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Former state attorney Ellen D. Roberts featured speaker at annual Women's History Month event at Palm Beach State College March 21

(Lake Worth, Fla. – March 1, 2013) A former attorney with the Palm Beach County State Attorney's Office, Ellen D. Roberts, will be the featured speaker at the annual "In Celebration of Women" event at Palm Beach State College in Lake Worth.

Presented by the College's Crossroads program, the Women's History Month event will be held March 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Humanities Building lobby and Stage West, 4200 Congress Ave. It will include music, poetry readings and a fine arts and crafts exhibit.

Roberts joined the Palm Beach County State Attorney's Office in 1986. She was instrumental in creating the Traffic Homicide Unit in 1993, which was responsible for investigating, reviewing and trying fatal criminal traffic cases, and served as its chief until her retirement in 2012.



Eight years ago, Roberts created a program where young people convicted of DUI manslaughter tell their stories in schools rather than serve prison time. She has received commendations from MADD, Florida Prosecuting Attorney's Association, Traffic Safety Commission and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Born and raised in St. Petersburg, Roberts graduated from the University of Georgia with a bachelor's degree in journalism. Roberts earned a master's degree in education from the University of South Florida and her law school degree from Nova Southeastern University.

Crossroads is a state-funded program that since 1983 has helped displaced homemakers get prepared to enter the workforce after years of relying on someone else's income or receiving public assistance. At the event, past and present participants will share stories of how the program has helped them. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, visit www.palmbeachstate.edu/Crossroads or call (561) 868-3586.

Serving more than 49,000 students annually, Palm Beach State College is the largest institution of higher education in Palm Beach County, providing bachelor's degrees, associate degrees, professional certificates, career training and lifelong learning. Established in 1933 as Florida's first public community college, it offers more than 100 programs of study at locations in Lake Worth, Boca Raton, Palm Beach Gardens and Belle Glade.

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