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PBCC to hold grand opening ceremony “From Atoms to Stars” for new science building at the Lake Worth campus

WHAT: Palm Beach Community College will officially mark the opening of its new Natural Science building on the Lake Worth campus with a celebration featuring a variety of chemical reaction demonstrations and other high-tech scientific fanfare.

The grand opening ceremony themed “From Atoms to Stars” will include self-guided tours of the building and remarks by PBCC President Dennis Gallon and others.

The \$12.8 million, two-story 50,000-square-foot building opened to students this fall. It houses chemistry, biology, microbiology, anatomy and physiology, physical science, earth science, geology, physics and astronomy classes. Designed by Schwab, Twitty and Hanser Architectural Group and constructed by James A. Cummings, Inc., the state-of-the-art building transformed the Congress Avenue entrance to the campus and allowed the College to strengthen its science curriculum to prepare for the emerging South Florida science industry. The facility is the latest jewel on the Lake Worth campus, following the completion five years ago of the Education and Training Center, and, more recently, the total renovations of others, including the Humanities and Britton G. Sayles Social Science buildings.

WHEN: 4:15 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9

WHERE: Natural Science building, 4200 Congress Avenue (building faces Congress Avenue)

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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Editor's note: A photo of the new Natural Science building is available at www.pbcc.edu/images/marketing/scienceexterior.jpg

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