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Living Through History



Significant milestones often aren't recognized as such until after the fact. As John W. Gardner, the founder of Common Cause, once observed, history never looks like history when you are living through it.

Our year-long celebration of the College's 75th anniversary highlights the milestones in the life of this institution. Certainly, some marker points are large and obvious – the founding of Florida's first two-year public community college, its first permanent campus more than 20 years later, a merger with Roosevelt Junior College, and the addition of new campuses and centers to meet growing community needs. Other milestones, including new educational programs and initiatives, are less dramatic, yet their impact can be just as profound in terms of future student success.

In addition to exploring the College's rich past, this issue of **Contact** celebrates major advances that we are currently "living through." Three new educational buildings have expanded our program offerings and energized our faculty and students. New degree programs in sugar technology, health information management and electrical power technology give students more career paths for future success.

In addition, with recent approval by the state Board of Education, PBCC is gearing up to offer its first four-year degree, a Bachelor of Applied Science in Supervision and Management. We invite you to read more about this exciting development and what it will offer to local residents eager to advance their knowledge and their professional careers.

Also moving forward are plans for new public safety training facilities in Lake Worth and a comprehensive technical education center to serve the Glades communities. Our proposal to locate a fifth PBCC campus in the Village of Wellington is garnering enthusiastic support among families and business organizations living in that growing community. In the excitement of moving each of these initiatives forward, it is also thrilling to realize that these will become the new milestones, and that we all are indeed living through history.

Dennis P. Gallon, Ph.D.

President

Palm Beach Community College, a richly diverse comprehensive two-year institution with a history of achievement since 1933, is dedicated to serving the educational needs of the residents of Palm Beach County by providing the Associate in Arts, Associate in Science and Associate in Applied Science degrees, professional certificates, workforce development and lifelong learning.

The Mission

of Palm Beach Community College is to provide an accessible and affordable education through a dedicated and knowledgeable faculty and staff, a responsive curriculum and a strong community partnership, which together will enable students to think critically, demonstrate leadership, develop ethical standards and compete effectively in the global workplace.

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Countess de Hoernle



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Expect more...

New bachelor's degree removes barriers





BY TABATHA B. McDONALD

Students with two-year degrees will now be able to pursue their Bachelor of Applied Science degree in supervision and management at PBCC with a concentration in business, health or public safety administration.

After earning his Associate in Science degree in emergency medical services in December 2005, Javatis Midget began planning his next educational step. His plans did not go far.

While the A.S. degree helped him secure a promotion in 2006 to a lieutenant for Palm Beach County Fire Rescue after just four years as a firefighter and paramedic, it gave him no clear path to a bachelor's degree. Now it will.

The State Board of Education approved Palm Beach Community College's proposal Feb. 19 to offer its first four-year degree – the Bachelor of Applied Science degree in supervision and management with concentrations in business, health or public safety administration.

“This is certainly a milestone in the College's efforts to serve the education and training needs in this community. I am convinced that this institution can provide a quality baccalaureate degree program without detracting from our core mission of awarding associate degrees,” said Dr. Dennis Gallon, PBCC president.

The new bachelor's degree is designed for PBCC graduates like Midget who faced difficulty continuing their education because the Associate in Science and Associate in Applied Science degree credits typically do not transfer to a four-year degree at the state's colleges and universities. In the past, those associate degree holders have had few options other than to take additional transferable credits or transfer to costly private for-profit schools. Now, those who first earn an A.S. or A.A.S. degree in the areas of business, health or public safety at PBCC will be able to transfer into the upper-division courses to work toward the bachelor's degree. Even students with other associate degrees can enroll in the B.A.S. degree program if they meet certain general education and program requirements.

“I'm very excited about it,” said Midget, noting that the bachelor's degree would help him enhance his management skills and qualify him for another promotion sooner. “This is definitely a step in the right direction. PBCC obviously is going to be more affordable than a lot of other places, and it's in my backyard.”

If the regional accrediting body, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, approves PBCC's application for a degree level change as expected late this year, the College will begin offering the bachelor's degree in fall 2009. PBCC will be among 10 of Florida's 28 community colleges offering bachelor's degrees in high-need fields, including nursing and teaching. St. Petersburg College was the first approved by the state to offer bachelor's degrees in 2001. Nationwide, about 30 public community colleges currently offer four-year degrees, a figure that has doubled in the last two years.

PBCC projects an enrollment of more than 100 students within three years of the start of its program. The 120-credit hour program will start out being offered online and at PBCC's Lake

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Lt. Javatis Midget of the Palm Beach County Fire Rescue conducts training for the crew at Station 68 in Lake Park and continues outside with drills (below). He says the new bachelor's degree will enhance his management skills and qualify him for a promotion sooner.

community and education leaders along with its review of regional workforce databases revealed a need and demand for a bachelor's degree in supervision and management in three areas in which the projected local demand for bachelor's degree holders is far greater than the supply. "We had a strong case. The data we used to justify the degree was extremely compelling," Gallon said.

"There was a need out there that became more evident as we explored things," said Dr. Sharon Sass, vice president of academic affairs, who spearheaded the degree initiative. "The bachelor's degree gives our A.S. and A.A.S. degree graduates an opportunity that doesn't exist now."

Worth location. The College already has begun the search for a new dean, faculty and staff for the program and begun efforts to secure additional library resources and develop curriculum and schedules.

The Board of Education's decision came just as PBCC entered its 75th anniversary year. College leaders say the bachelor's degree is a natural progression for PBCC. Over the last seven decades, PBCC has expanded its course offerings from the Associate in Arts degree to the A.S. and A.A.S. degrees, professional certificates, career and customized training and lifelong learning to meet the growing needs of the workforce and the community. Under Gallon's leadership nine years ago, the College also transitioned more than 40 post secondary adult vocational (PSAV) programs from the School District of Palm Beach County, making PBCC the sole provider of such programs for adults and a more comprehensive community college. Several years ago, PBCC also developed career pathways to show students the value of continuing their education.

"The state Board of Education's approval of our proposal is taking some important steps

in the right direction," said Carolyn L. Williams, chairperson of the PBCC District Board of Trustees. "Where there are gaps and needs in the community we should have flexibility to offer those services. It's an exciting opportunity for the College to continue doing what it does so well - meet the needs of the community."

By the numbers

Gallon and other PBCC leaders, unconvinced of the need, initially were reluctant to pursue offering a bachelor's degree. Then some startling statistics surfaced. A report by the Florida Division of Community Colleges noted that the state ranks 46th in the nation in bachelor's degree production.

"Proportionally, we lead the nation in the production of associate degrees, so when you turn that around and say we're 46th in the production of bachelor's degrees, there has to be a disconnect," said Dr. Ginger Pedersen, dean of curriculum, assessment and research. "That disconnect is students not having true access to bachelor's degree programs."

In addition, PBCC's extensive survey of students, employers and local business,



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Overwhelming support

PBCC also received dozens of letters of support from businesses and organizations and enormous positive feedback from potential students. Three out of four students surveyed were “extremely interested” or “very interested” in enrolling in a PBCC bachelor’s degree program in supervision and management.

