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PALM BEACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS JOIN ALL-FLORIDA ACADEMIC TEAM

Eight students from Palm Beach Community College were selected for the 2002 All-Florida Academic Team by virtue of their standing in the national competition, the All-USA Academic Team. Students were nominated by the college for the All-USA competition sponsored by *USA Today* and the Phi Theta Kappa honors society.

Jamila Abraham, who attends PBCC at Belle Glade, ranked number two among the top 25 academic team members. The 2002 All-Florida Academic Team has 125 members. The others chosen from PBCC for the team are Michael Garcia, West Palm Beach; Joann Gibbons, Tequesta; Marilia Rahde, Boynton Beach; Sarah Thorner, Boca Raton; April Trusz, Boca Raton; Terry Valenti, West Palm Beach; and Erica Williams, Belle Glade.

In nominating students, colleges considered participation in honors programs; membership in academic or technical honors organizations; awards and honors received for academic and technical accomplishments; academic enrichment achieved through academic study and internships; and sharing of academic attainments, knowledge, skills and cultural enrichment.

“These students are being recognized for their academic achievements, leadership skills and community service,” said Jim Horne, secretary of the Florida Board of Education. “They come to our colleges to fulfill their dreams and have exceeded in that quest.”