30 NCICU campuses have signed the Independent Comprehensive Articulation Agreement

### Developed Discipline- Specific Agreements:

- Early Childhood Education
- Fine Arts
- Music
- Nursing (RN to BSN)
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Theatre

**Additional projects:**  
Reverse Transfer

**CIC/Teagle Project  
includes:**  
Advising  
Financial Aid



- **iBelong Mentoring Program**

To increase persistence, retention and graduation rates of underrepresented and low-income students

- **Faculty-Student STEM Mentoring**

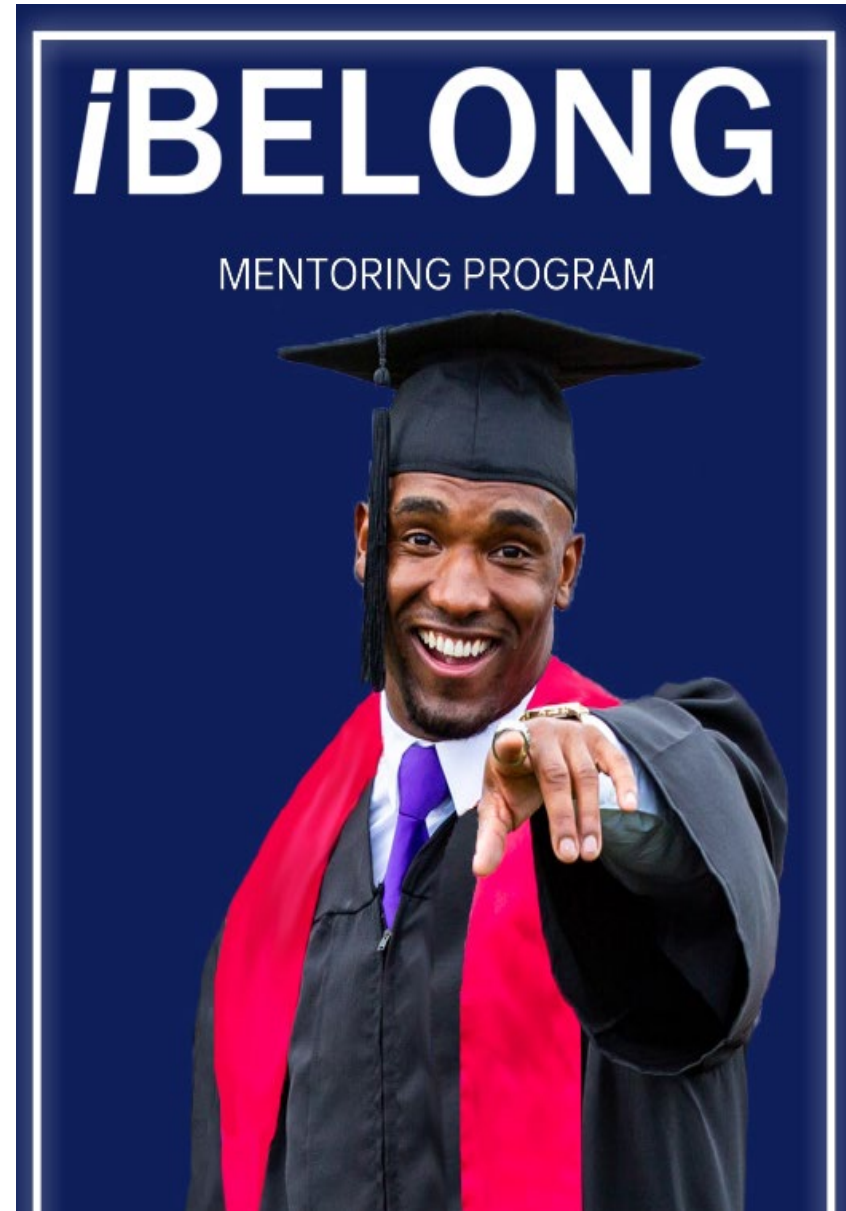
To strengthen student retention and graduation rates among first-generation college students, women, and students of color in STEM majors

- **Digital Learning Initiative**

Designing and implementing professional development opportunities focusing on digital learning for faculty in NCICU's 31 Educator Preparation Programs

- **Science of Reading**

Developing and implementing a Science of Reading initiative into the curriculum of Educator Preparation Programs







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