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PBCC President named to Florida College System Task Force

(Lake Worth, Fla. – July 28, 2008) Dr. Dennis Gallon, president of Palm Beach Community College, has been named to the Florida College System Task Force by Florida Commissioner of Education Eric Smith. Gallon will join ten college presidents, chancellors, and advisors on the task force.

The Florida College System Task Force is charged with issuing recommendations regarding the transition of community colleges to baccalaureate degree granting colleges and the criteria for establishing and funding state colleges, as well as with monitoring the implementation of the State College Pilot Project.

PBCC will offer its first four-year degree program, the Bachelor of Applied Science (B.A.S.) in Supervision and Management, beginning in August, 2009.

The other members of the task force are:

- David Armstrong, president, Broward College
- Charles Dassance, president, Central Florida Community College
- Katherine Johnson, president, Pasco-Hernando Community College
- William Law, president, Tallahassee Community College
- Steve Wallace, president, Florida Community College at Jacksonville
- Ann McGee, president, Seminole Community College
- Judy Genshaft, president, University of South Florida
- Arthur Kirk, president, St. Leo's College
- Art Keiser, chancellor, Keiser University
- Dean Colson, special education advisor to Gov. Charlie Crist

The first meeting of the Florida College System Task Force will be held on Sept. 4, 2008, from 1-5 p.m. at the Tampa Bay Grand Hyatt Hotel in Tampa, Fla.

Palm Beach Community College, Florida's first public community college, is celebrating its 75th anniversary throughout 2008. The largest institution of higher education in Palm Beach County, PBCC serves more than 45,000 students annually through its associate degrees, professional certificates, career and customized training and lifelong learning. The College offers more than 100 programs of study at locations in Lake Worth, Boca Raton, Palm Beach Gardens and Belle Glade.

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