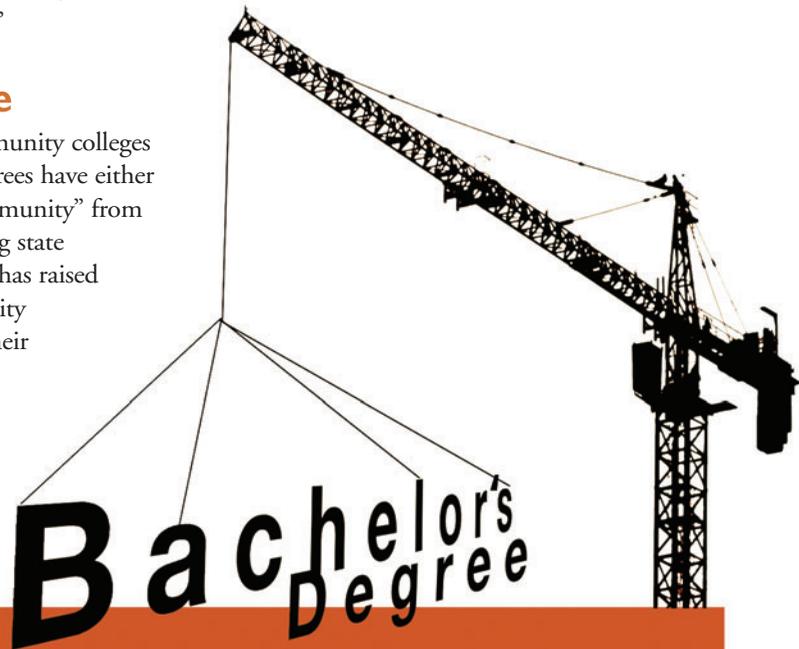
Sylvia Woods, a human resources management specialist for the city of Lake Worth, said she became excited when she learned of the planned degree. She had applied to Barry University, but now plans to pursue an Associate in Science degree and then the bachelor’s degree at PBCC.

“I am really excited about it. I’ve been with the city of Lake Worth for 15 years. Every position I’ve had, I’ve been promoted into it. I’m finding that I’m at a plateau in my career. If I want that next major position, I’m going to need a degree, so I’m preparing myself,” said Woods, who began working for the city as a clerical assistant. “I have two sons in college, one at Florida A&M University and one at Bethune-Cookman University, so needless to say, there’s little money for mom. Money wise, this is the best route for me to go.”

Currently PBCC, which changed from junior college to community college in 1988, is exploring the pros and cons of a name change. No matter what the College is called, however, PBCC’s fundamental mission to provide an accessible and affordable education will not change. 

All in the name

Most of the state’s community colleges that offer bachelor’s degrees have either dropped the word “community” from their name or are seeking state approval to do so. That has raised concern about community colleges straying from their open-door mission.



BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

Bachelor of Applied Science
Supervision and Management
Tracks:

Business
Administration

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| Associate in Arts (AA) | Graphic Design (AAS/AS) | Motion Picture and Television Production (AS) |
| Accounting Technology (AAS/AS) | Hospitality and Tourism Management (AAS) | Networking Administrator (AAS/AS) |
| Business Administration and Management (AAS) | Human Services (AAS/AS) | Office Administration (AAS) |
| Computer Programming (AAS/AS) | Industrial (Operations) Management Technology (AAS) | Paralegal (AS) |
| Early Childhood Education (AS) | Interior Design (AS) | Professional Pilot Technology (AAS/AS) |
| Educational Assisting (AS) | Internet Services Technology (AAS/AS) | Sugar Technology (AS) |
| Electrical Power Technology (AS) | Landscape and Horticulture Management (AS) | |
| Environmental Science (AS) | | |

Health
Administration

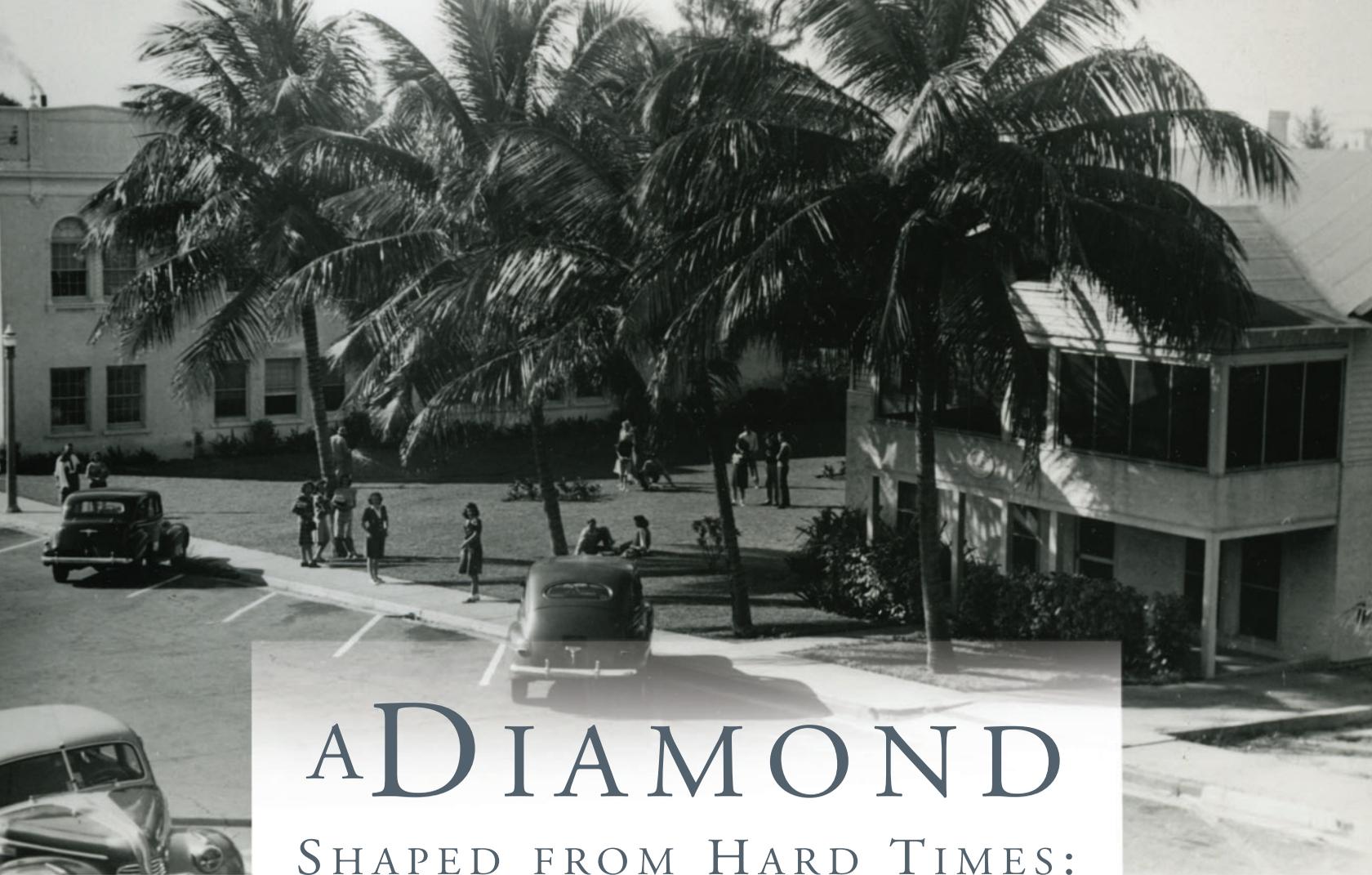
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| Biotechnology (AS) | Nursing (AS) |
| Dental Hygiene (AS) | Radiography (AS) |
| Health Information Management (AS) | Respiratory Care (AS) |
| | Sonography (AS) |

Public Safety
Administration

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| Crime Scene Technology (AS) | Emergency Medical Services (AS) |
| Criminal Justice Technology (AAS/AS) | Fire Science Technology (AS) |

PBCC Degrees

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| BAS | Bachelor of Applied Science |
| AA | Associate in Arts |
| AS | Associate in Science |
| AAS | Associate in Applied Science |



A DIAMOND

SHAPED FROM HARD TIMES:

PBCC Celebrates 75 Years of Excellence

BY MARK UDRY

In July 1933, a small article appeared in the *Palm Beach Post-Times* titled, “Many High School Graduates Preparing to Enter College.”

