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## **PBCC appoints new dean of student services for Boca Raton campus**

(Boca Raton, Fla. – Aug. 7, 2008) Nicole Perry Banks has been named the new dean of student services at Palm Beach Community College's Boca Raton campus. She joined the college Aug. 1.

An Ohio native and Royal Palm Beach resident, Banks said she is excited about serving the College and the more than 12,000 students on the Boca Raton campus.

"This is an exciting opportunity for me. PBCC is such a wonderful place to grow, and I am looking forward to my own enrichment as well as to being a part of that process for others."

Her varied higher education background includes experience in admission and recruitment, student orientation, diversity training, judicial boards, handbook and policy review, budget development and presidential affairs.

Most recently, Banks worked for two years, from 2005 to 2007, as director of multicultural affairs at Ursuline College in Pepper Pike, Ohio. Prior to that, she worked for one year as associate dean of students at Eastern Michigan University. She served as interim director of admissions for two years at her alma mater, Central State University, before being named the university's special assistant to the vice president for enrollment and student affairs and later special assistant to the president.

Banks holds a bachelor's degree in mass communication from Central State University and a master's degree in education with an emphasis on student affairs in higher education from Wright State University in Ohio.

**Palm Beach Community College**, Florida's first public community college, is celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> 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 Nicole Perry Banks is attached.

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