PBCC Global Education Center receives Kellogg grant for immigrant education

(Lake Worth, Fla. – April 29, 2009) The Dr. Kathryn W. Davis Global Education Center at Palm Beach Community College will partner with the Lake Worth Resource Center in offering English and work-related workshops to immigrants thanks to a $18,327 grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Mich.

Many of the immigrants registered at the Lake Worth Resource Center are unemployed or underemployed, have low levels of English language skills and no skill sets for jobs that are available in the area. The Global Education Center will begin a pilot program to both progressively improve English language skills as well as offer workshops such as formed carpentry through its trade and industry program for immigrants. The workshops will be taught by instructors at the Lake Worth Resource Center and funded by the Global Education Center.

“We are delighted to receive this grant enabling the Global Education Center to begin phase one of Kellogg Project Restore,” said Monica Delgado, director of the Global Education Center. “The goal of Project Restore is to provide immigrant caregivers with access to educational work programs that result in them becoming employed, enabling families and children to come out of their state of poverty. We invite other foundations to collaborate with the Global Education Center and provide additional funding for subsequent phases of Project Restore.”

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation was established in 1930. The organization supports children, families and communities as they strengthen and create conditions to allow vulnerable children to achieve success as individuals and contributors to the larger community and society. For more information about the Foundation visit www.wkkf.org.

The Global Education Center at PBCC is a one-stop education and information resource center for immigrants residing in Palm Beach County. The goal of the center is to assist immigrant students and families better acclimate to American culture by providing information on educational programs including English classes, acculturation civics workshops, and referrals to community services. The center is funded through a grant from philanthropist Dr. Kathryn W. Davis.
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.

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