“Despite present economic conditions many of this year’s graduates of Palm Beach High are eager to carry on their education and plan to do so in one way or another,” the article said. “Many of the students are still undecided as to where they will be next fall and what they will be doing.”

The “present economic conditions” are better known now as the Great Depression. With nearly one in four Americans unemployed in 1933, a job of any kind was next to impossible to find, and money for tuition and books to attend college scarcer still. The converging forces of a crippled national economy and a local need for an institution of higher learning led to the improbable founding of Florida’s first public junior college.

Later that year, county Superintendent of Public Instruction Joe Youngblood and Howell Watkins, principal of Palm Beach High School, banded

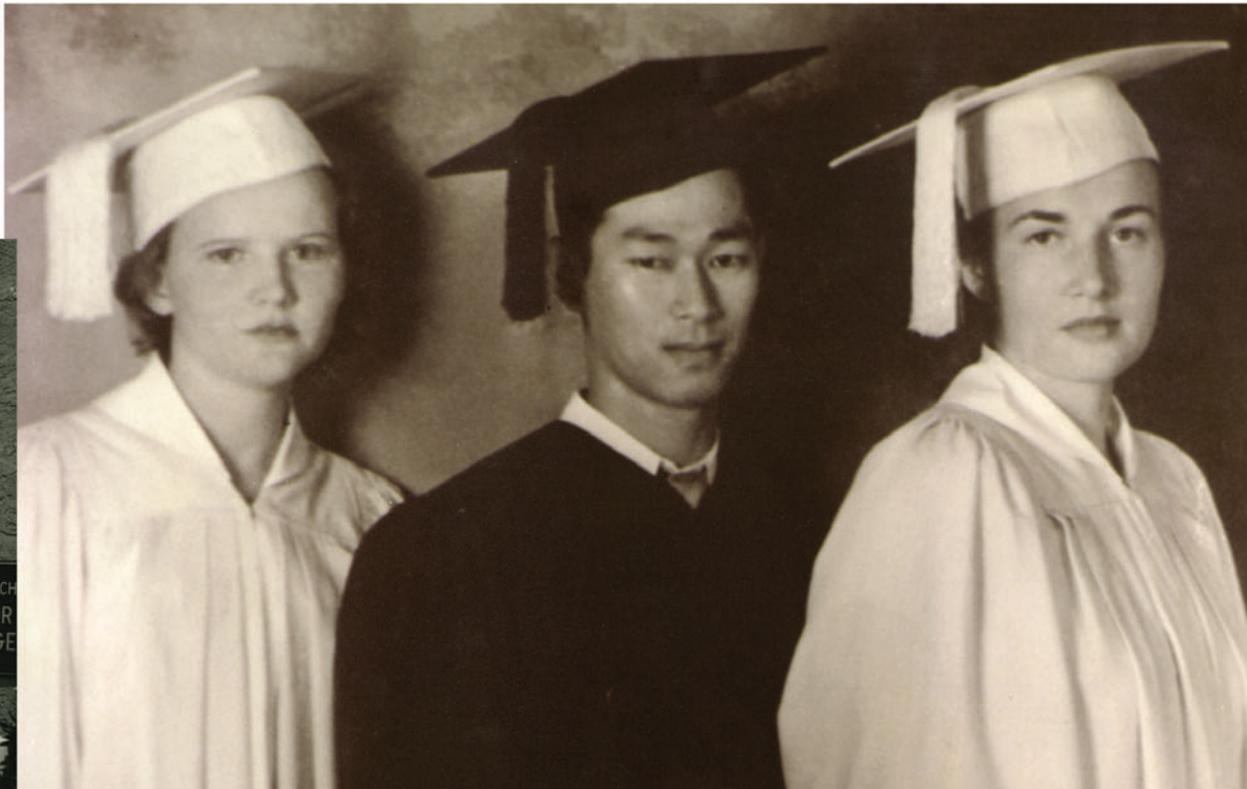


together to make plans to provide a postsecondary education for students financially unable to leave the county to attend college. Enlisting the support of ordinary citizens, local civic and business leaders, as well as developing a college-level curriculum with the help of colleagues at the University of Florida and Florida State College for Women, the two educators established Palm Beach Junior College in October 1933.

Three rooms in a storage building adjacent to the high school on Gardenia Street were quickly converted into classrooms to accommodate 41 incoming college freshmen. Tuition was free and seven instructors at Palm Beach High taught part-time at the college, donating their services. In 1936 the College graduated its first class of three students, and John I. Leonard succeeded Youngblood as superintendent, later becoming PBJC’s first college president.

In early 1948 the College moved from its cramped quarters next to Palm Beach High to the more

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TIMELINE

A glimpse of the last 75 years of PBCC and the country

1933 Franklin Delano Roosevelt takes office as the nation's 32nd president. U.S. unemployment nears 25%.

1935 The Social Security Act is signed into law by President Roosevelt. The "Labor Day" hurricane sweeps across the Florida Keys, causing \$6 million in damage and claiming over 400 lives.

1939 World War II begins.

1941 Pearl Harbor is attacked. FDR declares war on Japan. Germany and Italy declare war on U.S.

1945 World War II ends; Harry Truman assumes presidency following FDR's death.

1933 The first public junior college in the state of Florida opens its doors to 41 students in October, 1933. The first classes are held in three rooms of a renovated storage building on the grounds of Palm Beach High School. The College began operations under the jurisdiction of the Palm Beach County school board.

1936 Charlotte Cross, Virginia Cunningham and Frank Kamiyo are the first graduates of Palm Beach Junior College (above). John I. Leonard, later known in the local community as "Mr. Junior College," became the College's first president. Enrollment increased to 67 students. "Rebels" is chosen as the nickname for the College's sports teams.

1939 The first edition of the student newspaper is published. Its name, The Beachcomber, was selected by a student-held contest. Edna Wilson, Alice Hayes and Mary Jane McDonald write the school song, "Alma Mater," sung to the tune of "God Bless America." Enrollment grows to 117 students.

1940 Dean Howell Watkins and President John I. Leonard journey to Atlanta seeking accreditation for PBJC from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The entire building on Gardenia Street is taken over by the College with the addition of an expanded library, roomier student lounges, administrative offices and more classrooms. Thirty sophomores graduate from PBJC, the highest number so far.

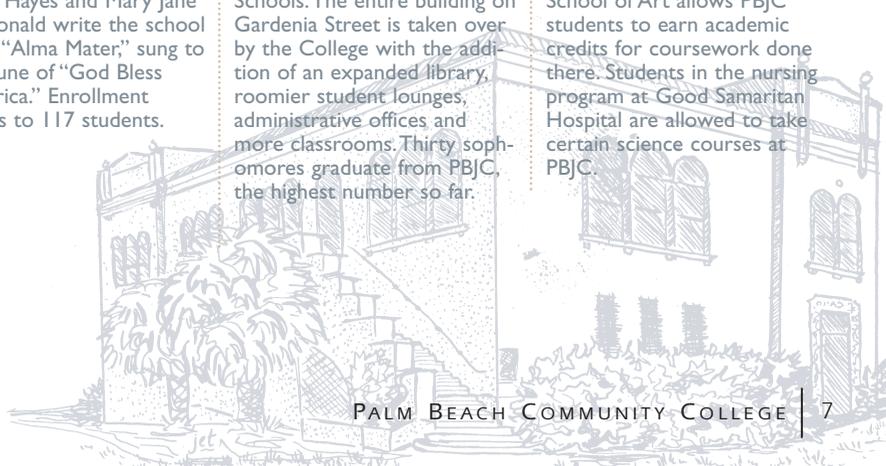
1942 PBJC receives accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). An articulation agreement with the Norton Gallery and School of Art allows PBJC students to earn academic credits for coursework done there. Students in the nursing program at Good Samaritan Hospital are allowed to take certain science courses at PBJC.



