Notable People who Graduated from Colleges in NC

University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill

- Michael Jordan, Professional Athlete (Basketball)
- James K. Polk, 11th President of the United States
- Thomas Wolfe, Novelist
- Andy Griffith, Actor, Comedian, Writer, Producer
- Caleb Bradham, Pharmacist & Inventor of Pepsi-Cola

Appalachian State University

- Eric Church, Singer, Songwriter
- Armanti Edwards, Professional Athlete (Football)
- Franklin Graham, President & CEO of Samaritan's Purse, Evangelist

East Carolina University

- Sandra Bullock, Actress
- Mike Trout, Professional Athlete (Baseball)
- Vince McMahon, CEO of WWE and Wrestling Promoter

NC State University

- Zack Galifianakis, Actor
- Scotty McCreery, Singer, Songwriter, Author

Duke University

- Melinda Gates, Co-Founder of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Philanthropist
- Richard Nixon, 37th President of the United States
- Grant Hill, Professional Athlete (Basketball)

Wake Forest University

- Arnold Palmer, Professional Athlete (Golf)
- Lee Norris, Actor (Girl Meets World, Boy Meets World)

Other activities: Encourage students to search for other notable alumni at colleges in North Carolina, placing an emphasis on some of the smaller colleges.