

The Erma Byrd Center Administrator Spotlight is on Bluefield State College's Dr. Sarita Rhonemus, Director of Multi-Locations & RBA Degree Program

An Interview with Bluefield State College's
Dr. Sarita Rhonemus, Director of
Multi-Locations & RBA Degree Program,
by Lisa Moten, Erma Byrd Center Director

Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so much.

—HELEN KELLER



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

Dr. Sarita Rhonemus: I began working here at the EBHEC in January 2016. The time has gone by so fast that it is hard to believe I've almost been here a year.

Lisa Moten: What do you like about having Bluefield State College located at the Erma Byrd Center?

Dr. Sarita Rhonemus: I like that the EBHEC is an awesome facility offering our BSC students the convenience and comfort to obtain their chosen degree without having to commute to our main campus in Bluefield. We provide a fully stocked bookstore in addition to a business office component to pay for tuition and fees as well as graduation applications. The students, faculty and staff here at the EBHEC are totally awesome, and I look forward to joining in on long-term collaborative initiatives and partnerships to help the EBHEC grow to its capacity and beyond.

Lisa Moten: What is your vision for Bluefield State College at the Erma Byrd Center?

Dr. Sarita Rhonemus: My vision for Bluefield State at the EBHEC is to increase the number of enrolled students by providing more programs and associated courses in addition to enhancing the student services now offered.

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

Dr. Sarita Rhonemus: There is so much more that can be achieved when we work collectively. Just recently Bluefield State hosted its first community conversation with area folks from education, workforce and economic development geared toward identifying the five major challenges faced here in southern West Virginia and sharing solutions that can transform our problems into opportunities. I was thrilled with the turnout and excited about the possibilities; however, there are many more who need to have a seat at the table. There is no limit to what can be accomplished when everyone gets involved.