John I. Leonard



Rebel "Yell"



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spacious confines of Morrison Field, a retired World War II air base. The 21-acre site offered laboratories and classrooms with cutting-edge (for the time) equipment, an administration building, athletic fields, on-site living quarters for the college president, men's dormitories – even a swimming pool. More than 300 students enrolled for classes that fall, and the anticipation was that number would double in the next year.

“Little Orphan College”

On “Black Wednesday,” May 9, 1951, the school board announced Morrison Field was to be reactivated because of the Korean War. The

College relocated yet again to quarters provided by the town of Lake Park. The small size of the building forced PBJC to slash its administrative and teaching staff, and enrollment dwindled to fewer than 200 students.

This vagabond-like existence continued for five years, until the county donated a 114-acre tract of land west of downtown Lake

Worth and the state appropriated over \$1 million for building construction. In the spring of 1956, work began on what would soon be a permanent home for what was once called “the little orphan college.”

In 1958, Dr. Harold Manor was named PBJC's second president. As the college grew in size, more courses were added, including the first full schedule of evening

classes. Enrollment topped 1,000 for the first time. Plans for a technology building, fine arts building, an auditorium and increased parking were announced. That same year Roosevelt Junior College was established for African-American students under President Britton Sayles. Seven years later the two schools would merge, with PBJC absorbing Roosevelt's students and some of its faculty and staff.

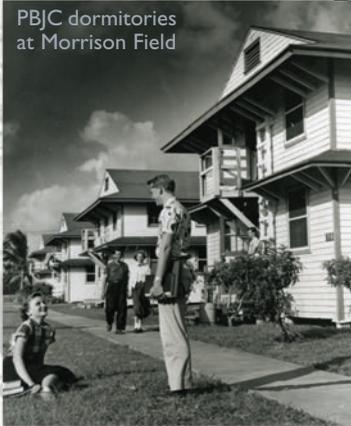


Student actors Burt Reynolds and Monte Markham with Professor Watson B. Duncan III (center)

1950 Pres. Truman orders military to defend South Korea against North Korean communist forces.

1952 Dwight D. Eisenhower is elected President.

1954 The U.S. Supreme Court declares “separate educational facilities are inherently unequal” in the landmark case Brown vs. Board of Education, paving the way for integration.



1946 Enrollment nearly doubles as World War II veterans, under the G.I. Bill, enter college. Mr. & Miss Palm Beach Junior College are future PBJC president Edward M. Eissey and his future wife, Faye Johns.

1947 The Florida State Board of Education approves PBJC as the first public junior college in the state to participate in the Educational Minimum Foundation Program, which disperses education funds to rural counties. The student yearbook, “*The Galleon*,” makes its debut.

1948 PBJC moves to a former World War II Army Air Corps base – Morrison Field. For the first time the College has modern equipped labs and classrooms, an expanded library, a separate administration building, a men's dormitory, athletic facilities – even a swimming pool. Student body increases to more than 300.



1951 With the advent of the Korean War, Morrison Field is reactivated. PBJC moves to the former Lake Park town hall building. The student lounge is a space that once housed the town's fire engines, the jail becomes the chemistry lab, and the courtroom is converted to the library. More than half the faculty and staff are laid off and enrollment is cut to under 200 students.



1955 The College receives a donation from the County Commission of 114 acres of land next to John Prince Park, west of downtown Lake Worth. A bill introduced in the Florida legislature by state senator Russell Morrow providing funds for junior colleges is passed; PBJC receives over a million dollars to build a permanent campus.

1956 Groundbreaking ceremonies are held for the construction of the Lake Worth campus. Later that year, the first of five modern buildings is completed; enrollment climbs to 475 students. At this time there are five junior colleges in Florida.

Above: (from L to R) Imogene Gross, first chemistry and physics teacher; Howell L. Watkins, first math teacher and superintendent of Palm Beach county schools; Mary Albertson, first biology teacher and Bonnie Carney, president of Delta Omicron Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa society, break ground at PBJC's first permanent campus.

The College went from being under the auspices of the county school district to being governed by its own Board of Trustees appointed by the governor in 1968.

Onward and upward

As the population steadily increased and development stretched to all four corners of Palm Beach County, the College expanded right along with it. In quick succession, PBJC opened campuses in Belle Glade (1977), Palm Beach Gardens (1980) and Boca Raton (1983). The driving force for this unprecedented growth was the stewardship of Dr. Edward Eissey, who succeeded Harold Manor as president in 1978.

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Dr. Harold C. Manor



1960 John F. Kennedy is the 35th president. Black students stage a "sit-in" at a drug store diner in North Carolina.

1963 President John F. Kennedy is assassinated; Lyndon Johnson is sworn in as president.

1964 Congress approves Gulf of Tonkin resolution, escalating the Vietnam War. The Beatles appear on "The Ed Sullivan Show." Lyndon Johnson is elected president.

1968 Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert Kennedy are assassinated within weeks of each other. Richard Nixon is the nation's 37th president.

1969 Apollo 11 lands on the moon, Neil Armstrong is the first human to walk on lunar soil; millions attend Woodstock concert. Honeywell releases the first home computer, for \$10,600.

1972 President Nixon is re-elected. He is the first American president to visit mainland China. Watergate scandal shocks the nation.

1973 U.S. pulls out of Vietnam. Vice President Spiro Agnew resigns, Gerald Ford is appointed.

1974 Nixon resigns as a result of Watergate. Ford, is the first non-elected president in U.S. history.

1958 John I. Leonard retires and Dr. Harold C. Manor takes over as president of PBJC. Roosevelt Junior College for African-American students is established under President Britton Sayles. PBJC celebrates its Silver Anniversary. Enrollment surpasses 1,000 for the first time.

1960 Mary Warren, an honors student at Roosevelt Junior College, is the first black student to enroll at PBJC.

1965 All-black Roosevelt Junior College merges with mostly-white Palm Beach Junior College. Some RJC teachers and staff transfer to PBJC, others transfer to the school district. Enrollment surges to over 4,500 students.



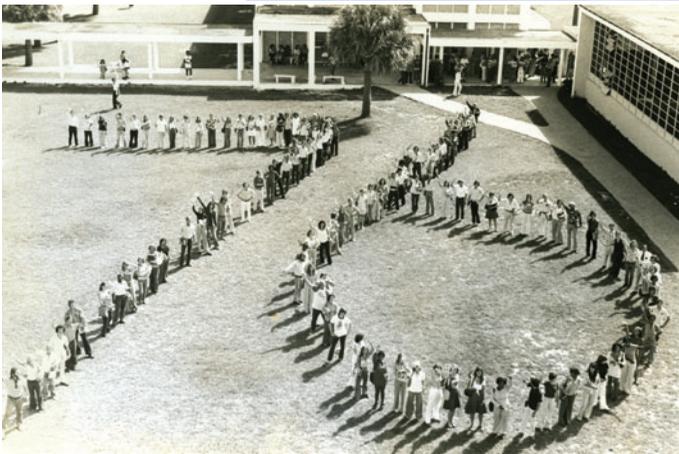
1968 PBJC (and all Florida junior colleges) moves from being governed by the local school board to the establishment of a locally autonomous board of trustees to set policy and administer the collection and expenditure of funds for the college.

