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A. Hope Williams is in her 28<sup>th</sup> year as president of North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities (NCICU), the state office of the 36 private, nonprofit colleges and universities in North Carolina. She works closely with the State of North Carolina and the federal government, and with the North Carolina public K-12 and higher education sectors to address education and related public policy and funding issues. She joined NCICU in 1986 and has served as president since 1992.



Dr. Williams received her undergraduate degree from Duke University, an MPA from North Carolina State University and a Ph.D. in Education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She was named a 2017 CEO of the Year by the *Triangle Business Journal* and is a member of the Governor's Education Cabinet. She serves on the boards of the National Student Clearinghouse Research Board, College Foundation, Inc., MCNC, the National Advisory Board of the Institute for Emerging Issues, the North Carolina Aquarium Society, the NCWorks Commission, the myFutureNC Commission and Communities in Schools of North Carolina.