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PBCC athletes sign national letters of intent

(Lake Worth, Fla. – Dec 1, 2008) Eight athletes from Palm Beach Community College have recently signed national letters of intent to universities during the early signing period. They are:

Tim Downs, a guard for the PBCC men's basketball team, has signed a national letter of intent to attend Clayton State University, a NCAA Division II school in Morrow, Ga. Downs is the leading scorer and assist man amongst all Panther returning players and is considered to be one of the best point guards in the Southern Conference. Last season Downs averaged 14 points, three rebounds and six assists per game. Downs is from Greenville, S.C., where he attended Prince Avenue Preparatory School.

Jamarra Robinson, a guard and team captain for the Lady Panthers basketball team, signed a national letter of intent to attend Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona Beach for the 2009-2010 season. This season Robinson is averaging 10 points, four rebounds and five assists per game. Robinson played at St. Lucie West High School in Port St. Lucie and is the first player to sign a letter of intent for new coach Kris Ruffo.

Ray Church, second baseman for the PBCC baseball team, signed with Florida Atlantic University for the 2009-2010 season. Last year Church batted .337 and had 11 stolen bases. Church is from West Palm Beach and attended Santaluces High School in Lantana, where he was named to the All-County baseball team and was a member of the National Honor Society.

Sean Koecheler, pitcher for the Panthers baseball team, signed with Nova Southern University in Davie. Last season Koecheler had a 7-4 record, with a 3.23 ERA while recording 66 strikeouts. Koecheler attended Palm Beach Gardens High School and was drafted by the Los Angeles Dodgers in 2007.

DJ Leonard, left fielder for the PBCC men's baseball team, signed with Bethune-Cookman University for the 2009-2010 season. Last season for the Panthers, Leonard batted .375 with 17 home runs and seven stolen bases.

Mike Rayl, a pitcher for the PBCC men's baseball team, signed with the University of Florida for the 2009-2010 season. Rayl had a 5-1 record last season, with a 4.2 ERA and 49 strikeouts. Rayl attended Park Vista High School in Lake Worth and led the Cobras to their first district championship title.

Dan Schreffler, first baseman for the Panthers baseball team, signed with Florida Atlantic University for the 2009-2010 season. Last season Schreffler batted .323, with 10 home runs and seven stolen bases. Schreffler attended Seminole Ridge High School in Loxahatchee, where he led the Hawks in home runs and RBIs.

Tim Webb, a pitcher for the PBCC men's baseball team, signed with Nova Southeastern University for the 2009-2010 season. Webb had a 4-2 record last year, with an ERA of 3.5 and 44 strikeouts. Webb attended Pope John Paul II High School in Boca Raton, where he was a four-year varsity pitcher, leading the Eagles to three district championships.

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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