New Chancellor – WKU E’Town/Fort Knox

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WKU’s Elizabethtown/Fort Knox campus is beginning the new semester with a new leader.

Amy Bingham talks to the new regional chancellor in this week’s View from the Hill.

She’s a veteran educator with international experience. Evelyn Ellis was working in Seoul South Korea when she found out about the opening at WKU Elizabethtown/Ft. Knox. It didn’t take long for her to realize the job was a perfect fit.

“I thought any campus that has a living president that has a building named after him, they’re doing a lot of great things.”

Dr. Evelyn Ellis says the more she researched the job of Chancellor at WKU’s Elizabethtown/Fort Knox campus, the more impressed she became.

“It is clear that students matter, faculty matter, staff matter. I mean it’s an incredible place to be and I’m happy to be part of it.”

She’s been a part of it since the end of June when she relocated from Seoul South Korea where she had worked for the past two years.

“I was chief of staff for 13 schools that serve the children of the military and the civilians assigned to Korea.”

WKU Administrators say her wide range of experience is the total package especially when it comes to serving military families at Fort Knox and partnering with Hardin County Schools on the recently opened Early College and Career.

“I’m excited about what we can develop as partners in education. We are sitting on a gold mine as I see it..”

Her family and friends are clearly excited about her new opportunity. Dozens of them travelled from all over the country to her welcome reception.

The move also puts her much closer to her four grandchildren who live in Nashville.

“usually I would call from various places and they would say where are you Thailand or Korea or Germany? Where are you?”

WKU is where Ellis is now and if Dr. Ransdell has his way, it’s where her grandchildren will be in the future.

“Class of 23, 24 and 25 right?”

Dr. Ransdell calls Ellis a seasoned educator who is student focused and knows the role of a regional campus. WKU Elizabethtown/Ft. Knox serves more than 900 students from 17 Kentucky counties.

With this week’s View from the Hill, I’m Amy Bingham.

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