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Desir appointed new PBCC student trustee

(Lake Worth, Fla. - July 30, 2007) While in high school, Dominique "DeeDee" Desir had her sights set on becoming a nurse. Now, the second-year Palm Beach Community College student is aiming for something even grander: the White House.

"I want to be the president of the United States," she said of her long-term career aspirations. "It can happen."

For now, Desir is looking forward to taking her seat at the dais as the new student trustee on the PBCC District Board of Trustees. She was appointed to the position for the 2007-2008 fiscal year, and she will attend her first board meeting Aug. 14. Desir is the seventh student appointed to serve in the non-voting role since the trustees created the position in 2001. She said her goals are to get more involvement and input from students on all of PBCC's campuses and ensure that students know the administrators.



"This is an excellent opportunity to serve on the board and to see how certain things affect students," Desir said. "It's a good thing that they picked the right person. We need a strong student voice. I think I can give it to them, and I'm going to give it to them."

Desir, of Lake Worth, said during her time at PBCC and through her leadership positions at the College and on the state level, she discovered that her true love is politics. At South Tech Charter High School, she studied to become a licensed practical nursing, and she was planning to pursue a nursing degree at PBCC. Now, she's pursuing an associate in arts degree with a major in political science and sociology. She plans to transfer to a university to pursue her bachelor's degree in those areas and minor in psychology.

"I feel so much of a calling to public administration, getting involved in the government," said Desir.

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Desir already has a record of service. She recently was elected to her second term as president of the Student Government Association in Lake Worth. She is a former assistant spokesperson for the Black Student Union. She's active in the Christian Fellowship Club, Students for International Understanding, ASPIRA, Phi Theta Kappa and Kiskeya, a Haitian student club. On the state level, she is the community service chair for the Florida Junior Community College Student Government Association.

"What you learn at PBCC you can't learn anywhere else," she said. "This is really a place where you develop."

About Palm Beach Community College: Serving more than 46,000 students annually, Palm Beach Community College is the largest institution of higher education in Palm Beach County, providing associate degrees, professional certificates, career and customized training and lifelong learning. Florida's first public community college, PBCC offers more than 100 programs of study at locations in Lake Worth, Boca Raton, Palm Beach Gardens and Belle Glade.

Editor's note: For a photo of Desir, visit www.pbcc.edu/images/marketing/desir.jpg.

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