PBCC names new dean of baccalaureate studies

(Lake Worth, Fla. – July 21, 2008) Dr. Magdala Ray, dean of academic affairs at the Palm Beach Community College Lake Worth campus, has been named the new dean of baccalaureate studies. Dr. Ray began her new duties at PBCC on July 1.

The Bachelor of Applied Science (B.A.S.) in Supervision and Management will offer concentrations in business, health and public safety administration. The new degree will be the first B.A.S. degree offered by a Palm Beach County institution when classes begin in August 2009.

“With our inaugural Bachelor of Applied Science program, we are able to continue PBCC’s mission in a new and exciting way—increased access to higher degrees in education, affordable tuition, and above all, excellent teaching by highly qualified faculty,” said Ray. “I am delighted to be a part of the team opening the door to students moving onward and upward.”

Ray has been employed at PBCC since 1987. She has served as adjunct faculty, learning specialist, Student Learning Center Coordinator and associate dean of academic affairs for communications and math. She has served as the dean of academic affairs for the PBCC Lake Worth campus since 2001.

Ray holds an associate’s degree from PBCC, a bachelor’s degree in human resource management and master’s degree in human resource development from Palm Beach Atlantic University, and an executive doctorate in higher education from Florida Atlantic University.

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.

Editor’s note: A photo is attached.

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