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PBCC's first black graduate returns for the first time

The Bronx medical technologist will speak to students for Black History Month

(Jan. 31, 2005 – Lake Worth) In honor of Black History Month, Palm Beach Community College will welcome home its first black graduate. Anne Sanders, a 1965 graduate of then Palm Beach Junior College, had to fight her way in and struggle with almost overwhelming prejudice to earn her associate in arts degree. A medical technologist in Bronx, New York, Sanders is returning to PBCC for the first time. She will speak at **all four of PBCC's locations** in Lake Worth, Palm Beach Gardens, Boca Raton and Belle Glade **Feb. 8, 9 & 10**.

Sanders graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1962, dreaming of becoming a medical technologist. She chose to attend Palm Beach Junior College for its science curriculum, although few African American students had attended previously. She managed to persuade a county School Board official (the School Board managed the College at the time) to admit her. She and two other African American female students started college in the fall of 1962, greeted by security guards and administrators on the front steps. While none of the white students demonstrated against them, Sanders recalled, some showed their disdain in the classroom. Sanders will share her experiences with PBCC students on:

February 8 at 12:30 p.m. PBCC at Boca Raton, Classroom Building A, Room 101
February 9 at 11 a.m. at PBCC in Belle Glade, Room 122
February 9 at 2 p.m. at PBCC in Lake Worth, Stage West
Feb. 10 at 11 a.m. in the Student Activities Center at PBCC in Palm Beach Gardens

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