

[Over 180 attend Buchholz Lecture on community college student success](#)

From community college students to college presidents, over 180 individuals from 24 different organizations attended the free 2014 Don A. Buchholz lecture earlier this semester. The main speaker was **Deborah Floyd**, Professor of Higher Education and Interim Dean of the graduate school at Florida Atlantic University.

"It was a pleasure for the Bill J. Priest Center for Community College Education to sponsor the 2014 Don A. Buchholz Lecture and to have the opportunity to bring together community college practitioners from across North Texas to network and share ideas," said Beverly Bower, the Don A. Buchholz Endowed Chair, Director of the Bill J. Priest Center for Community College Education and Professor in the Department of Counseling and Higher Education. "Dr. Deborah Floyd gave use much food for thought in her presentation as she documented the how the student affairs philosophy has evolved over the last 30-40 years as community colleges serve the changing needs of postsecondary students."

In her lecture titled, "Old Wine in New Bottles: Student Affairs Leadership Challenges," Floyd focused on the history and proven research related to principles in student affairs and led a discussion about pertinent issues for the future of community colleges, including:

- importance of contributing to research;
- a one size model does not fit all institutions; and
- understanding and shaping the campus culture.

"I enjoyed this event because I was able to network with various levels of community college leaders while engaging in a meaningful dialogue regarding student success," said **Janice Hicks**, a doctoral student in the college's higher education program. "The speaker truly highlighted that we, Student Affairs practitioners, should always ensure that students are the focus of our work."