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### **DR. VALLEJO ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT OF NCCHC**

**Lake Worth, Fla (June 21, 2002)** – Maria M. Vallejo, Ph.D., provost/chief executive officer of Palm Beach Community College’s Lake Worth location, has been elected vice president of the National Community College Hispanic Council.

NCCHC, an affiliate of the American Association of Community Colleges, is designed to promote the development of Hispanic leadership within the colleges and expand curriculum and support services for Hispanic students. Dr. Vallejo, who has served on the NCCHC Board of Directors for seven years, will begin her new two-year position July 1.

Dr. Vallejo began working at PBCC in 1999. Prior to that she served as vice president for student affairs at SUNY Rockland Community College. She also has served as the vice president of academic and student services for Nassau Community College and the dean of academic support services for Bergen Community College.

Dr. Vallejo earned a bachelor’s degree from Hampshire College, two master’s degrees from Columbia University and her doctorate in bilingual curriculum development/higher education from New York University.