DR.WILL COLLIS- PRATHER

HAPPY RETIREMENT

"Will - it has been a pleasure working with you, your program and students. You have a well-run operation going and we will miss you tremendously. That said, I am so happy for you and your husband! What a fabulous adventure this will be for you! Wishing you both happiness, peace, and a beautiful future in England!"

- Beth Knutson-Kolodzne,
Staff member graduate studies.

"Will-I have thoroughly enjoyed working with you the past few years. While we only got to see each other in person a few times, I enjoyed your warm smile and fun attitude every time we did meet. I wish you the very best of luck on this new adventure, you will be so missed here!

- Robin Hagen,
Staff member graduate studies.

I'm truly sorry I can't be there in person to celebrate your time at SCSU, but I wanted to share my appreciation for the time we've worked together over the past few years. It has been a genuine pleasure collaborating with you, and I've learned so much from your insight, dedication, and thoughtful leadership.
What stands out to me most is how deeply you care for the students in our program—your commitment made a real and lasting impact. Your presence will be missed, but I'm excited for all that lies ahead for you. Wishing you all the best in this exciting new chapter of life!
All my best,

- Mindy Ditch,
Faculty Member.

HAPPY RETIREMENT

"Thank you, Dr will for being a mentor and a guide to us ACR students, I learned a lot from your classes. I wish you success and fulfillment on this next path."

- Steven Ovraiti,
Student.

Hello Dr. Will, You will truly be missed. I feel fortunate to have been under your guidance for the past two years. As an international student, the transition wasn't easy, but your support and kindness made a huge difference. Thank you for always being generous and helpful. Wishing you all the very best in your future endeavors.

- Simran,
Student.

"Thank you, Dr. Will, for your guidance and support throughout the ACR program—your mentorship has had a meaningful impact on our learning. Wishing you continued success and fulfillment as you begin this exciting new chapter in Europe. "

- Deepthi,
Student.

HAPPY RETIREMENT

"Dear Dr Will, Your kindness, unwavering support, and the way you guided us with patience and heart have left an indelible mark. Your departure leaves a void that we will deeply feel, but your legacy of care, genuine presence, and inspiration will forever remain with us. Wishing you the very best. "

- Unyime Ngerebara,
Student.

Dr. Will, Thank you for being the reason I chased my dreams abroad—It's hard to say goodbye to a leader who has been such an inspiration and support to all of us. Your guidance and kindness have truly made a difference in our lives and this branch. We will miss your wisdom and warmth every day. Thank you for believing in us and leading with heart. Wishing you all the best in your new journey—you leave behind a legacy we'll always cherish. You will be deeply missed!

- Laxmisai Dixitha Vengili,
Student.

Dear Will,
It's rare to meet someone whose presence quietly inspires, but you've been that person for me since the day of my admission interview. I was inspired by your calm presence and the integrity with which you lead. Your kindness, unwavering patience, and willingness to answer even the smallest of questions made a lasting impact on me. I've always felt a sense of ease approaching you, your SMILE alone brings a sense of reassurance and warmth. If I could carry forward even a fraction of your humility, clarity, and grace, I would consider myself fortunate. Your leadership style has been nothing short of inspirational, and I remain truly grateful for the opportunity to learn from you. Thank you for being a guiding light, not just as a director, but as someone I deeply admire and respect.

- Dhamini Reddy Gajjala,
Student.

HAPPY

RETIREMENT

Dear Dr. Will,

I just want to take a moment to say a heartfelt thank you for being such a special part of my journey at SCSU. Your support, encouragement, and constant presence—especially with the ENCQR leadership team—meant more than words can express. You've been a big reason why we were able to plan and host so many successful events this year.

Your leadership has always felt steady and inspiring. You never hesitated to guide us, listen to us, or step in when we needed direction. Personally, I've learned so much from you—not just professionally, but also in how to lead with kindness and integrity. You've made a lasting impression on all of us, and your belief in us gave us the confidence to grow and do more.

Hearing about your departure brings mixed emotions. It's hard to see you go, but I'm genuinely happy for you as you step into this exciting new chapter. We have no doubt that you'll continue to make a difference and leave a mark wherever you go—just like you did here.

Thank you for everything, Dr. Will. You will truly be missed, and we wish you all the best for what's ahead. With gratitude and warm wishes,

- Sushma Vanampalli,
Student, Vice President ENCQR.