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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

PBCC celebrates Career and Technical Education month with career related events

(Lake Worth, Fla. – Feb. 2, 2009) Palm Beach Community College will recognize national Career and Technical Education (CTE) month by hosting information sessions and open houses throughout the month of February.

The month-long celebration was established by the Association for Career and Technical Education, the largest national education association dedicated to the advancement of education that prepares youth and adults for successful careers.

PBCC has an Interinstitutional Articulation agreement with the School District of Palm Beach County to accept certain combinations of course work taken at a Palm Beach County high school along with an assessment to qualify for awarding of college credits. PBCC and the School District of Palm Beach County (SDPBC) maintain Career Pathway (formerly Tech Prep) articulations between career academies and PBCC Post Secondary Adult Vocational Certificate programs as well as specific subject area courses and PBCC credit courses. This is done through a consortium partnership called the Palm Beach Career Pathways Consortium where secondary CTE students complete CTE programs of study that leads them to take advantage of the articulations.

There are 42 current articulation agreements which include a variety of studies from allied health assisting to international business to television production. For a complete listing of programs of study and articulation agreements and information on PBCC's Career Pathways agreements, visit: www.pbcc.edu/careerpathways.xml.

Upon completion of the appropriate high school CTE coursework, a student can enter PBCC with credits already completed with a smooth transition saving time and money. PBCC's Registrar's office will complete a transcript evaluation free of cost.

The following career related events will take place:

Monday, Feb. 2 – Palm Beach Gardens, 3160 PGA Blvd.

- The **Electrical Power Technology** program will hold an information session from 5 – 6 p.m. in the BioScience & Technology Complex (SC) room 127 regarding this exciting new area and future career opportunities. For more information on PBCC's Electrical Power Technology program, visit www.pbcc.edu/EPT.xml. For more information on the event, contact Kenneth Badaracco at 561-207-5726 badarack@pbcc.edu.

Thursday, Feb. 5 – Palm Beach Gardens

- The **Respiratory Care** program will hold an open house to meet faculty and learn about respiratory care's excellent job outlook, great salary and diverse practice. The open house will be held in the Lewis Center (LC) room 111 from 3 – 4 p.m. for more information on PBCC's Respiratory Care program, visit www.pbcc.edu/RespiratoryCare.xml. For more information on the event, contact Michele Balik at 561-207-5010 or balikm@pbcc.edu.

Feb. 12 & 26 – Lake Worth, 4200 Congress Ave.

- Two information sessions for the **Medical Assisting** program will take place to provide current information about entering the program. Information on the course sequence, the limited access application, Test of Adult Basic Education test requirements and the Health Occupations Basic Entrance Test entry exam will be provided at the session. These events are free and open to the public. Each will be located in the Education & Training Center Building (ETA) room 257 and will take place from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. For more information on PBCC's Medical Assisting program, visit www.pbcc.edu/medicalassistant.xml. For more

information on the event, contact Barbara Kalfin at 561-868-3562 or
kalfinb@pbcc.edu.

About Palm Beach Community College: Serving more than 46,000 students annually, Palm Beach Community College is the largest institution of higher education in Palm Beach County, providing the bachelor's degree, associate degrees, professional certificates, career 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.

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