Dr. Randy Woodson is North Carolina State University’s 14th chancellor. Chancellor Woodson came to NC State from Purdue University where he served most recently as the executive vice president for academic affairs and provost.

He has extensive experience as a member of university faculty and administration with a reputation for consensus building throughout his decades long career in higher education.

Dr. Woodson received his B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in horticulture from the University of Arkansas and Cornell University, respectively, specializing in plant physiology.

He has contributed a wide body of knowledge to his field with research covering topics such as plant genetics, molecular biology, biotechnology and sustainable bioproducts development. His work has been published in over 100 journal articles and book chapters.

Chancellor Woodson also has received a number of professional honors during his career, including the Purdue University Agriculture Research Award, the American Society for Horticultural Science Outstanding Researcher Career Award and the Sagamore of the Wabash Award, the highest award presented by the governor of Indiana for service.

He and his wife, Susan, have three adult children.