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BILL GRAHAM RECEIVES FSBA PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Palm Beach Community College Associate Professor Bill Graham, a 16-year member of the county school board, has received the Florida School Boards Association President's Award.

Barbara Sharpe, immediate past president of FSBA and a member of the Alachua County School Board, selected Graham for the annual award from among Florida's approximately 350 school board members. With so many deserving recipients, she said it was difficult to select only one. But, she said Graham "represents the very best of what school board members should be about." He was presented the award June 13 during the Annual Spring Conference of the FSBA and the Florida Association of District School Superintendents.

Graham, who is seeking his fifth term on the Palm Beach County School Board, is a strong supporter of public education and works to give back to the system and to those who helped him. It's not surprising the Lake Worth High School graduate ended up working in education.

"My mother was a teacher, my father was an administrator (at PBCC) for 25 years. It's just a family tradition," said Graham, who has taught business and real estate courses at PBCC for 26 years. The Continuing Studies building currently undergoing renovations bears his father's name. Paul W. Graham served as dean and later vice president of academic affairs at PBCC before retiring in 1984.

Bill Graham holds an associate in arts degree from PBCC and a bachelor's in political science from the University of Florida. He's a member of the Florida Department of Revenue Property Tax Administration Task Force, past president of FSBA, member of the board of directors of the Pinejog Environmental Education Center and a member of the South Florida Science Museum Board of Trustees.