1969 Trustees approve the following dress code changes: women are allowed to wear shorts and slacks, men are allowed to wear long sideburns. All students can wear shorts in the library after 6 p.m.

1972 PBJC gains a foothold in Belle Glade. A renovated armory building provides classroom space. Classes are also held at the Glades Correctional Institute and at Glades Central High School. Administrative offices are set up in the north wing of Glades General Hospital. About 400 students attend classes in the fall in Belle Glade.

1973 Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton and PBJC formalize an agreement that provides classroom, administrative and parking space at FAU's Henderson school for evening classes, the first step toward a south campus for the College.





Dr. Edward M. Eissey

1975 Bill Gates and Paul Allen co-found Microsoft.

1976 U.S. celebrates the Bicentennial; Jimmy Carter is 39th president. Viking 1 spacecraft lands on Mars. Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak incorporate Apple Computers.

1976 Groundbreaking ceremonies are held for the Belle Glade campus. FAU allows PBJC to use its classrooms in Palm Beach Gardens for day classes. Enrollment at all campuses totals over 7,700 students.

1978 Dr. Edward Eissey succeeds Dr. Harold Manor, becoming PBJC's third president. Dr. Eissey is the first president of a Florida junior college who was an alumnus of the college; he is also a former member of the Board of Trustees. In the 77-78 academic year, PBJC's Belle Glade campus opens.

1979 PBJC offers courses through "multi-media" - television and newspapers - for the first time. "The Galleon" yearbook ceases publication. The legislature appropriates nearly \$5 million for the construction of classrooms, an administration complex and a maintenance building for the north campus in Palm Beach Gardens.

1980 Ronald Reagan is the 40th president. John Lennon is shot outside his apartment in NYC. Ted Turner launches CNN, the first 24-hour news channel.

1980 Dr. Ed Eissey literally campaigns in the streets for a property tax increase in Palm Beach County to raise funds for repair and renovation projects at the College. The millage referendum is approved by the state legislature by a 56-44 vote, netting over \$9 million for campus improvements. The legislature also approves an additional \$1.67 million for the construction of the Gardens campus and groundbreaking ceremonies are held in July. Enrollment reaches the 5-digit mark for the first time.

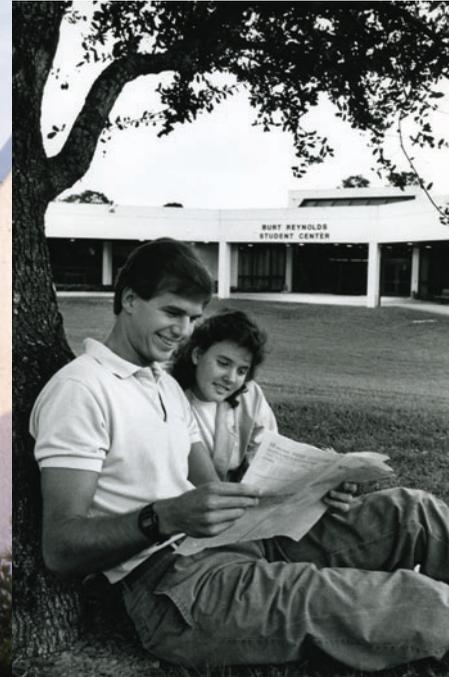
1983 The State Educational Facilities Office reports that PBJC qualifies for funding for over 130,000 sq.ft. of classrooms, laboratories and offices for its Boca Raton campus. Eleven portable buildings are installed on land leased from FAU. PBJC celebrates its 50th anniversary.



1986 The Chernobyl nuclear plant explodes in the Ukraine causing the largest release of radioactive material in history. More than five million people participate in Hands Across America.

1988 George H.W. Bush is elected 41st president. NASA scientist James Hansen warns Congress about the growing danger of global warming.

1988 The Board of Trustees approves a name change from Palm Beach Junior College to Palm Beach Community College to more accurately communicate the College's wide offering of programs and services.



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Shortly after assuming leadership of PBJC, Dr. Eissey lobbied local citizens and the Florida legislature for a property tax increase to raise funds for the school. The measure passed and the College eventually received over \$9 million for campus renovations and improvements. Enrollment passed 10,000 students for the first time in 1980. Dr. Eissey was also instrumental in the name change from Palm Beach Junior College to Palm Beach Community College in 1988.

Dr. Dennis Gallon, appointed president in 1997, is now leaving his own mark on the growth of PBCC. Under his leadership the College incorporated the Post Secondary Adult Vocational (PSAV) certification programs, previously

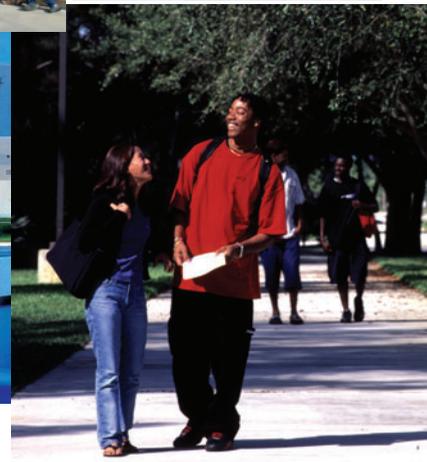
administered by the county school district. And in another giant leap forward, PBCC announced this past February that it was approved by the state Board of Education to offer its first four-year degree in Supervision and Management. The Bachelor of Applied Science (B.A.S.) is the only degree of its kind to be offered by a postsecondary institution in the county. (see page 2 for full story)

Born out of necessity as the result of an economic depression, nurtured

through a world war and a Cold War, and finally riding a Baby Boom to its present heights of expansion and success, Palm Beach Community College's rise and growth reflects both the community and students it serves.



Dr. Dennis P. Gallon



1989 The Berlin Wall is torn down.

1991 Tim Berners-Lee introduces the World Wide Web to the public.

1993 Bill Clinton is the 42nd President. The first graphical web browser, Mosaic, is released.

1995 The Alfred Murrah Federal Building is bombed in Oklahoma City. Amazon is launched by Jeff Bezos.

1998 Google opens its site to more than 10,000 searches daily.

1999 Fears of Y2K bring on near panic for computer programmers.

2001 George W. Bush is 43rd president. Terrorists attack the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington D.C. on 9/11.

2003 U.S. military forces invade Iraq.

2005 The Atlantic hurricane season is one of the costliest in U.S. recorded history, with 28 total storms including Katrina, Rita and Wilma. YouTube is launched.

2006 Google buys YouTube for \$1.6 billion. The U.S. population reaches 300 million.

2007 Apple introduces the iPhone.

1990 PBCC North is renamed the Edward M. Eissey Campus. The Florida Panther was adopted as the official school mascot, replacing "Pacer" as the nickname.

1993 As part of its 60th anniversary celebration, 16 men and women who made significant contributions to the creation and growth of PBCC are honored with a "Walk of Fame" in Lake Worth. The original site of the College on Gardenia Street is named to the National Register of Historic Places.



Frances "Dolly" Hand signs her name in cement.

1995 PBCC's Web site is launched.

1997 Dr. Dennis P. Gallon is appointed PBCC's fourth president.

1999 PBCC begins a three-year transition of adding more than 40 programs of post-secondary adult vocation (PSAV) to its curriculum.

