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Ribbon-cutting set Jan. 18 for PBCC BioScience Technology Complex

(PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. – Jan. 11, 2008) – Scientific industry, civic and Palm Beach Community College leaders will join together Jan. 18 to formally cut the ribbon opening PBCC's new \$15 million BioScience Technology Complex.

The ceremony takes place at 3 p.m. at PBCC in Palm Beach Gardens, 3160 PGA Blvd. Guided tours of the state-of-the-art facility will follow. Speakers will include Kenneth Kirby, president of TransDermal Technologies in North Palm Beach and vice chairperson of the PBCC District Board of Trustees, and Joe Russo, mayor of Palm Beach Gardens. Representing PBCC will be Dr. Dennis Gallon, president; Carolyn Williams, board chairperson; and Edward Willey, dean of academic affairs.

Dr. Patricia Anderson, campus provost, said the ceremony will mark a historic advancement in the College's instructional facilities dedicated both to the core sciences and biotechnology. "Within the walls of this world-class educational complex, our students have the opportunity to learn and participate in cutting-edge scientific research," she noted. "They will be uniquely positioned to join the growing bioscience industry in our area and to continue their studies at the university level as well."

The College collaborated with area bioscience companies and research centers to ensure that the new facility was built and equipped to industry standards. PBCC also launched its biotechnology degree program and revamped its science curriculum to meet the area's growing need for trained laboratory technicians and research associates.

The 91,000-square-foot complex features laboratories and classrooms for the core sciences of biology, microbiology, anatomy and physiology, physics and chemistry, as well as separate facilities for biotechnology classes and labs. Well-established programs in environmental science and horticulture have relocated to the complex, which also provides students with a wellness center, lecture halls and meeting rooms.

The ceremony and tours are open to all who are interested in learning more about PBCC's science programs.

Palm Beach Community College, Florida's first public community college, is celebrating its 75th anniversary throughout 2008. The largest institution of higher education in Palm Beach County, PBCC serves more than 45,000 students annually through its associate degrees, professional certificates, career and customized training and lifelong learning. The College offers more than 100 programs of study at locations in Lake Worth, Boca Raton, Palm Beach Gardens and Belle Glade.

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