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## **New Director of Adult High School in Anderson** *The Excel Center announces Elysse James as new director*

**ANDERSON, Ind.** – The Excel Center®, Goodwill’s [free high school for adults](#), announces a new school director at the Anderson, Indiana campus, Elysse James. James has been with The Excel Center since 2014, previously serving as director of the Shelbyville location.

Prior to serving as director, James was the lead teacher at The Excel Center in Anderson, 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 James. “I am thrilled to serve the Anderson community in this new capacity as director of The Excel Center, and I look forward to building many partnerships and friendships across Madison 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.

James brings over a decade of educational experience to the role with a bachelor’s degree in Spanish education from Anderson University and a master’s of science in literacy, culture and language from Indiana University Bloomington. She is proud to represent the Anderson community by continuing to support adults who seek to increase their independence through The Excel Center.

Miriam Henry, The Excel Center’s previous director in Anderson, will serve in a new role as regional director of The Excel Center network, helping to lead the 15 total schools across central and southern Indiana.

Since 2010...

- Over 7,000 students have graduated from the 15 Excel Center central and southern Indiana locations
- More than 7,500 industry-recognized certifications have been awarded
- 99% of students graduated with postsecondary credits in the 2021 - 22 school year
- The average annualized increase in wages and job prospects of an Excel Center student is more than \$9,000.

The Excel Center in Anderson serves approximately 300 students and is now enrolling for the new school year that recently began on August 1. Those interested in enrolling should visit [excelcenter.org/enroll](http://excelcenter.org/enroll) or call 317.524.3925. Enrollment for The Excel Center is year-round. To interview Elysse James or a student at The Excel Center, please contact Jennifer Wade.

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