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Delgado named director of new Global Education Center at Palm Beach Community College

(Lake Worth, Fla. – Sept. 14, 2007) Palm Beach Community College has appointed Monica Delgado to lead its newly established Dr. Kathryn W. Davis Global Education Center.

The center was made possible through the generosity of its namesake, Dr. Kathryn W. Davis, who pledged \$1 million to PBCC earlier this year to launch the comprehensive one-stop education and resource information center for immigrants.

As the center's director, Delgado will oversee implementation of a variety of services to help newly arrived immigrants and PBCC students integrate and assimilate to the U.S. culture and to provide a forum for civics education. Students who register with the center will meet with an advisor who will assist them in developing and executing an educational and personal action plan.



The center will provide registrants with community information and referrals for services at other local partner agencies. The center already has awarded its first round of scholarships totaling about \$100,000 to about 40 students for the current academic year. Incoming freshmen and existing students enrolled in vocational, credit and English courses received awards, including some students who would have been forced to drop out of college if the scholarship were not made possible. The center is also working on plans to translate portions of PBCC's Web site in Spanish to help market the center's services to Spanish speaking individuals.

"I'm so excited to serve in this capacity, and I expect the center's services and processes to become a national model for other colleges to emulate. I don't think it's ordinary to receive a contribution like this," Delgado said.

Delgado began working at PBCC in 2005. Before beginning her new role, she worked as a program manager for PBCC's Corporate and Continuing Education department,

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where she helped develop the Business, Culinary/Hospitality and Parent Education programs. Prior to joining the College, she developed a family mentoring program for the communities of Lake Worth and Lantana.

Fluent in both English and Spanish, she spent 18 years in the corporate world, where she was the director of financial systems for now Baltimore-based W.R. Grace & Co., a specialty chemicals company. She holds a master's degree in theology from Life Christian University in Tampa, a master's in computer information systems and a master's in business administration from the University of Miami and a bachelor's degree in accounting from St. Francis University in Brooklyn, N.Y.

The concept for the center fits in line with the interests of Davis, a seasonal Florida resident who has spent much of her life working to improve American understanding of world culture and politics. She is a noted philanthropist and staunch supporter of arts, genetic science, environmental conservation and global peace initiatives. She is the widow of Shelby Cullom Davis, who founded Shelby Cullom Davis & Company, one of the largest investment firms in New York, and who later became the U.S. Ambassador to Switzerland.

For more information about the Dr. Kathryn W. Davis Global Education Center, call (561) 868-3970.

About Palm Beach Community College: Serving more than 45,000 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 Monica Delgado, visit <http://www.pbcc.edu/Images/Marketing/MonicaDelgado.jpg>

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