



Hello Friends,

In 2003 the College of Justice & Safety and The Training Resource Center invested seed money to formalize The Facilitation Center at ECU with the goal of the Center becoming self-sufficient. At the time, it was a very different financial model for universities. It was entrepreneurial and not without a few bumps in the road; however, we (Bruce Wolford, Sarah Gilbert, and myself) believed strongly in the services we were offering. Little did I know then what an exciting, fun-filled, engaging, and life-changing career I would have over the next 17 years.

I was truly blessed with finding a career that I enjoyed for so many years. I learned so much along the way from each of you and have made life-long friends that are scattered across the country.

I am so happy to have this opportunity to say "Thank You" for your support of the Facilitation Center over the past 17 years. Whether a returning client, a training participant, a meeting participant, or someone who needed consultation, I greatly appreciated your continued support.

I will be cheering on the Facilitation Center's future accomplishments and have no doubts that the Center will become even more successful with Stefanie Ashley and Sarah Gilbert leading the way.

Again, thank you, and the best of luck with your future endeavors!

Sincerely,

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