

Palm Beach State College will hold groundbreaking ceremony Jan. 11 for new building to house bachelor's degree programs

(Lake Worth, Fla. – Dec. 20, 2010) Palm Beach State College will hold a groundbreaking ceremony Jan. 11 on the Lake Worth campus for a new building that will house the bachelor's degree programs and the Floyd F. Koch Honors College.

The 38,000 square-foot, three-story building will be the historic cornerstone marking the College's transition to a four-year institution. The building will function as a new "front door" to the campus from Lake Worth Road. as part of the Central Commons green space design. The \$8 million project was designed by Song + Associates, Inc. and will be built by Suffolk Construction. The bachelor's degree programs are currently housed in the Technical Education building, which will be demolished once the new building is completed.



Key features of the building include a large outdoor balcony, a three-story atrium lobby, a 170-seat multimedia lecture hall, state-of-the-art, technology-enhanced classrooms with wireless Internet access, multimedia and access to global connections for real-time instruction. The facility will be the first building on the Lake Worth campus constructed to the gold Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design standards set by the U.S. Green Building Council.

"This building represents the commitment Palm Beach State College has made in creating and sustaining our bachelor's degree programs," said College President Dennis P. Gallon. "It will allow students a seamless transition from our traditional associate degree offerings to a four-year degree."

The groundbreaking ceremony will take place at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 11 on the north side of the Paul W. Graham Continuing Education building. Faculty, staff, students and the public are invited to attend.

Serving more than 52,000 students annually, Palm Beach State 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. Established in 1933 as Florida's first public community college, it offers more than 100 programs of study at locations in Lake Worth, Boca Raton, Palm Beach Gardens and Belle Glade.

Editor's note: High resolution image (and other images) available upon request
Please note Palm Beach State College will be closed for winter break Dec. 21 to Jan. 2.

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