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Nationally known comedian Marvin Dixon to emcee talent competition at PBCC

(Lake Worth, Fla. – Feb. 9, 2009) Palm Beach Community College students will show off their talents and compete for scholarships at the 9th annual Comedy and Talent Explosion that also features nationally known comedian Marvin Dixon.

Sponsored by the PBCC chapter of the National Council on Black American Affairs, the Comedy and Talent Explosion will be held at 8 p.m. Feb. 27 at PBCC’s Duncan Theatre, 4200 Congress Ave. In the talent competition, students will vie for three scholarships: $600 for first place, $500 for second place and $400 for third place.

Dixon is a former Miami radio personality who has appeared on HBO’s “Def Comedy Jam,” Black Entertainment Television’s “Comic View” and the “Tom Joyner Morning Show.” He host and performs on many main event stage shows including Zo's Summer Groove and The Ray Lewis Foundation’s annual event, Ray’s Summer Days. A native of Illinois who was raised in Miami, he now commutes between Atlanta and Miami. He has been performing comedy since 1994. This will be his seventh year serving as emcee of the Comedy and Talent Explosion.

The show features more than a dozen singing, dancing and spoken word performances as well as comic routines by Dixon, who also will emcee the show. Tickets are $10 and are available at the Duncan Theatre Box Office. For more information, call (561) 868-3127.

NCBAA was founded in 1972 as an affiliate of the American Association of Community Colleges. It works to maximize personal and career opportunities for African-American students, faculty, staff and administrators. Through a variety of intellectual, cultural and social activities, the Council provides a platform for personal growth, professional development and scholarships. The PBCC chapter of NCBAA was established in 1997.

About Palm Beach Community College: Serving more than 46,000 students annually, Palm Beach Community College is the largest institution of higher education in Palm Beach County, providing the bachelor’s degree, associate degrees, professional certificates, career training and lifelong learning. Florida's first public community college, PBCC offers more than 100 programs of study at locations in Lake Worth, Boca Raton, Palm Beach Gardens and Belle Glade.

Editor’s note: Contact the College Relations and Marketing office for a photo of Dixon.

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