



Debra S. Daniels

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Debra Daniels has served in higher education for twenty nine years with over nine years as a higher administrative leader. She is currently the Vice President for Academic and Student Services for Polk Community College in Winter Haven Florida. She has served in this position from 2003 through present. Prior to working at PCC she was the Vice President for Instruction at Kellogg Community College in Michigan from 2001-03, Vice President for Academics and Student Services at

Parkland College in Illinois from 2000-2001, Associate Campus Director for Instruction at New Mexico State University at Alamogordo from 1998-2000. During her time at NMSU-A she served 13 concurrent months as the Interim Campus Director. Prior to her higher administrative experience she served over sixteen years from 1981-1997 as Program Director of Dental Assisting and faculty member at Illinois Central College and three years from 1978-1981 as a faculty member at Delta College in Michigan.

As a community college graduate, Dr. Daniels holds an Associate of Applied Science degree in Dental Assisting from Delta College in Michigan, a Bachelor of Science degree in Allied Health Teacher Education from Ferris State University in Michigan, a Master of Education degree from the University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign, and a Doctorate in Education specializing in Community College Leadership from University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign.

Dr. Daniels is active in the community and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Winter Haven YMCA and is a member of the Winter Haven Chamber of Commerce, Cypress Gardens Rotary Club, Polk Vision, Winter Haven Leadership and the Workforce Economic Council. She also serves on two Florida Department of Education statewide committees for the review of general education core competencies and community college funding formula. Additionally, she is an accreditation consultant evaluator for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.