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## **“Get in the Swing” theme of Palm Beach State College Foundation Golf Classic at BallenIsles Country Club May 4**

(Lake Worth, Fla. – April 20, 2012) Get in the swing and make a difference in the lives of students! BallenIsles Country Club in Palm Beach Gardens will be the setting for the annual Palm Beach State College Foundation Golf Classic May 4.

The Classic will be a best-ball format and features contests during tournament play, including two hole-in-one competitions, with a chance to win a new car. Prizes also will be awarded for the longest drive, straightest drive and closest to the pin.

Sponsorship opportunities, including a golf foursome, begin at \$2,000; individual golfers can play in the tournament for a \$375 contribution. One sponsorship new to the tournament is the opportunity to play with a sports icon. NBA Hall of Famer Sam Jones, former pro baseball players Andres Galarraga and Bobby Bradley, former Harlem Globetrotter Bobby "Zorro" Hunter and former Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver Freddie Mitchell will be on hand to round out a golf foursome.

Another new feature to the tournament is a one-hour clinic with golf pro Richard Terga for all registered golfers playing in the Classic. A touring professional since 2000 and winner of the 2010 and 2011 Grey Goose Palm Beach Open, Terga is in his fifth year as a teaching professional at The Breakers Resort in Palm Beach.

"I am proud to 'get in the game' to support the students and programs at Palm Beach State College through our participation in the Golf Classic," said Ricky Wade, franchisee of 11 McDonalds restaurants in Palm Beach and Martin counties. "This tournament is about making a difference in both the lives of the students who benefit from scholarships, as well as the people in the community those students serve after graduating. Every year, the College Foundation raises the bar in terms of playing on a quality course and adding perks that make it one of the premiere sports fundraising events in the area."

The tournament's shotgun start is at 1:00 p.m. and the awards reception begins at 6 p.m. or immediately after play. At the close of tournament play, a "copter drop," contest will feature numbered golf balls purchased for \$5 each dropped above the 18<sup>th</sup> green from a helicopter. The person whose ball that lands in or closest to the hole will win a Hewlett Packard laptop computer.

A raffle, with prizes including a Dell desktop system and Android tablet combo, also will be held as part of the fundraising efforts. Tickets for the raffle are \$20 each, three for \$50, seven for \$100 and are available on line at the College Foundation's website. The raffle is open to the community, and participants need not be present to win.

The presenting sponsor of the Golf Classic is The Bobby Resciniti Healing Hearts Foundation; major sponsors include 97.9 WRMF, Advanced Control Corporation, Balfour Beatty Construction, Honda Classic Golf Exchange Radio, Lotspeich Co. of Florida, McDonalds North County, Pepsi Beverage Company and Suffolk Construction.

"Balfour Beatty Construction is delighted to again have the opportunity to support education in the communities we serve by our participation in the Palm Beach State Foundation Golf Classic," said Clint Glass, senior vice president. "This event is more than just a round of golf. It's an investment in the future by having highly educated professionals from the College in the workforce."

For more information on the Palm Beach State Foundation Golf Classic, and to register for the Golf Classic or order raffle tickets, call 561-868-3569 or visit [www.palmbeachstate.edu/FoundationGolf.xml](http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/FoundationGolf.xml).

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