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Palm Beach State College and VA Medical Center to host Sept. 11 town hall meeting for returning Veterans

(Lake Worth, Fla. – August 21, 2012) Palm Beach State College and the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center will host a town hall meeting, “Health & Education: A Winning Combination for Success in College and the Workplace,” on Tuesday, Sept. 11. The event will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Paul W. Graham Continuing Education Building, Room CE 119, on Palm Beach State’s Lake Worth campus, 4200 Congress Ave. It is free and open exclusively to Veterans and their families.

Guest speakers, a panel discussion and informational displays by participating community agencies will focus on providing strategies for a healthy lifestyle and weighing education and career options. Veterans will be able to speak with Palm Beach State and VA Medical Center personnel to learn about available services and obtain information on internships and job placement.

“Many of the Veterans coming home today are at a crossroads, and it’s taking a serious toll on their health and families,” said Van Williams, Palm Beach State director of TRiO and Outreach. “We hope to reach Veterans with valuable information and support services designed to get them ready for college and civilian life through healthy choices and positive action.”

A \$25 gift card will be given to the first 50 Veterans to arrive; proof in the form of a DD214 or current VA ID card is required.

To learn more about this and upcoming Palm Beach State events for Veterans, contact Diane Hess, program specialist, at 561-868-3805 or email hessd@palmbeachstate.edu.

Serving more than 49,000 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.

The West Palm Beach VA Medical Center provides health care to eligible Veterans in a seven-county area along Florida’s Treasure Coast. Comprehensive services include

medical, surgical and psychiatric inpatient care and outpatient services. The facility serves as a referral center for blind and visually impaired Veterans throughout Florida. It is a teaching hospital, providing a full range of patient care services, with state-of-the art technology.

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