

NCAT Professional Development Day Video Script- August 2021

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This first part of the video sets the tone for what have been our points of pride in the past (prior to pandemic):

Since its inception in 1891, North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University has developed a rich culture and history rooted in the critical role it has played in transforming the lives of those who have had the opportunity to form part of its fabric. This rich history and culture boasts the legacy of our very own A&T Four, holding the title as the nation's top public Historically Black College or University, being the #1 producer of African American graduates in Engineering and Agriculture, and ranking in the top 100 campuses nationally in social mobility.

Our Aggie Pride has transcended our campus and neighboring communities, as we graduate top caliber students who set out to make a difference in various disciplines and capacities around the world. Each year has brought its challenges and triumphs- the sum of these parts being our Aggie Pride Personified.

This second part of the video provides an overview of the changes that resulted from the pandemic. This briefly highlights how quickly we adapted, in spite of the unknown:

March 2020 marked a significant shift in what we once knew as our normal, as the global pandemic took its toll on every aspect of our existence- both individually and collectively. With no blue print on how to confront what was ahead, we rose to the occasion. Our administration, faculty, staff, and students were tasked with adapting to the rapid changes in groundbreaking time, pivoting from in-person teaching and learning to operating within a virtual space that was uncharted territory for many. However, just like every obstacle we have overcome in the past, we each played a role pioneering what is now our new normal. Aggie Pride has taken on a new meaning- one that has been personified in revolutionary ways over the course of the past year and five months.

This fourth part of the video pays homage to those we have lost, while encouraging all to continue to strive for excellence in honor of their memory:

Today, we also salute those we lost along the way and hope to continue to honor their memory through our resilience and steadfastness as we stay the course in our continuous pursuit of excellence.

This final part is the charge to the University:

Thank you for your hard work and dedication, and your relentless efforts in making this last year a success. We acknowledge that this has been no easy feat, but are grateful for the reminder this experience has given us in terms of what makes us who we are- innovators, visionaries, and conquerors. YOU are our Aggie Pride Personified. Let's continue to persevere, knowing that together we can overcome, because that's what 'Aggies Do'.