

Mini Feature: Ask someone about their favorite place on UNCC's campus and why it's their favorite: Kelly Giron



The UNC Charlotte Atkins Library provides opportunities for students to come together and study for classes as a community. There are many different reasons students visit the campus library, as freshman Kelly Giron mainly enjoys the studying aspect. “I usually try to go to the study rooms with me and my friends,” Giron said. “We usually try to go in there and lock in. I put in my noise canceling headphones and I’m locked.”

The Atkins Library is Giron’s favorite place on campus, and visits at least twice a week, if not more. She usually grabs a *Starbucks* coffee, rents a study room, and gets to work. She appreciates having a place to get her work done and focus, with a view she can enjoy. “It’s quiet and filled with natural light, and it’s a great view of campus,” Giron said. “I usually go there when I really want to focus and plan out my week. It’s a space where I can stay organized and productive.”

Giron prefers to stay focused and work in study rooms on upper floors because they are quieter and easier to concentrate in. This is why she also avoids the bottom floors of the library, as they are more collaborative spaces where students can be more talkative. Even though she keeps to herself most of the time in the library, Giron utilizes the whiteboards provided by Atkins to study out loud with her friends. Each person in the friend group writes their material on the whiteboard, and then teaches it to each other to better retain the information.

There are different aspects of the Atkins Library that keep Giron going back weekly. This includes the “third space” aspect, where people can gather and find community, while striving for her goals, such as doing well in school. The only thing she would change about her favorite place is an addition of a *Dunkin Donuts* in the library, where she can get her pre-study coffee and dive in her study session.