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Finale Festival at PBCC open to the public

(July 25, 2005 -- Boca Raton) Other than taking classes at the Summer Youth College at Palm Beach Community College in Boca Raton, there's only one other way to appreciate how amazing the summer program is: attend the July 29 Finale Festival.

"We'd love to have the public come and help us celebrate the accomplishments of these children who've had their first college experience," said Jacquelyn Keeley, Summer Youth College director.

The Finale Festival is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in and near the cafeteria at PBCC in Boca Raton, 3000 St. Lucie Ave. in the northeastern section of the Florida Atlantic University campus. To make lunch reservations (cost: \$6), call Keeley at 561-862-4725.

Summer Youth College, also at PBCC in Palm Beach Gardens, makes learning fun with a wide range of "edutainment" courses in computers, life skills, crafts and hobbies, arts, sports and fitness, dance, science and math, language arts, social science and culture and language studies. The students will display their work in the college cafeteria and demonstrate what they've learned with Israeli folk dancing, dancing from the "Shake, Rattle 'n Roll" class, and folk dance and song from the "Splendiferous China" course. Sign language students will perform a poem and the improv acting students a skit. The "Espanol Para Todos" classmates will break a piñata, and the Indian tepee a craft class painted will be raffled to one lucky person. Visitors can join an archaeological dig for treasure in the lobby and view a video of the "SYC Idol" competition in the cafeteria where science and art projects will be on display.

SYC students in one science class will receive diplomas from the FAU research physicians who taught them "The Heart of the Matter," a class for 8-12 year olds. The highlight of the class was interacting with Harvey the robotic human normally used in medical classes on cardiovascular health. The team of doctors opted not to be paid for teaching the class, but requested a donation to the June and Ira Gelb Scholarship Fund. SYC will present the research team with a check during the Finale Festival activities. Various local dignitaries will attend the event as well.

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