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PBCC PRESIDENT RECEIVES UF OUTSTANDING GRADUATE AWARD

Dennis P. Gallon, Ph.D., president of Palm Beach Community College since 1997, has been selected to receive a University of Florida Institute of Higher Education Outstanding Graduate Award.

The award recognizes graduates of the UF College of Education's Higher Education doctoral program who have established distinguished records of leadership in their institutions, communities and professional activities.

The award is one of the highest honors conferred by the University of Florida on its alumni in the Higher Education Administration doctoral program. Dr. Gallon earned his doctorate of philosophy in higher education administration from the University of Florida, his master of science degree in business from Indiana University and his bachelor of science degree in business from Edward Waters College.

Under Dr. Gallon's leadership, PBCC broadened its mission to meet changing community needs. Besides the traditional two-year transfer degree, the institution has added 45 workforce development certificate programs to meet the changing needs of business and industry. The College also has designed and implemented a contemporary technology infrastructure to improve the quality of instruction and College operations, greatly expanded distance-learning courses from a few to over 80 and experienced record enrollment increases for six straight terms.

Before coming to Palm Beach Community College, Dr. Gallon spent 25 years at Florida Community College in Jacksonville in various administrative positions and as a business faculty member.

Dr. Gallon is active in many Palm Beach County organizations, taking leadership roles on the boards of directors of the Palm Beach County Health Care District, the Urban League of Palm Beach County, the Northern Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce, the Boy Scouts of America, the School Readiness Coalition of Palm Beach County, the Business Development Board of Palm Beach County, the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches, Communities in Schools of Palm Beach County, the county Workforce Development Board and the county United Way.

Editor's Advisory: A photo of Dr. Gallon can be downloaded from the following address:

www.pbcc.edu/homeimage/drgallon.jpg

Right click on the photo and click on "save as."