

The Erma Byrd Center Administrator Spotlight is on Concord University's Dr. Susan Williams, Director of Concord University at Beckley

An Interview with Concord University's Dr. Susan Williams,
Director, Concord University at Beckley,
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Lisa Moten: How long have you been working at the Erma Byrd Center?

Dr. Susan Williams: I worked with Dr. Bill O'Brien before he retired; and then, after his retirement, I began working more closely with the Concord University staff located at the Center.

Lisa Moten: What do you like about having Concord University located at the Erma Byrd Center?

Dr. Susan Williams: It is a good mixture of quality education and convenience! I like the fact that Concord University offers a diverse set of classes and programs in this region so that students do not have to travel to the Athens campus.

Lisa Moten: What is your vision for Concord University at the Erma Byrd Center?

Dr. Susan Williams: As we tailor educational opportunities for the future, I would like to expand the degree program offerings, at this location, to meet industry demands and societal needs that lead to a greater quality of life for people in this region.

Lisa Moten: What can residential partners achieve collectively at the Erma Byrd Center?

Dr. Susan Williams: As resources become less available to all public institutions, collaborative models, such as the Erma Byrd Center, allow students to get the best of every educational opportunity in the region. And, as our resources dwindle and the demand for educational opportunities increase, higher education collaboration across institutions becomes even more important. I would really love to see a more seamless transition across all higher education institutions that would allow students to complete credits in fulfillment of their degree(s).

