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**NCCU ANNOUNCES LEADERSHIP CHANGES IN ITS ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT**

**DURHAM, N.C.** — North Carolina Central University is announcing leadership changes in the Athletics Department's football program. Effective immediately, Henry Frazier III, has been terminated from his position as head football coach. Dwayne Foster, assistant head football coach, will serve as interim head football coach.

The personal issues Coach Frazier is facing have caused the university to shift its focus from the priorities of student-athletes, the Athletics Department and the university. NCCU does not condone alleged conduct or behaviors that are counter to the institution's culture of providing a nurturing environment that supports student learning and academic success.

"As we work through this transition, we will concentrate on the four goals of our athletics department: academic success, competitive success, institutional control and student-athlete well-being," said Dr. Ingrid Wicker-McCree, NCCU Athletics Director. "I have full confidence in Coach Foster and his abilities to successfully serve as an effective and knowledgeable leader for our students and our football program," said Wicker-McCree.

Foster joined NCCU in 2011 as assistant head coach, recruiting coordinator and offensive line coach. Previously, he served as running backs coach at Prairie View A&M University, offensive line coach at Bowie State University and tight ends and running backs coach at Catholic University.

"At NCCU, our No. 1 priority is student success, and for our student-athletes, we have an obligation to support them both inside the classroom and on the field," said Dr. Debra Saunders-White, NCCU chancellor. "Our institution is committed to excellence and high ethical standards for our entire university community, and in particular, our campus leadership."

A news conference will be held at 4 p.m. today, August 22, in the Emma Marable Conference Room of the William Jones Building.

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