

## Columnist to speak at In Celebration of Women event at Palm Beach State March 15

(Lake Worth, Fla. – March 1, 2012) Emily Minor, a former *Palm Beach Post* columnist who has touched readers with her insightful commentary, will be the featured speaker at the "In Celebration of Women" event at Palm Beach State College in Lake Worth.

Presented by the Crossroads program, the Women's History Month event will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. March 15 in the Humanities Building lobby and Stage West, 4200 Congress Ave. It will include music and a fine arts and crafts exhibit. Participants of Crossroads, a state-funded program that since 1983 has helped displaced homemakers get prepared to enter the workforce after years of relying on someone else's income or receiving public assistance, will share stories of how the program has helped them. The event is cosponsored by the law firm of Fox Rothschild. It is free and open to the public.



Minor has 30 years of experience in street reporting and special-interest writing.

For 14 years, she wrote a popular column for *The Palm Beach Post* called "Real Life." The column was sometimes funny, sometimes sad, and always straight from the heart. Her stories about everyday life and everyday people in South Florida earned her the steadfast recognition and devotion of Post readers, who came to depend on her honesty, openness and willingness to share a laugh about life.

After 20 years at the paper, Minor took a voluntary buyout package in the summer of 2008 and now writes on a freelance basis for magazines and newspapers. A writer with quick wit and a solid overview of social issues, she has traveled to Cuba, where she wrote a series of columns called "Real Life: Seven Days in Cuba." She spent a week in Israel with a group of South Florida families moving there to start meaningful lives in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. She has been at the side of grieving families as they buried their American soldier children and spent 14 days with a group of boys who nearly won the Little League World Series. She has reported on many of South Florida's top news stories, from the anthrax mailings to Palm Beach County's 2000 Presidential election. Working to expand her portfolio, last year she wrote magazine profiles on such celebrities as actor/comedian Steve Martin and makeup artist Bobbi Brown.

For more information, visit [www.palmbeachstate.edu/crossroads.xml](http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/crossroads.xml) or call (561) 868-3586.

**Editor's note:** A high-resolution photo of Emily Minor is attached.

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