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Liz Quirantes to speak at Women's History Month event at Palm Beach State

(Lake Worth, Fla. – Feb. 18, 2011) Liz Quirantes, an anchor for CBS News Channel 12, will be the guest speaker at the "In Celebration of Women" event at Palm Beach State College on March 3.

The Women's History Month program will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. with activities in the Humanities Building and Stage West on the Lake Worth campus, 4200 Congress Ave. It is free and open to the public.

"In Celebration of Women" is presented by Crossroads, a state-funded program at Palm Beach State that helps displaced homemakers get prepared to enter the workforce after years of relying on someone else's income or receiving public assistance. The Women's Initiative of the law firm of Fox Rothschild is co-sponsoring the celebration.



Themed "Women Inspiring Women," the celebration will include live music, a fine arts and crafts display and poetry by participants in the Crossroads program. Some also will share stories of how the Crossroads program has helped them. Quirantes will speak at 6 p.m. in Stage West.

Among the exhibitors is Elizabeth Erazo Baez, who is known for her ability to capture the cultural emotional nuances of the Puerto Rican experience. Inspired by her own family, Baez, of Miami, decided to formally introduce her artwork to the public in 2000 in Coral Gables. Since her debut, Baez's work has been displayed throughout the United States and Puerto Rico.

Despite her busy schedule, Quirantes is active in many worthwhile causes, including Forever Family, a nonprofit charity that works to find homes for foster children. Each Tuesday, she features a foster child on her 5 p.m. newscast. Those reports have generated hundreds of calls and resulted in numerous adoptions. She also is active with the H.O.P.E. Project, which provides low-cost mammography to the underserved and uninsured women of Palm Beach and Martin counties, and the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer program. She won the first place trophy in the "Dancing for the Stars"

Ballroom Dance Competition benefitting the Kravis Center's S*T*A*R Series. A graduate of the University of Miami, she holds a bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism and a master's degree in telecommunication.

Established in 1983, Crossroads serves displaced homemakers 35 and older. It offers career development seminars, information on educational and job training programs, and other services to help individuals discover their transferable skills and gain the confidence they need to pursue their career and educational goals.

For more information, call 561-868-3586 or visit www.palmbeachstate.edu/crossroads.xml.

Editor's note: Please contact College Relations and Marketing for a high-resolution photo of Liz Quirantes.

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.

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