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PBCC celebrates Earth Day with a variety of “green” related events

(Lake Worth, Fla. – April 21, 2009) Palm Beach Community College will celebrate Earth Day with “green” events celebrated throughout the week and the year.

Earth Day is recognized on April 22 by the United States government to celebrate accomplishments and create new environmental goals for the year ahead.

The following Earth Day and “green” events are free:

Wednesday, April 22 – Boca Raton, 3000 Saint Lucie Avenue.

- Earth Day/Focus the Nation and a Green Fair will be held in the Humanities Building patio from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Local environmentally friendly companies and organizations, including Whitecloud Turtle Rescue, will have information tables set up. At 11 a.m. Dr. Dean Kohrs, author of *Hacking College*, will give the keynote presentation “Political Activism: Educating Yourself and Others to Get Things Done” in HT 103 B. There will be a town hall forum from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. with Boca Raton Mayor Susan Whelchel and activist Nancy Schneider.

Wednesday, April 22 – Lake Worth, 4200 Congress Ave.

- The Student Government Association and Community Earth will have educational tables, games and prizes as well as music and food. There will be an electronics recycling program sponsored by the Sustainability Committee and Facilities in the TC Building courtyard from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wednesday, April 22 – Palm Beach Gardens, 3160 PGA Blvd.

- “Clubs for Causes” will host Earth Day events from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in SC 127. There will be an electronics recycling drive and a clothing and food drive for charitable organizations, and campus clubs will have information tables on “going green.” There also will be food and refreshments and free prizes.

Friday, April 24 – Lake Worth, 4200 Congress Ave.

- Volunteers will gather for a cleanup of the Pond Apple Preserve, both on land and via canoes, from 9 a.m. to noon. There will be a tree planting in the preserve following the cleanup.

PBCC graduates can sign the Green Pledge, "To explore and take into account the social and environmental consequences of any job [they] consider and will try to improve these aspects of any organizations for which [they] work." Students define for themselves what it means to be socially and environmentally responsible, as well as their level of commitment. Those whom have taken the Pledge will wear a green ribbon at commencement to show their commitment to social and environmental responsibility and awareness.

PBCC offers continuing education courses on how to be "green" such as LEED Introduction, Sustainability for Business and Designing and Building Energy Efficient Homes (CEUs). For more information on these courses, visit <http://www.pbcc.edu/GreenInstitute.xml>.

To learn more about sustainability at PBCC, additional "green" related activities, and the PBCC recycling program, visit www.pbcc.edu/Sustainability.xml.

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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