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At the Office of Alumni Advancement we are continuously seeking new ways to engage, inspire and connect with our alumni and community. Each spring I organize an annual Professional Development Series and while in the very preliminary stages of organizing the series Laura Cole of Latitude Business Group was recommended as a speaker. In the end due to her expertise and personality Laura led our Four-Part Series, "The Art & Science of a Powerful Presentation" that provided an integrated approach to effective communication that benefited both participates who could attend the whole series and those that could only attend a select few.

In the early stages of our discussions about the series I had an idea of a concept but was unsure of the exact content. Laura spent time discussing the current needs of today's business professional and from our meetings she designed a professional development series that was current, creative and engaging. I appreciated her creativity and her flexibility and the series she designed took our alumni and community participants beyond simply *public speaking* and addressed issue such as impromptu networking, persuasive presentations and conflict communications.

Laura quickly and easily built rapport with the participants and led a thoughtful, entertaining and informative professional development series.

The series was a resounding success as measured through both the number of registered participants and the feedback

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from those participants. I would recommend Laura Cole and Latitude Business Group as a speaker, facilitator, or business consultant and I look forward to working with her again.

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