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**Rogers selected for national Leaders Program**

(Lake Worth, FL – May 5, 2006) Jacqueline Rogers, dean of health sciences and occupational education at Palm Beach Community College, has been chosen to participate in the Leaders Program of the National Institute for Leadership Development. Participants in this program are chosen for their professional abilities, their interests in advancement in higher education and the quality of their proposed project.

She was nominated by Dr. Maria Vallejo, provost of the Lake Worth campus of PBCC. “I see great leadership skills in Jackie. She is not afraid to make the difficult decisions, and as with any good leader, she is interested in doing ‘the right thing’ rather than simply ‘doing things right’,” Vallejo said. Vallejo and Richard Becker, vice president of administration and business services at PBCC, will serve as Rogers’ mentors during the program.

This year-long program is designed to enhance the skills participants need to assume major decision-making roles in their institution. It includes institutional practice in supervisory and human relations skills, planning and budgeting, and organizational skills as well as discussions with national experts on the issues confronting higher education during the next decade.

Rogers’ leadership vision is to share what she has learned in her experience as faculty/department chair, associate dean and dean to help develop new academic administrators. That vision works well with her proposed project for the program as she will focus on “demystifying the budget processes for academia with the hope of preparing a handbook guide with tips for program managers, associate deans and others.”

Now serving as the self-proclaimed “Dean of Oil and Blood – if it leaks oil or oozes blood, it’s my program,” Rogers has progressed from serving on the PBCC Advisory Council at Palm Beach Gardens to guest lecturer to adjunct teacher to full-time faculty to program director to associate dean of health sciences to her current position.