2000 PBCC ranks ninth in the nation in the number of associate degrees conferred in all disciplines, according to Community College Week magazine. "Expect More" is the new slogan adopted by the College in a marketing campaign to reflect ongoing changes and new attitudes in thinking.

2002 PBCC's Web site is redesigned and updated to: www.pbcc.edu

2003 PBCC turns 70; opening fall credit enrollment tops 20,500. The College serves more than 40,000 overall. Distance learning students are 5% of enrollment and growing.

Expect More.

2008 The state Board of Education approves a Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Supervision and Management, the only B.A.S. in Palm Beach County and the first four-year degree program to be offered at the College.





BioScience Technology Complex
PBCC at Palm Beach Gardens



It has been said you are never too old to learn something new, but Palm Beach Community College believes you are never too old to teach in new ways, especially when it can be done in grand style. That is exactly what the College is doing during its 75th anniversary with the addition of new, state-of-the-art buildings on three campuses.

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PBCC Celebrates 75th Anniversary with Gifts to Community

BY GWENN ADAMS

The Countess de Hoernle Humanities and Technology Building at PBCC's Boca Raton campus was the first of the three to break ground and open. This 4-story, 47,000-square foot, \$11.5 million facility is already having a positive impact on learning for students, faculty and the community.

The Spring term was a fresh beginning for students in English composition, speech and humanities, such as art and theater appreciation. Previously, the campus was at capacity and many of these classes were held in older



Design III architecture class in HT studio | PBCC at Boca Raton



Countess de Hoernle Humanities and Technology Building | PBCC at Boca Raton



Lobby of Countess de Hoernle Humanities and Technology Building | PBCC at Boca Raton

modular buildings. Architecture, the first discipline occupying the building, can now offer more classes and flexibility for students.

Inviting innovation

Flexibility is a key component in the design of all of the new buildings. Classrooms and furniture are designed to be arranged and rearranged in a variety of ways to accommodate different teaching methodologies. Additionally, most of the classrooms offer wireless Internet connection, and wireless laptops on mobile carts have replaced fixed computer labs.

“These flexible learning environments with state-of-the-art instructional technology give our creative faculty the opportunity to teach in innovative ways, improving learning for today’s students,” said Dr. James Mabry, former dean of academic affairs for the Boca Raton campus.

New technology also allows for paperless classrooms. Students receive and submit assignments on an instructional computer system known as Blackboard; the instructor then grades the assignment and returns it to the student on the same system without ever

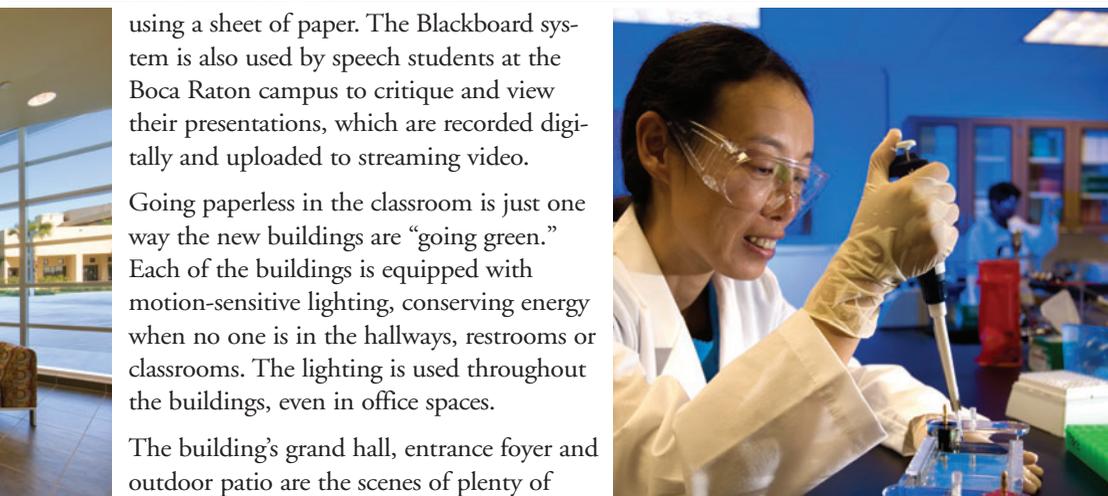
At the Humanities gala on Jan. 12, from left to right, Boca Raton campus Provost Dr. Bernadette Russell; Countess Henrietta de Hoernle; Mark Hansen, Palm Beach County School Board member; Troy McClelland, CEO of Boca Chamber of Commerce; Dr. Dennis P. Gallon; Steven L. Abrams, past mayor of Boca Raton; Carolyn Williams, PBCC District Board of Trustees, and Yvonne Boice, PBCC Foundation Board Member.





Specially designed classrooms create better learning environments | PBCC at Boca Raton

Wellness Center | PBCC at Palm Beach Gardens



using a sheet of paper. The Blackboard system is also used by speech students at the Boca Raton campus to critique and view their presentations, which are recorded digitally and uploaded to streaming video.

Going paperless in the classroom is just one way the new buildings are “going green.” Each of the buildings is equipped with motion-sensitive lighting, conserving energy when no one is in the hallways, restrooms or classrooms. The lighting is used throughout the buildings, even in office spaces.

The building’s grand hall, entrance foyer and outdoor patio are the scenes of plenty of motion. The grand hall seats 300, making it a perfect venue for campus and community events as well as staff and faculty meetings. This allows the College to engage the Boca Raton community as never before.



Biotechnology student injecting DNA electrophoresis | PBCC at Palm Beach Gardens



Quantum leaps

The BioScience Technology Complex at PBCC in Palm Beach Gardens is also engaging the community and students in big ways. This 81,000-square-foot, \$15 million science complex features two buildings connected by a multi-media lecture hall and courtyard.

One building houses state-of-the-art classrooms and laboratories for core sciences, such as biology, microbiology, anatomy and physiology, physics and chemistry. The other part of the complex offers the latest technology in spacious labs and classrooms for biotechnology, environmental science and horticulture.

PBCC already has strong links with the biotech industry in the area, and this new facility will help that relationship to continue to grow.

“The interaction with our local industry permeates everything we do in our biotechnology program,” said Dr. Libby Handel, director of

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Cutting the ribbon for the BioScience Technology Complex Jan. 18, are: Palm Beach Gardens Provost Dr. Patricia Anderson; Student Trustee Dominique Desir; Dean of Academic Affairs Edward Willey; Board of Trustees chairperson Carolyn Williams; PBCC President Dr. Dennis P. Gallon, Trustee Ken Kirby; Palm Beach Gardens Mayor Joe Russo and Trustees Wendy S. Link and David H. Talley.

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biotechnology programs. “Our lab curriculum and equipment are strictly based on the needs of the local bioscience industry.”

Students experiment with cutting-edge technologies, such as recombinant DNA technology, protein production and purification, and biomanufacturing. PBCC’s program gives students the tools to go directly into the workforce or continue on in degree programs. The new labs, classrooms and equipment are a major leap forward for the



Natural Science Building will be completed for Fall 2008 classes | PBCC at Lake Worth



This fall, multiple apparatus will be available for students, such as, spectrophotometers used in chemistry and biology, as well as diffraction optics used in physics to study light (below).

