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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Palm Beach Community College names new equity officer

(Lake Worth, Fla. – July 1, 2008) Norma Richards has been named Palm Beach Community College's new equity officer.

In her position as employment manager and assistant to the president for equity programs, Richards will be responsible for the leadership and management of employee recruitment and the College's equity and diversity programs. That includes ensuring PBCC is Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) compliant. She starts today, replacing Ardease Johnson, who retired in June after working at PBCC for 36 years.



"I am very excited about the opportunity to serve PBCC in this capacity, and I look forward to working with the administration, staff and faculty on the various initiatives of the College," Richards said.

Richards worked most recently as senior human resources analyst for the city of Tamarac, Florida. Prior to her five years there, she worked for four years as the human resources specialist for Team Metro, a Miami-Dade County department responsible for code enforcement, community outreach and information and referrals for the county. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees in public administration from Florida International University.

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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Editor's note: A high resolution photo of Norma Richards is attached.

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