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College Goal Sunday to Help Students Overcome Financial Barriers to Higher Education

Low-income and first-generation college students get help, answers during statewide financial aid program

(Lake Worth –February 19, 2007) – Students who hope to attend college will be given a clear path to federal cash assistance during a free statewide event known as Florida College Goal Sunday. On February 25th, financial experts will help college-bound students and their families complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at two Palm Beach Community College locations – PBCC at Lake Worth at 4200 Congress Avenue in the gymnasium and at PBCC at Belle Glade in the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center – at 2:00 p.m. The FAFSA helps students access billions in federal funds available for college.

“Traditionally, low-income and first generation students fall through the cracks in the financial aid process because they’re intimidated by the forms and have not been exposed to the financial aid process,” said David Bodwell, director of financial aid at PBCC. “College Goal Sunday helps break the barriers that prevent students from accessing funds they need to pursue higher education.”

Florida College Goal Sunday is a free event. Financial aid assistance will be available in English, Spanish and Creole. Scholarship drawings will be held for students who attend the event. Students will also be able to apply for scholarships offered by the PBCC Foundation for first generation college students.

Additional information about Florida College Goal Sunday is available by calling 561-868-3330 or visit online at www.fldoe.org/collegegoalsunday.

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