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## **Dr. