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## **Palm Beach State College Foundation receives \$40,000 for student scholarships through The Florida College System Foundation**

Lake Worth, Fla. (Sept. 17, 2013) - The Florida College System Foundation presented a check for \$40,002 to the Palm Beach State College Foundation today to support scholarships for students who are the first generation in their family to attend college or are studying nursing, health care or education.

The donation was made possible by nearly \$1 million in gifts from Bank of America, Florida Blue and Helios Education Foundations presented to The Florida College System Foundation to distribute to the state's 28 colleges.

Palm Beach State's portion of the gifts is: \$22,196 from the Helios Education Foundation, \$13,646 from Florida Blue and \$4,160 from Bank of America.



The Palm Healthcare Foundation, Inc. in West Palm Beach, a longtime supporter of Palm Beach State's nursing program, is providing a 100 percent match for the Florida Blue Foundation's gift, and considerable additional funding to support nursing scholarships.

In addition to providing funding for tuition, the Bank of America scholarship also permits students to receive funding for books, fees and child care, thus making attending classes easier.

"We are extremely grateful to The Florida College System Foundation and organizations like Florida Blue Foundation, Bank of America and Helios Education Foundation along with Palm Healthcare Foundation," said Suellen Mann, executive director of the Palm Beach State College Foundation. "All of these organizations have consistently supported our students for many years. Scholarships result in more students successfully completing their education and securing lucrative positions in our community."

"We are so pleased to be able to present this funding to the Palm Beach State College Foundation for the College's programs," said Randy Hanna, chancellor of The Florida College

System. “This success is the result of the partnerships we have developed with key players in the state who recognize access to higher education is critical to developing a healthy economy.”

*Serving 48,000 students annually, Palm Beach State College is the largest institution of higher education in Palm Beach County, providing bachelor’s degrees, associate degrees, professional certificates, career training and lifelong learning. Established in 1933 as Florida’s first public community college, it offers more than 100 programs of study at locations in Lake Worth, Boca Raton, Palm Beach Gardens and Belle Glade.*

**Photo:**

From left: Andrea Bradley, president & CEO of Palm Healthcare Foundation, Inc.; Judy Green, president of The Florida College System Foundation; Dr. Dennis Gallon, president of Palm Beach State College; Susan Carver-Slimak, senior manager, care coordination at Florida Blue; and Suellen Mann, executive director of the Palm Beach State College Foundation.

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