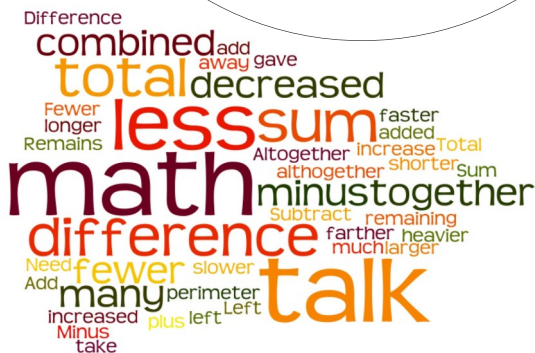


The Erma Byrd Center Staff Spotlight is on Bluefield State College's Dr. Jim Hodge, Adjunct Instructor of Mathematics

An Interview with Bluefield State College's
Dr. Jim Hodge, Adjunct Instructor of Mathematics,
by Lisa Moten, Erma Byrd Center Director



Lisa Moten: How long have you been teaching at the Erma Byrd Center?

Dr. Jim Hodge: *I started teaching for BSC at the Higher Education Center in January, 2013, so almost 4 years.*

Lisa Moten: What do you enjoy most about teaching at the Erma Byrd Center?

Dr. Jim Hodge: *My experience at the Erma Byrd Center has been a positive one. First of all, it is an excellent modern, accessible facility. Further, staff and faculty are good to work with and all seem to be cooperative with a team approach to achieving meaningful student learning outcomes. Finally, the diverse student body for the most part, are there to learn and become productive citizens with careers that will help support their families.*

Lisa Moten: Share your best teaching tip to keep students engaged in learning.

Dr. Jim Hodge: *My best tip for teaching Mathematics is to be relevant. As I facilitate the learning process, I try to make real world connections. When students are able to see why the subject matter is important and where they can use it, they tend to place more emphasis on learning. As students have success with basic Math concepts, they have a foundation upon which they can build. By the time they are introduced to more abstract ideas, the solid foundation will support higher learning and challenge them.*



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