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About 1,100 students to graduate from Palm Beach Community College May 9

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(Lake Worth, Fla.—May 2, 2005) Palm Beach Community College will award 1,080 associate in arts, associate in science and associate in applied science degrees at Commencement May 9.

The ceremony will be held at 2 p.m. at the Palm Beach County Convention Center in West Palm Beach.

The two students chosen from among their peers to address the class are: Wendy Ferris, president of the Student Government Association at the Lake Worth campus, and Jenneyfa Rich, who attends the Belle Glade campus.

Christine Christofek, a 1993 PBCC graduate who is associate director of media arts for the Solid Waste Authority, will conduct the alumni induction ceremony. Other speakers include PBCC President Dennis Gallon and James Watt, chairperson of the College's District Board of Trustees.

Ferris, of Lake Worth, has been actively involved in college activities and events since enrolling at PBCC in fall 2003. A native of the Caribbean Island of Antigua and Barbuda, she served as secretary of the SGA before becoming president this year. She also has served as a reporter for *The Beachcomber* student newspaper, and was inducted into the Delta Omicron Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. Ferris plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in human resource management.

Rich, of Moorehaven, has juggled school with her full-time job as center coordinator for the Redlands Christian Migrant Association and her responsibilities as a wife and mother of three to earn an associate in science degree in early childhood education. While going to school she also earned her director's credential, a state requirement to operate the center.

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