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PBCC expands science offerings with new building

(April 27, 2006 – Lake Worth) Palm Beach Community College at Lake Worth will replace its aging science building with a state-of-the-art \$9.25 million, 50,000-square-foot science building to be completed by fall 2007. The groundbreaking ceremony is May 12 at 8 a.m.

The new building will house classes and laboratories for chemistry, biology, microbiology, anatomy and physiology, physical science, earth science, geology, physics and astronomy. The college will be able to offer an expanded science curriculum in the new facility.

“We are providing students with opportunities for them to understand theoretical scientific concepts so that more students will pursue science, technology, engineering and mathematics,” said Dr. Barry Moore, associate dean of science and math.

The strengthened science curriculum also will be helpful to those studying applied science for career programs in nursing, dental and other allied health professions. The groundbreaking ceremony, whose theme is “Science: Teachable Moments in Time,” will feature experiments that demonstrate scientific principles that occur in common, everyday items.

The Lake Worth science building is the original prototype for a design shared by three other colleges—South Florida Community College, St. Johns River Community College and Lake Sumter Community College—in order to save taxpayer money for architectural fees. STH Architects in West Palm Beach designed the prototype, which is also being used in an expanded version for the BioScience Technology Complex at PBCC in Palm Beach Gardens. PBCC’s two new science buildings will be completed by fall 2007.

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