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Palm Beach Community College to hold “In Celebration of Women” March 23

PBCC students and community actors will portray 10 women in history as part of the Women’s History Month event

(Lake Worth, Fla. - March 13, 2006) Come meet and greet 10 extraordinary women in history. Palm Beach Community College students and community actors will bring their stories to life at the "In Celebration of Women" event set for 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. March 23 in the Humanities building at PBCC in Lake Worth, 4200 Congress Ave. The event is free and open to the public.

Dressed in period costumes, the actors will portray such women as Madam Helena Blavatski, a metaphysician and founder of the Theosophical Society; Judith Heumann, an advocate for the disabled who helped develop legislation now known as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and helped draft the Americans With Disabilities Act; poet Phyllis Wheatley, a slave who became the first published black woman in the U.S., and Mary Seacole, nurse extraordinaire from Barbados, among others. The women largely have been overlooked in history books, but the actors have been doing their research and will tell these women’s stories and remain in character for two hours.

Crossroads has been holding "In Celebration of Women" in honor of national Women’s History Month for the last seven years. It was designed to not only honor women but to educate the community about Crossroads and the services it provides for women. But organizers changed the format last year to spotlight women in history.

"We made it more of a cultural and educational event, focusing on actual women in history who have done extraordinary things and, in many cases, had not been recognized," said Bobbi Marsh, coordinator of Crossroads. "It's an opportunity for students, faculty and staff and the community to come together and celebrate the accomplishments of women in a unique fair-like environment."

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In addition to celebrating these women in history, Crossroads also will celebrate its 22 years of success and its 200th graduating class. The program helps about 150 women a year who must enter or re-enter the workforce after a divorce, death of a spouse or other life-changing event.

The evening also will include an art display, poetry, music, photography and more. Light refreshments will be served. The winners of the In Celebration of Poetry Contest also will be announced, and the winners will read their work. For more information, call (561) 868-3586.

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