

Higher Education, Non-Profit Executive, College Access Listen to the complete interview: Charlie Nelms, Ed.D.

[Chancellor, North Carolina Central University](#)

Introduction Track: Keywords/Phrases

- College
- Open admissions
- First generation college students
- Rigorous course of study
- Preparation
- Chancellor
- Rolling admissions
- Financial aid offers
- North Carolina Central University

All sample questions are designed in order to apply internet search as a basis for exploring and discovering new information.

Sample Questions

- Describe the community and times in which Charlie Nelms grew up.
- What advice does Charlie Nelms provide to students (beginning as early as 5th grade) about pursuing a college degree and exploring post-secondary opportunities?
- What advice does Charlie Nelms provide about finding the post-secondary institution that is right for students? Describe each of the specific recommendations he provides?
- What insights does Charlie Nelms provide about working while pursuing a college degree? What did his research find about the impact of work on the successful completion of college?
- What does Charlie Nelms mean when he says, “College is not a destination”?
- Describe Charlie Nelms’ career pathways towards becoming the Chancellor of North Carolina Central University? What important steps did he take along the way?
- What is open admissions and how does it relate to Charlie Nelms’ experience at the City University of New York?

- What is a land grant institution and how does it relate to Charlie Nelms' family and background in education?
- Which mentor played a significant role in Charlie Nelms' decision to pursue leadership in higher education? Why do you believe he provided the advice that he gave to Charlie Nelms?
- What does Charlie Nelms mean when he says, "Students need to be prepared"? What advice does he provide about getting prepared before entering college?
- What advice does Charlie Nelms provide about interpreting and following up on financial aid offers?