Professor’s gift to college provides foundation for “Campus Green”

Donation will build sheltered pavilion dedicated to professor’s mother; groundbreaking slated for April 7

(March 27, 2006) Speech professor Nancy R. Levin, J.D. has pledged $350,000 to Palm Beach Community College in Palm Beach Gardens to build the Myrna Rubenstein Pavilion in the middle of the campus. The pavilion will start the $1 million project to build a “campus green” complete with tropical gardens, fountains, ponds and bridges. The College is seeking additional donations from the community for the project and will offer “naming opportunities” for the gardens.

Currently, the students have few places to socialize, said Patricia Anderson, Ph.D., provost at the Palm Beach Gardens location.

“Having the pavilion and Campus Green will tie the whole campus together,” Anderson said. “It will build student engagement as students gather to create social ties and meet with faculty. It will create a sense of belonging and promote student retention.”

Already an environmentally focused campus, PBCC at Palm Beach Gardens will enhance its landscape further with the Campus Green, working with horticulture business partners. The groundbreaking ceremony is April 7 at 10 a.m. at PBCC, 3160 PGA Blvd. Professor Levin’s mother, Myrna Rubenstein of Syracuse, New York, will attend; her daughter’s donation is a 75th birthday gift.

“She is a marvelous mother who taught me values and what is important in life,” Professor Levin said. “She grounded me, and I was looking for a way to honor her.”

To download a photo of Myrna Rubenstein, go to http://www.pbcc.edu/crm/releasepics/MyrnaRubenstein.jpg
For a site plan of the Campus Green, go to http://www.pbcc.edu/crm/releasepics/paviliondiagram.jpg

For more information, call Sue Levine at 561-207-5401. The media is invited to the groundbreaking ceremony; breakfast will be served.

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