

# African American Cultural Center

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The African American Cultural Center promotes awareness of and appreciation for Black, African American, and other African-descent experiences through programs and events that support and enhance the holistic academic experience. Students, staff, faculty, and visitors are welcome to visit our center which includes an Art Gallery, Library, Living Room, and Study Rooms.

We are located in the Witherspoon Student Center (2nd and 3rd floors), the first building on NC State's campus named for an African American, Dr. Augustus M. Witherspoon.

## Our Mission

The African American Cultural Center is an expressive and abundant haven for the NC State community. Through a model of student success, well-being, and belonging, we provide mentorship, resources, and cultural programming to empower all NC State students to excel and embrace their identity. Our work is grounded in the Black diasporic traditions of storytelling, innovation, and communal care.

## Our Values

The African American Cultural Center is grounded in these core values: Open-Mindedness, Care, Creativity, Innovation, Growth, and Freedom.

**Open-Mindedness:** We invite the possibility of others' perspectives and provide inclusive spaces for people to be seen and heard.

**Care:** We strive every day to treat people with love, empathy, and dignity. We build a trustworthy environment and lead with transparency.

**Creativity:** We inspire others to uncover new solutions and envision bold possibilities. We invite our community to question, experiment, and reimagine, shaping a cycle of continuous learning and discovery.

**Innovation:** We inspire world transformation by promoting exploration, collaboration, and critical thinking. We equip students with the skills and adaptability needed to thrive in an ever-evolving world.

**Growth:** We honor the process more than the product, embracing the various ways each community member grows and celebrate successes along the way.

**Freedom:** We galvanize our community and their voices to build a better world where all people can be free, authentic, and whole.

## Learn More

To learn more about the African American Cultural Center, visit our website (<https://aacc.dasa.ncsu.edu/>). (<https://aacc.dasa.ncsu.edu/>) Our main office is located on the 3rd floor of Witherspoon Student Center.

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