



Northcentral University
Student Success Orientation
Welcome

Introduction – George Burnett

Hello. I'm George Burnett, President of Northcentral University.

Welcome.

Let me be among the first to congratulate *you* on your decision to pursue an advanced degree.

You have chosen a unique institution to further your academic studies. You are now part of an academic community that includes over 100 full-time faculty members, almost 10,000 graduate students and 5,000 alumni.

At Northcentral University, we are focused on providing – *you - our students* - with a rich, engaging, professionally-relevant and academically-rigorous education.

We utilize a One-to-One Faculty-mentored approach to learning to ensure you receive the support you need in each of your courses. In addition all of our faculty hold doctoral degrees and bring with them a wealth of knowledge and experience to support your professional and academic success.

I encourage you to take the time to familiarize yourself with all of the available resources NCU provides. We are committed to helping *you* achieve your goals and are excited to partner with you in your academic journey. Completing this Student Success Orientation Tour is a good first step toward graduation.

I have to tell you that graduation is my favorite time of the year. It is energizing and inspiring to watch our students graduate and reap the rewards of their hard work.

I look forward to meeting *you* at a future Graduation Ceremony, and watching as *your* family and friends look on with pride and joy as *you* receive *your* degree and achieve *your* academic goals.



Northcentral University
Student Success Orientation
Welcome

Welcome- Dr. Scott Burrus

Hello, I'm Dr. Scott Burrus, Provost and Chief Academic Officer here at Northcentral University. Earlier, you heard our President and CEO George Burnett discuss our University's mission. A big part of accomplishing our mission is living out our University's values on a daily basis. I wanted to talk to you a little more about these values and how they define our culture here at NCU.

We came up with a memory mnemonic to help you remember our values: IDEAs founded on Integrity.

Our values are founded on integrity because we are committed to holding all members of the NCU community to the highest ethical standards of professional and academic conduct and the rules and regulations of U.S. higher education.

The I in idea stands for Innovation. For example, here at NCU we've created a modernized version of the Oxford Model of Instruction, known as our One-to-One Teaching Model. In other words, we utilize current technology to bring together one motivated student and one expert faculty member in each course to create a personalized learning experience that can add value to you as a professional in your field.

The D is for Diversity. As an online university with no physical residencies, we have the opportunity to reach working professionals worldwide who are interested in furthering their education. We've also gathered faculty from all over the globe so you can benefit from their varied knowledge and experience.

The E stands for Excellence. From our curriculum to our staff and faculty, excellence is our standard here at NCU. For example, all of our faculty hold doctoral degrees. With 95% of our students enrolled in graduate degree programs, we feel it is important that our faculty know what it takes to complete a terminal degree and can provide you with the best guidance as you work through your program.

Finally, the A is for Accountability. All NCU community members are accountable for their actions and are expected to act ethically and responsibly.

As you consider these values, I want to remind you that one of the keys to being successful in an online learning environment like ours is having the ability to manage your time effectively. At NCU, you have the freedom to choose when and where to work on your weekly assignments. This flexibility is a significant benefit, but requires additional responsibility on your part as well. That's why in your first



Northcentral University
Student Success Orientation
Welcome

course you will receive formal training in time management to assist you in staying on track to complete your program. I hope you'll take full advantage of this training and use it to your benefit.

Finally, I'd like to officially welcome you to the NCU community. I know I speak for all of us here when I say that we are honored that you have chosen Northcentral University to help you meet your academic goals and are proud to travel with you on your journey towards graduation.