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Lake Worth Testing Center named one of top 100 by College Board

(Aug. 16, 2004- Lake Worth) Palm Beach Community College is one of the top 100 colleges administering the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) test, according to the College Board. The ranking is based on the number of tests given at the Lake Worth Testing Center.

More than 1,300 colleges and universities nationwide offer the CLEP. The test provides college credit in various subject areas to students who have previous experience. The CLEP is offered by the College Board, a non-profit association of schools, colleges, universities and other educational organizations best known for the SAT and the Advanced Placement (AP) program.

Chris Biferie, district coordinator of testing, says that the test can be very helpful for students. "The biggest benefit is that [students] don't need to take a course to pick up a few credit hours."

Ariel Foster, CLEP director for the College Board, agrees that taking the test makes academic and fiscal sense for students. She congratulated the College for being in the top 100 test centers in the country.

"We really want to acknowledge the service you provide to students in your community," she says. "That's a significant service, particularly for community colleges."

Just under 400 students took the CLEP in Lake Worth. The majority of those took the test in foreign languages, especially Spanish.

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