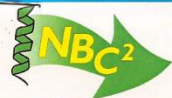
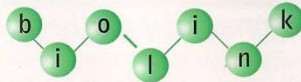


# Palm Beach State Biotechnology Graduate Presents at BIO



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## Seventh Annual Community College Program Day May 2, 2010 in Conjunction with BIO in Chicago

Three organizations combined to present the seventh Community College Program during the BIO global industry conference. Each is committed to doing what community colleges do best: quickly transfer skills for students to use and join the biotech workforce. With more than twenty-five years of national biotech workforce program experience between them, the organizations – Bio-Link, NBC<sup>2</sup> and NCBW - joined forces for the full day's event. About sixty professionals attended or participated in the Community College Program, held on May 2, 2010, in conjunction with the Biotechnology Industry Organization's week long trade show and conference in Chicago. Panels presented experts leading in biotechnology workforce development - representing both industry and academia, from every region of the country. Because most of the people at the Community College Program (CCP) are creating and sustaining a qualified workforce, passionate about enabling America's biotechnology industry to continue to grow, there was also meaningful networking and heartfelt support exchanged.



**Faces of Success - biotech program graduates now employed in the industry pose with educators during the Community College Program in Chicago.**  
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Increasing numbers of successful graduates, those who have gone through the program and found jobs in the industry - and who, in some cases, are already excelling - emerged at the top of a list of themes for this event. Because workforce training graduates achieve positions in the industry, they can become strong voices and advocates for these training programs. Graduates were featured at the CCP. People starting careers in the industry, such as the panelists in the popular Faces of Success segment - strengthen communication lines between industry and academia. They work as mentors to other students. A recent study by the National Center for the Biotechnology Workforce (NCBW) followed up on early graduates of biotechnology training programs. "When we saw, thanks to this research, that many graduates desire continued, more advanced training within their subject areas, we focused our curriculum resources to go deeper into individual technician positions. This is how we've produced our new 'monograph series' for NBC<sup>2</sup> - the Northeast Biomufacturing Center and Collaborative," said Sonia Wallman. These new publications, in turn, are shared through the Bio-Link network, contributing to the industry's overall training goals. This is how all three organizations work together.

### Inside this edition:

**Faces of Success** moderated by Jo-Anne S. Hongo, Scientific Manager at Genentech .....Page 2  
and Elaine A. Johnson, Director of Bio-Link with remarks from  
Gail Maderis, President & CEO of BayBio with panelists:  
Joseph W. Guillory, Research Associate, Genentech  
**Camilo Rojas**, Lab Assistant II, Scripps Florida Research Institute  
Kasey Schuster, Biotechnology Resource Coordinator for the State of Utah  
Mica A. W  
Marilyn D.  
**Emerging Bio**  
with panelists:  
Bill Woodr  
Alan Bean  
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### Themes of this year's CCP event:

**Graduates** - as more students complete biotech programs and take rising positions in the industry, their value is validated and they work to mentor those following them.



**Camilo Rojas** earned his associate's degree in biotechnology at Palm Beach Community College. He did a three-month internship at Scripps Florida Research Institute. Now he is a full time employee in its neuroscience department, working to understand how synaptic proteins contribute to memory formation and storage with a goal to discover compounds that can restore memory in persons with Alzheimer's disease.



**Camilo Rojas and Libby Handel his biotech teacher from Palm Beach Community College.**