



International Women's Day Colloquium 2018



The NSU Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) sponsored a lunch-time International Women's Day Colloquium on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 in the Carl DeSantis Atrium. International Women's Day 2018 was themed *Press for Progress*. Student organizations from across campus displayed their research posters to highlight awareness of gender equity issues in their respective fields.

Two distinguished speakers gave brief remarks in support of IWD. Ms. Linda Buccilli, CLTC, Financial Advisor at Northwestern Mutual and Founding Member of the HCBE Women's Success Series. Ms. Buccilli spoke about the importance of doing your best, staying the course, being fully present each day, and always maintaining integrity and honesty in personal and business relationships. She emphasized her care in being a good role model, especially with her children. Her work life has been focused on competing successfully among financial entities and adherence to strict ethical standards.

The second speaker, Dr. Farzanna Haffizulla, is the Assistant Dean for Community and Global Health at the NSU Kiran C. Patel College of Allopathic Medicine, and a globally-recognized health awareness advocate. She spoke about the need to create and preserve balance among competing responsibilities and interests in one's life and health. Her leadership style is optimistic, dynamic and emphasizes forward progress; it is grounded in concern for gender equity but envisions uplift to family and promotes strong, caring relationships among all. Both speakers received certificates in gratitude of their participation and remained behind to speak with attendees and answer questions.

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The mission of AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. For more information on AAUW-NSU, contact Randi Sims, Ph.D., Professor, at sims@nova.edu.