



**N.C. MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: AUGUST 16, 2020**

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## **NEEKO WILLIAMS**

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When four North Carolina A&T University (NCAT) students started a movement of sit-ins at segregated restaurants across the Southeast, the university rose to national prominence during the civil rights movement. Since then, NCAT, the largest historically black university in the United States, has become an economic and educational force in the region. While students are being prepared for academic and career success, however, less than 10% of the university's students are followers of Jesus.

To address this need, Mercy Hill Church in Greensboro has a goal of engaging 15% of NCAT's student body. That means they are taking steps toward seeing 1,600 NCAT students involved in spiritual leadership, attend college worship gatherings and be disciplined in small groups.

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina's Collegiate Partnerships Team helped resource the launch of this ministry and, through ongoing coaching, aided Mercy Hill Church in understanding the unique spiritual needs on NCAT's campus. They also assisted with training for Neeko Williams and introduced Neeko and his team to other church leaders that are engaging students in historically black colleges and universities.

Pray that North Carolina A&T University students will be open to the transformative power of the gospel and become spiritual influencers for Christ's redemptive work. Additionally, pray for Neeko Williams and Mercy Hill Church's ministry by asking God to increase the number of students on their student leadership team and on their summer missions projects.