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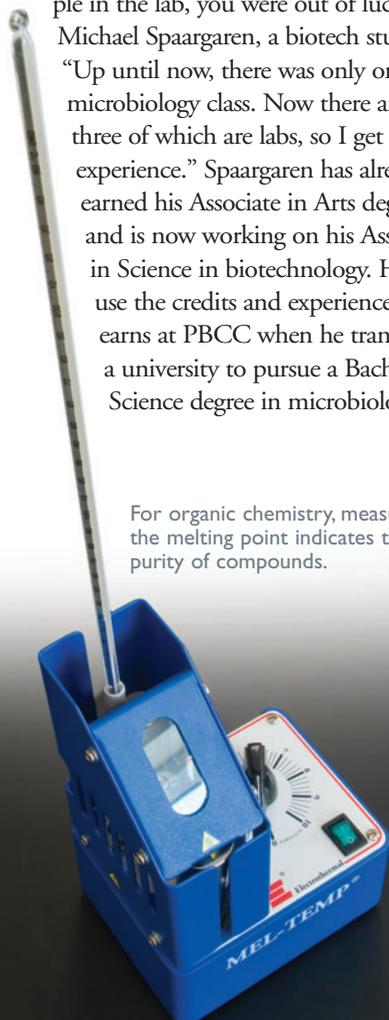
Roger Ramsammy, Ph.D.
Associate Dean, Lake Worth

program, which was started three years ago using a converted storage room for the lab.

“Before, if you had more than four people in the lab, you were out of luck,” said Michael Spaargaren, a biotech student.

“Up until now, there was only one microbiology class. Now there are six, three of which are labs, so I get lots of experience.” Spaargaren has already earned his Associate in Arts degree and is now working on his Associate in Science in biotechnology. He will use the credits and experience he earns at PBCC when he transfers to a university to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in microbiology.

For organic chemistry, measuring the melting point indicates the purity of compounds.



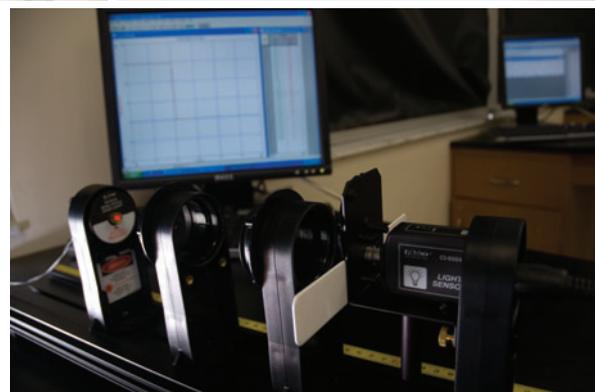
It isn’t just the biotech course offerings that have expanded. The campus is also strengthening its science curriculum with additional chemistry, biology and botany classes. Organic chemistry also has been added to the offerings.

“This new bioscience complex allowed us to increase our offerings by 25-30 sections in January alone, and we anticipate more enrollment increases,” said Edward Willey, dean of academic affairs at the Palm Beach Gardens campus.

The new building also offers a way for students and faculty to improve their health in the wellness center. There is an aerobics room and weight room as well as showers and lockers. Currently the center is used on an individual basis, but there are plans to offer classes in the future.

PBCC joined a consortium with three other colleges to design a prototype science building for the state, saving millions in architectural fees. The BioScience Technology Complex is built from that design with additional space for the biotech program.

The new science building at PBCC in Lake Worth is also built according to the prototype design. This \$9.5 million, 50,000-square-foot building will open to students in fall 2008. This facility will have all the same “green” features as the other new buildings as well as the flexible teaching environments and latest technologies. It will house chemistry, biology, microbiology, anatomy and physiology, physical science, earth science, geology, physics and astronomy.



“Nearly every student on the Lake Worth campus will benefit from the new facility because they will all take some science as a general education requirement,” said associate dean Dr. Roger Ramsammy. “This fall will be exciting because with the added room and equipment, we can strengthen our curriculum. We have all the latest gadgets for chemical experiments, and more exciting experiments will certainly entice more students.”

The strengthened science curriculum also will be helpful to the many students at the Lake Worth campus preparing for careers in nursing, dental and other applied health occupations.

All science faculty will have their offices in the new building, making for better communication between themselves and their students. This is something these instructors have long awaited as they were previously scattered about the campus.

Even the lobby will be educational, with large televisions continuously running science programs. It’s just one more example of PBCC’s determination to teach something new today and in the years to come. 🌱



Crime fighters train in defensive tactics

Commando Krav Maga (CKM) is considered by many experts as the most devastating fighting system in the world. Now many local law enforcement officers will use this technique in the war against crime, thanks to recent training offered at Palm Beach Community College's Criminal Justice Institute (CJI).

CKM, developed by former Israeli Army officer Moni Aizik for special forces, is an increasingly popular defensive tactic for law enforcement officers. CKM's goal is to inflict as much damage as possible as quickly as possible when necessary. Law enforcement officers have standards they must live by but the reality is not everyone lives by those rules and officers must be trained to quickly engage, immobilize and disengage.

"This is so practical for law enforcement. All the techniques just flow, left and right is unimportant," said Palm

Beach County School District Sgt. David Nissensohn. "This is something I can easily teach to others. The training has been intense, I can't even feel my arms by the end of the day, but it has been well worth it."

Training such as this offered by CJI can save local law enforcement agencies thousands of dollars by giving a few officers skills and information they can teach to others. This is one of the ways CJI is working to help ensure officers and the community are as safe as possible.

"The College offers the most up-to-date and innovative training available," said Greenacres Public Safety officer Teak Adams. "When something new or better comes along, I know the College will be offering it. Even common classes are run on a frequent basis so we don't have to wait forever for the training. I would, and sometimes do, give up my free time and money to take these classes."

Moni Aizik, developer of CKM, (bottom right, in camouflage) demonstrates one of the fighting techniques learned by local law enforcement agents.



New programs at three campuses

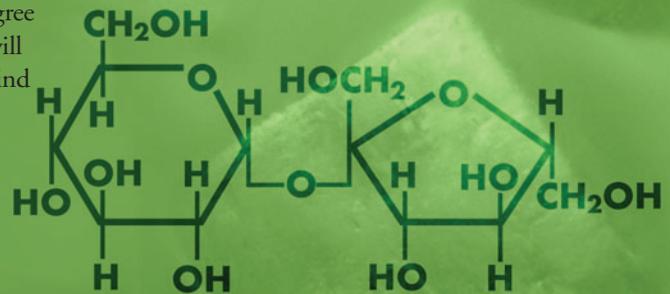
Full 2008 will be an exciting time for Palm Beach Community College with the start of three new career programs on three campuses.

The College and Florida Power & Light Company will launch the Professional Training Pipeline. This innovative partnership is designed to attract students to the Associate in Science degree in **Electrical Power Technology** with tracks in Instrumentation and Controls, Electric Maintenance and Mechanical Maintenance and to develop new skilled workers for Florida's rapidly expanding electric energy sector. This program will be taught in the BioScience Technology Complex at the Palm Beach Gardens campus.

The Lake Worth campus will offer the county's first **Health Information Management (HIM)** degree program. This high-demand career field combines

the challenging world of medicine with computerization, business and management. When students earn their HIM Associate in Science degree they will be eligible to test for certification as a Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT) or a Certified Coding Associate (CCA).

Belle Glade's Sugar Technology Institute will offer degree and college credit certificates to help stem the shortage of highly skilled engineering and chemical technologists in this workforce. PBCC's Associate in Science degree in **Sugar Technology** will be the only one of its kind in North America.

