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Klein named new student trustee

(Lake Worth, Fla. -July 12, 2011) Ariella Klein, an aspiring attorney and diplomat with a passion for community and public service, has been named the new student trustee for the Palm Beach State College District Board of Trustees.

Klein will begin her term in August and serve for the 2011-2012 school year. A committee that includes students, employees and a member of the District Board of Trustees, selected her for the nonvoting position after a formal application and interview process. The position, created by College trustees in 2001 to give students a voice on the board, is open to all Palm Beach State students with at least a 3.0 grade point average who have completed at least 24 credit hours.

Klein said she is excited about her new leadership role. "It's a fantastic opportunity to represent the students and bring issues to the Board of Trustees as the student representative," she said.

She is no stranger to leadership roles and community service at the College and in the community. She is working this summer as an intern in U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson's West Palm Beach office. In addition, she is working as a volunteer intern for the local American Cancer Society and the American Red Cross.

She helped established the new Law Society on the Lake Worth campus during the 2010-2011 school year and served as vice president. She also served as the 2010-2011 president of the Creative Writers Alliance, a student club. She has received a National Science Foundation Scholarship through the College and has served as Lake Worth campus editor for the Beachcomber student newspaper. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa international honor society and has been on the dean's list since enrolling at the College in 2009.

She was selected earlier this year for the AmeriCorps Students in Service Volunteer program in which she helps local organizations and individuals in need. She tutors a high school student through the Take Stock in Children Program.



In 2010-2011, she was among 89 community and junior college students from around the nation chosen to participate in the National Community College Aerospace Scholars program. As part of the program, she spent three days at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston working with NASA engineers and learning about careers in science and engineering.

After completing her Associate in Arts degree at Palm Beach State, she plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in philosophy and then a law degree. She hopes to serve as a U.S. ambassador in the future.

"I think it's my humanitarian nature," she said of her work. "I really love to help other people."

Serving more than 52,000 students annually, Palm Beach State College is the largest institution of higher education in Palm Beach County, providing bachelor's degrees, 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: Contact College Relations and Marketing for a high resolution photo of Ariella Klein.

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