

2013 LEO M. LAMBERT ENGAGED LEADER AWARD RECIPIENT
Chancellor Harold Lee Martin Sr.
North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University

DR. HAROLD LEE MARTIN SR. is described as a visionary leader with a strong commitment to higher education and to collaborations with community, educational and business entities. Since 2009 he has served as chancellor of NC Agricultural and Technical State University, the first A&T graduate to serve in the role. Dr. Martin was instrumental in the opening of a STEM Early College on campus in collaboration with Guilford County Schools and the Joint School of Nanoscience and Nanoengineering at the Gateway University Research Park. He plays a significant role in Opportunity Greensboro, an alliance amongst the seven colleges and universities and the business community to make Greensboro a national model for collaboration in knowledge-based economic development. Chancellor Martin recently signed a memorandum of agreement to offer a bachelor's in Electronics Technology through the University Center of Randolph County, addressing local industry need, and providing residents a relevant degree.



The Trustees Chair shared that the Chancellor's vision and commitment to increasing A&T's engagement with the community are exemplified in the six goals of A&T's Preeminence 2020 strategic plan the Chancellor helped create. Examples include Goal 2, Commit to excellence in teaching research, public service and engagement; and Goal 4, Embrace an entrepreneurial spirit that intentionally engages university and community partners to expand economic development and civic engagement.

Dr. Martin served as the senior vice president for academic affairs for the UNC system leading the development and implementation of the system's academic mission. Prior to that role, Dr. Martin was the chancellor of Winston-Salem State University, guiding it to become a Master's II institution, creating a School of Graduate Studies and Research, establishing seven master's degree programs, and enhancing the quality of academic programs. The university's enrollment doubled during his tenure. Previously he held several administrative positions at A&T including dean of the College of Engineering and vice chancellor of academic affairs.

Among Chancellor Martin's recognitions are the Thurgood Marshall College Foundation Award for Excellence, the Duke Power Citizen and Service Award, the McDonald's African American Achievement Award for Education, and the Brotherhood/Sisterhood

Citation Award from the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ). He serves on various boards and committees including Action Greensboro, Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU), Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina, Greensboro Partnership, Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System, NC Office of the State Treasurer Investment, Research Triangle Institute, and the Southern Education Foundation. Chancellor Martin is serving as the 2012-13 United Way of Greater Greensboro Campaign Chair announcing a fundraising goal of \$11,000,000. He was recently elected to the board of the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, and in November 2012 President Barack Obama appointed Dr. Martin to the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development. BIFAD advises the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) on agriculture and higher education issues pertinent to food insecurity in developing countries.

Dr. Martin has written and co-authored numerous articles and has made many presentations at national and international conferences. He holds bachelor's and master's of science degrees in electrical engineering from A&T and a doctorate in electrical engineering from Virginia Tech. He is married to the former Davida Wagner, and they have two sons, Harold Jr. and Walter.