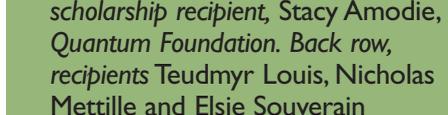
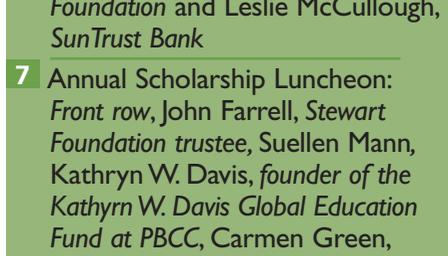
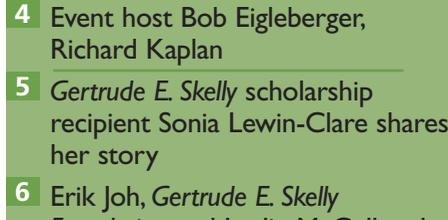


Foundation

With \$6.5 million raised in 2007-08, the PBCC Foundation is hard at work thanking PBCC supporters, re-connecting with alumni, building new relationships with potential supporters and increasing community awareness of PBCC programs.



“An Evening in the Garden” at Casa Phippsberger, the Palm Beach home of Susan & Bob Eigelberger



Annual Scholarship Luncheon

April 2008 *Student scholarship recipients thank donors at the annual scholarship luncheon April 18. The PBCC Foundation gratefully acknowledges the donors who are committed to improving the community and applauds the efforts of students in their career aspirations. Over 1,600 students received \$987,659 in scholarships in 2007 through funds established by donors.*

Conducting annual events is just one element of what the PBCC Foundation does to achieve fund- and friend-raising goals.

1 Barbara Johnson, Kay Rybovich, Jack and Mimi Matthews

2 Denise and Brad Alexander

3 Lockhart Russell, Dr. Bernadette Russell, David Miller, Trish Lowry, and Dr. Dennis Gallon

4 Event host Bob Eigelberger, Richard Kaplan

5 Gertrude E. Skelly scholarship recipient Sonia Lewin-Claire shares her story

6 Erik Joh, Gertrude E. Skelly Foundation and Leslie McCullough, SunTrust Bank

7 Annual Scholarship Luncheon: Front row, John Farrell, Stewart Foundation trustee, Suellen Mann, Kathryn W. Davis, founder of the Kathryn W. Davis Global Education Fund at PBCC, Carmen Green, scholarship recipient, Stacy Amodie, Quantum Foundation. Back row, recipients Teudmyr Louis, Nicholas Mettelle and Elsie Souverain

8 Dr. Bruce Cole, chair, National Endowment for the Humanities with PBCC Foundation Board member Yvonne Boice at the gala for the Countess de Hoernle Humanities and Technology Building opening

9 The Countess Henrietta de Hoernle with Celeste Beck, former Boca Raton campus Provost

We want to thank you!

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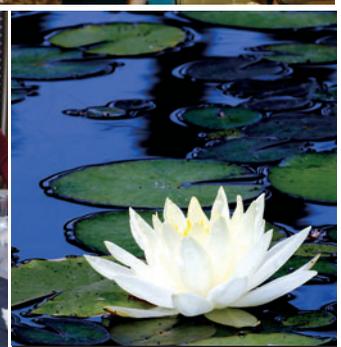


At the annual PBCC Foundation Golf Classic & The Finer Things at PGA National Resort, May 2

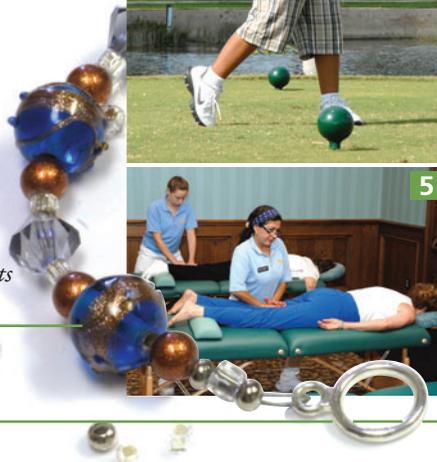
- 1** The 2008 winning foursome is from Hedrick Brothers Construction, a major sponsor of the event. Golfers are (from left to right) Mike Fossie, Eric McNemmy, Catherine Dzenutis and Mike Moore.
- 2** Dr. Gallon, right, and sponsor Mark Tribble from Lotspeich.
- 3** Nine-year-old junior golfer Andre Wade competes against the adults in a special contest.
- 4** Macy's stages a mini fashion show for The Finer Things guests.
- 5** Finer Things participants are treated to a massage by PBCC massage therapy students.
- 6** Guests indulge in the flavors of Italy with wine tasting and food pairings by Cafe Saporì Ristorante.



The Palmer Course



The Finer Things participants enjoy an afternoon of pampering including wine tasting, beauty seminars, a fashion show, massages and a hands-on jewelry making class where participants took home their creations.



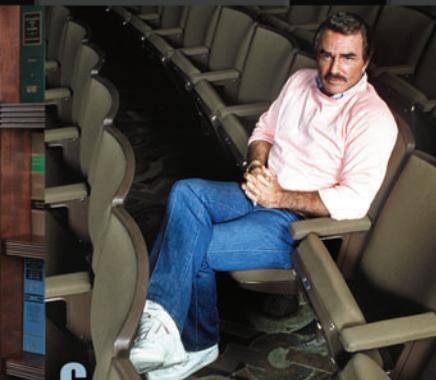
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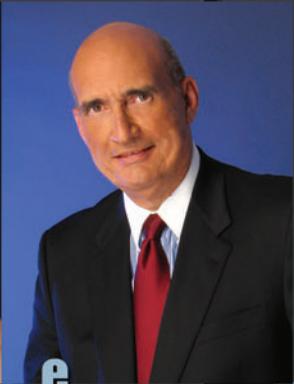
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- c. **Burt Reynolds**
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- d. **Deidre Hall**
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- f. **Yolanda Griffith**
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Sacramento Monarchs,
Olympic Gold Medalist
- g. **Charlotte Danciu**
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International Codes Council
- i. **Maria de Leon**
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Dr. Patricia Sperano teaches information technology and information systems courses at Everglades University in Boca Raton and Brenau University, a Georgia-based institution that also offers online degrees. Retired from IBM Corporation, she also shares her expertise by serving as a consultant in the IT industry. Data mining and online course development are two of her current professional interests.

She is a member of the Society of Applied Learning Technology (SALT) and the IEEE Computer Society. An active community volunteer, Sperano also serves as president of the Royale Women's Club, General Federation of Women's Clubs, in Boca Raton.



RAYNER MANSO
A.A., PBCC, 1988
B.S., FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE

Playing second base for the PBCC Panthers and then the Moccasins of Florida Southern College, Rayner Manso developed strengths that serve him well long after leaving the intercollegiate baseball diamond. Under PBCC coach Randy Gailey, Manso learned how to face a challenge head on. "The competition on the field has helped me to deal with competition in life," said Manso, now a successful sales executive.

Manso has been a marketing associate for Sysco, the largest distributor of food service products in North America, for 11 years. He manages sales and collection for 30 Southeast Florida accounts, including restaurants, hotels, hospitals and day care centers. Before joining Sysco, he was a local account representative for Coors Brewing Co.



STELLA MONCHICK-WEST
A.S., NURSING, PBJC, 1976
B.H.S., FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

Stella Monchick-West says a college social science class and her own experiences as a registered nurse inspired her 30 years ago to launch what is now one of the country's largest nonprofit hospice centers, Hospice of Palm Beach County.

Hospice care for dying patients and their families was a rarity; just two centers existed in the U.S. "As a nurse, I knew that we never paid enough attention to the families of people who were dying," she recalled. Learning in class about the first hospice center in London fueled her passion for end-of-life care. She founded the local center, served as its first executive director and worked tirelessly toward codifying state laws governing hospice. For her pioneering role, the county Medical Society recently honored Monchick-West with the Bruce Rendina Professional Hero Award.

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