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New Director of Adult High School in Indianapolis

The Excel Center announces Rachel Zaudtke as a new director

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – The Excel Center®, Goodwill’s [free high school for adults](#), announces a new school director, Rachel Zaudtke. Zaudtke has been with Goodwill since 2011, previously serving as a lead teacher, a position that works directly with Excel Center instructors to help ensure students are successful in their coursework and find a path towards graduating with a Core 40 high school diploma, college credits and industry-recognized certifications.

“Goodwill changes lives every day by empowering people to increase their independence and reach their potential through education, health and employment,” said Zaudtke. “I am thrilled to serve the Indianapolis community in this new capacity as director of The Excel Center, and I look forward to building many partnerships and friendships across Marion County.”

The Excel Center allows students to pick up right where they left off in school and provides support and resources to meet their goals. With expedited curriculum and flexible scheduling, students can graduate quickly and prepare for postsecondary pathways. The Excel Center also offers students free on-site child care, transportation assistance, dual credit courses and industry-recognized certification opportunities — all at no cost.

Zaudtke brings a decade of educational experience to the role with three years at Indianapolis Metropolitan High School as an English and computer applications teacher, a year in Wisconsin at Craig High School as an English teacher, and five years at The Excel Center in Noblesville as a humanities instructor and Lead Teacher before moving into a central office role as the Business Support Manager, which allowed her to continue serving schools within the Goodwill Education Initiatives network. She is proud to represent the Indianapolis community by continuing to support adults who seek to increase their independence through The Excel Center.

Since 2010, over 6,000 students have graduated from the 15 Excel Center central and southern Indiana locations, more than 5,500 industry-recognized certifications have been awarded, and 97% of students graduated with postsecondary credits. The average annualized increase in wages and job prospects of an Excel Center student is more than \$9,000.

The Excel Center West campus, which Zaudtke will oversee, serves over 300 adult students. Those interested in enrolling should visit excelcenter.org/enroll or call 317.524.3925. Enrollment for The Excel Center is year-round.

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About Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana

Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana changes lives every day by empowering people to increase their independence and reach their potential through education, health and employment. The organization serves 39 Indiana counties and operates more than 70 retail locations, as well as charter schools for adults and youth, a maternal-child health program, a child care center and more.