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JIMMY WRIGHT North Carolina State University

Jimmy Wright serves as the director of facilities, operations and planning for Campus Enterprises at North Carolina State University. Wright is responsible for the administration, planning and maintenance of 40 facilities across the university.

When Wright's son was in high school, he was admitted into a substance abuse rehabilitation center. After completing the program, Wright watched his son struggle to get back on track and complete his high school education. Wright and his wife, Leah, recognized the need for support programs for youth struggling with substance use in the Wake County area.

In 2018, the couple recruited a core team to create the framework for a high school that could support students experiencing addiction or who are in recovery. On June 30, 2021, Wake Monarch Academy opened as the first program of its kind in the Triangle area and one of just 43 nationally. Instruction began that August, serving 10.

While working full-time for Campus Enterprises, Wright was invaluable to setting up the school. He was largely responsible for securing funding, marketing and helping to create policies. His fundraising efforts led to the school gaining the \$300,000 needed to open.

Wright's background in construction and experience with Campus Enterprises was instrumental in updating the building and making it a suitable educational space for the youth. As a member of the school's board of directors, he continues to advocate for youth who struggle with substance abuse and provide resources to individuals in need.



Jimmy Wright has dedicated both his personal and professional lives to ensuring the highest quality of education for youth and young adults. He is a prime example of what excellent public service means in the State of North Carolina.