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Inaugural Palm Beach State College Foundation Golf Classic set for April 23 at Bear Lakes Country Club

(Lake Worth, Fla. – April 5, 2010) The inaugural Palm Beach State College Foundation Golf Classic will be held at Bear Lakes Country Club in West Palm Beach on Friday, April 23. Bear Lakes Country Club was the host of the 2009 PGA Tour Qualifying School finals, and this year's Golf Classic will take place on the Jack Nicklaus redesigned Lakes course.

The Golf Classic is a best-ball format and features contests during tournament play, including two hole-in-one competitions, with a chance to win a new car from Braham BMW or Royal Palm Nissan, as well as Beat the Junior Golfer, with foursomes outdriving local youth golfer Andre Wade on a par-3 hole. Foursome sponsorships start at \$2,000 and include golf, lunch, greens and cart fees and awards reception.



“With a new name, Palm Beach State College, comes new opportunities. With the new baccalaureate degree programs, the College has taken huge strides to educate and train the future leaders of this county to make it competitive in the global marketplace,” said Dr. Dennis Gallon, president of the College. “The Golf Classic is one of our premiere events to both promote the College to the local business community and to also fund student scholarships, programs and capital improvements.”

The tournament's shotgun start begins at 1 p.m. and the awards reception begins at 6 p.m. or immediately after play. A raffle, with a grand prize of an all-expenses-paid, five-day Royal Caribbean cruise, also will be held as part of the fundraising efforts. Tickets for the raffle are available at the College's Foundation office (561) 868-3450. Raffle is open to the community and participants need not be present to win.

“Our sponsorship of the Palm Beach State Foundation Golf Classic helps support the scholarship program, helping our students thrive on campus as well as enriching their lives for future career opportunities,” said James Centanni, vice president of L.D. Astorino & Associates, the tournament’s presenting sponsor. “Supporting the Foundation is our way of being a good partner to the College.”

Major sponsors of the Golf Classic include Astorino Architects, 97.9 WRMF, Balfour Beatty Construction, Fastrack MCI, Hedrick Brothers Construction, Honda Classic Golf Exchange, Lotspeich Co. of Florida, The Palm Beach Post, Pirtle Construction and Suffolk Brothers Construction.

For more information on the Palm Beach State Foundation Golf Classic, please call (561) 868-3569. Register online at www.palmbeachstate.edu/FoundationGolf.xml. Space is limited so early registration is recommended.

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Editor’s note: A high-resolution image of the 2010 Palm Beach State College Golf Classic committee can be downloaded at:
www.palmbeachstate.edu/Images/Marketing/PalmBeachState_GolfClassic_2010Committee.jpg.

Caption: The 2010 Palm Beach State College Foundation Golf Classic committee (from left): **Chris Moreton**, Balfour Beatty Construction; **Mark Tribble**, Lotspeich of Florida; **Ana Thomas**, Palm Beach State College Foundation; **James Centanni**, L.D.Astorino Architects; **Suellen Mann**, Palm Beach State College Foundation; **Dago Diaz**, Suffolk Brothers Construction; **Rex Kirby**, Suffolk Brothers Construction, and **Dale Hedrick**, Hedrick Brothers Construction.

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