Power Player 2021: Franklin Gilliam Jr., UNC-Greensboro

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Title: Chancellor

University of North Carolina at Greensboro Chancellor Franklin D. Gilliam, Jr.
AURA/UNCG
What makes him a Power Player: In six years as chancellor of the Triad’s largest university, Gilliam has grown UNCG’s enrollment and increased research and educational opportunities. Gilliam helped secure $105 million in funding for a nursing and STEM building at UNCG from the Connect NC bond referendum, which opened this year, and has spent much of the last two years guiding the school’s response to the pandemic. Gilliam has championed UNCG’s Millennial Campus, through which it can pursue public-private real estate development along Gate City Boulevard and Tate Street, to connect the school with the surrounding community. UNCG also recently launched a fundraising campaign with a goal of $200 million.

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