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Palm Beach Community College President Dennis Gallon and two other PBCC employees among several to be honored by the NAACP Feb. 5

WHAT: PBCC President **Dennis Gallon**, Ph.D. and husband and wife team **Lyndon** and **Robin Johnson** are among several people who will be honored by the South Palm Beach Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People at its inaugural Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Distinguished Award Program.

Dr. Gallon will receive the Educational Leadership Award for his commitment to improving educational opportunities in Palm Beach County. Lyndon, a professor at PBCC in Belle Glade, and Robin, director of outreach services and recruitment, will receive the Family Advocacy Award for their work to ensure that their 8-year-old son, Evan Ishmael, who has Down syndrome, receives a quality education in a mainstream classroom in the Palm Beach County School System.

Other honorees are: Elizabeth Wesley, founder of the ROOTS festival; Gertrude Green, founder of the local NAACP Branch; Connie Berry, president of the Migrant Association of South Florida; Shahid Freeman, Community Activist; Attorney Bob Montgomery of Montgomery & Larson law firm; the Rev. Mathieu Jean Baptiste of the Haitian Economic Community Association; Pastor Lance Chaney and Sara Williams of the Boynton Beach Community Forum; Dr. Mary Ann DuPont, assistant superintendent for the Palm Beach County School District and Marjorie M. Lim Sang, vice president of Wachovia Bank in Boca Raton.

WHEN: 7 p.m. --Thursday, Feb. 5, 2004

WHERE: Palm Beach Community College
Duncan Theatre
4200 Congress Ave., Lake Worth

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