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PBCC to break ground on BioScience Technology Complex Thursday, April 20

**Officials from government, education, health care,
business and Scripps to attend**

(April 18, 2006 – Palm Beach Gardens) While Scripps and county commissioners still wrangle over contract details and locations, Palm Beach Community College at Palm Beach Gardens will break ground on a science building with a biotech wing this Thursday, April 20, and Scripps representatives will be on hand.

Internationally renowned scientist Dr. Charles Weissmann, a pioneer in modern biomedical research and molecular biology and the chair of Scripps Florida Department of Infectology, will attend the ceremony along with Vittorio Verzillo, senior research associate for Scripps.

The groundbreaking ceremony, from 7:30-9 a.m., will emphasize PBCC's links to Scripps and other biotech industries, local business, government and education (K-12 and universities) with its "Linking to Discovery" theme. Ken Kirby, president of TransDermal Technologies and a PBCC alumnus, will speak.

The 81,000-square-foot, \$15 million science complex will feature two buildings connected by a multi-media lecture hall and courtyard. One building will house state-of-the-art classrooms and laboratories for the core sciences (biology, microbiology, anatomy and physiology, physics and chemistry). The other part of the complex is reserved for biotech classrooms and labs, environmental science, environmental horticulture and a wellness center.

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