



## **Palm Beach State to host panel discussion on careers in education**

### ***Local educators will advise on various career tracks in free event open to the public***

(Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. – March 3, 2011) Students, career-changers or anyone curious about the diverse career options in education will benefit from a free panel discussion at Palm Beach State College. The “Careers in Education” event will be held on Monday, March 21 from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. at the BioScience Technology Complex, Room SC127 on the College’s Palm Beach Gardens campus, 3160 PGA Blvd.

Distinguished local professionals comprise the six-member panel representing a variety of education career tracks, including early childhood and upper grade teaching, administration, exceptional education, guidance counseling, and school library/media center management. In a roundtable discussion format, the panelists will share their real world perspectives on their careers as well as tips for success. In addition, the audience will have the opportunity to ask questions of the panelists, who are:

- **Linda Guzman**, exceptional education specialist, Palm Beach County School District
- **Maria Lloyd**, assistant principal, Seminole Ridge Community High School
- **Fercella Panier**, guidance counselor, William T. Dwyer High School
- **Perry Stokes**, social studies teacher, Carver Middle School
- **Jennifer Williams**, librarian/media specialist, St. Joseph’s Episcopal School
- **Merri Wright**, director, Center for Early Learning, Palm Beach State College

The event is one of a series of career panels organized by Palm Beach State’s Career Center. The education careers panel is presented by the center and Judy Somers, an adjunct instructor in education at the College. “Our goal is to shed light on the wide range of roles within the education profession. Teaching always comes to mind first, but there are many rewarding career paths in which people can use their talents and contribute to the field in a meaningful way,” says Ms. Somers.

The panel discussion series is an example of the many complimentary career planning services offered through the career center offices on each campus. In addition, panelists are often active as mentors in the College's Career Consultants program, designed to give students direct access to working professionals. Anyone interested in education careers is encouraged to attend this free event. For more information about the panel discussion and Career Center, visit [www.palmbeachstate.edu/career.xml](http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/career.xml).

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