

Data Collected from Colloquium Surveys

Total Number of Surveys Completed: 27

Total Number of Rankings Given: 26

Average Score Calculated From Rankings: 4.73/5

Break-down of Scores Received:

5: 21

4: 3

3: 2

2: 0

1: 0

Comments:

As an education major the talking circle discussion on "educating for a sustainable democracy" helped me understand the variety of perspectives and issues that our educational systems is facing. The discussion points were compelling and the conversation thought provoking. Programs like this provide students an opportunity to engage in discussions that will help their futures. Please keep the dialogue alive by continuing to develop this type of content.

I attended both afternoon sessions on Friday and must say that this was the first time where I actually felt that the level of discourse was on par with my expectations of a university/college experience. your impressive efforts to develop and establish this opportunity for students, faculty and the community to truly become academically engaged are truly appreciated.

I thought the Talking Circle was very interesting and engaging as we discussed the value and goals of education, as well as its role in building a democratic society. Combined with the other Colloquium sessions, it helped me gain a new appreciation about how important it is to have this type of ongoing dialogue across disciplines. I believe that these discussions are an essential part of the foundation needed to

provide a truly valuable and purposeful education. Not an education aimed simply to "produce" skilled workers that can then serve ruthless corporations, but an education that enables each individual to attain self-mastery, to find purpose in life, and to truly become valuable members of society, able and ready to work and sacrifice for the greater good of humanity and of our planet.

I find it regrettable that only a small portion of our Faculty and administrators participated in this event, particularly during this time of transition at ESC. As we prepare to select new leadership, it is of the utmost importance that we find a consensus regarding the ways in which our educational system needs to be updated in order to serve our current needs. Only then can we say that we are truly committed to serving our community, and to becoming the leaders in education that we aspire to be.

I actually attend 2 sessions and was a bit surprised and disappointed more faculty and administration didn't take advantage to share input at the round table discussion. Those who missed Dr. Orr missed a great opportunity to understand the breath and width of the grave situation that is at our feet. I think he woke the sleeping giant in all of us and we are ready to act but could become a bit frustrated as to where do we begin. I want to thank the Professors who brought the Colloquium to the school. The program in a way gave me permission to continue on my journey without focusing solely on the end result of some unfulfilling expectation of material success. Thank you

Thank you so much for inviting David Orr! He was excellent! I just left our Colloquium faculty meeting at FGCU and was telling the people there about it. They asked me if there is any way we can put a copy of his presentation on line so we all can view it? I have mentioned parts of it to my classes ever since I heard him speak. I would like to view it again. He is quite an incredible thinker on so many topics. Thank you.

The students at Oberlin College are lucky to have Dr. Orr and his sustainability project. It was inspiring just to be introduced to it. I do wish his presentation will be available at some point. It was a lot of information to digest and I find what I try to pass on to others is lacking.

great topic.....just needed more participation from the crowd and more developed discussions with panelist.

I love the statistics he brought, because the numbers don't lie. Climate change is a reality and we must do something about it.

I was intrigued more by Dr. Charles McKinney. I like the way he held my attention by throwing in some comedy into it and not giving facts after facts.

While Mr. Orr is a man of science, he knows the value of the humanities in the relay of his ideas. He asked about my educational goals and encouraged me when I told him novelist. The numbers are important, but he knows most people will tune out if a list of endless stats are read. He feels global sustainability, while backed by science, needs the muses to carry the message to the masses.

I found that the Colloquium sessions to be helpful information because, it made me understand, the challenges our education system is facing. I think there should be more programs available that would deliver more information; how to expand critical learning skills for global citizens.

The music performance was unexpected! The change of pace was at first a little odd, but I think it was smart and interesting to bring these type of performers to the conference. The change in venue and late performance time may have kept people from attending. The audience was small.

Reception was nice and simple. It was a bit embarrassing the facilities department did not offer recycling bins after for all of the plastic and paper products. This may be a problem with the campus? Hope we can fix this!

I am still surprised our school was able to get such a distinguished and accomplished speaker! I was happy to not be preached to by Dr. Orr, I felt like his entire presentation was fact based and offered hopeful view for the future. I hope Edison will adopt a lot of the principals Oberlin College has been using - we are so fortunate to have the faculty and student support/knowledge of this hugely important issue.

I think this [talking circle] was my favorite part of the Colloquium! I was surprised so many people were there to participate at 5pm on a Thursday.

I didn't speak much, as most of my comments were addressed by other people, but the opportunity to have an open discussion of this caliber is so important to Edison. I shared my experience with other students who were not able to attend (due to work/school schedule conflicts) and it kept the dialogue open. I know this kept people interested in coming back for the events on Friday.

I appreciated the scientific approach for this talking panel. The second speaker's presentation was absolutely enlightening - well read, and passionate about the subject.

The first speaker from Santa Monica College seemed like she was going over her syllabus for the first day of class? I didn't feel like there was much insight into the subject of an online or environmental studies learning curriculum/environment.

The last speaker's experience with Health Care was interesting. His presentation is hard to compare to the second speaker, but it was nice to hear the health care perspective.

Speaker/Paper was a bit underwhelming, but the audience discussion was excellent!

The Colloquium was fantastic! I can not thank you both enough for having the vision of a vibrant academic exchange and then executing it. I found the 5 sessions I attended to all be extremely relevant and vital in these times. I haven't be able to stop thinking about many of them and find myself eager to see my students to further the discussion. Thank you for providing such a stimulating platform to have these much needed conversations.

Wow! I am so very impressed and delighted that Edison State sought out a keynote of such high caliber! Thank you!!!

Outstanding and stimulating!

This was a much needed discussion, one that needs to be on going. Because of the topic I was disappointed there wasn't one Education Professor present, would have been nice to hear their thoughts and opinions.

I enjoyed David Orr's presentation and thought it was especially meaningful for today's economic and climate situation. It was a refreshing breath of air to be able to have a real discussion especially in this high profile age of political misinformation.

I really enjoyed this informal talking circle. It was great to have such a wide range of professionals, students and people from the community to come together and talk about today's important issues. It let all of us look at an issue from different points of view and that is an important concept in today's world.

I was so impressed with every session of the Colloquium; each participant engaged the audience (especially the students) on both an intellectual and emotional level, especially David Orr. This was the type of event that one would normally have to drive to FSU or UF to attend: world-class speakers, impeccable organization (thank you Drs. Wilkins and Chase), and stimulating topics.

This event is long overdue, and I hope the beginning of rebuilding Edison State College as an educational leader in Southwest Florida.

Bravo to the faculty!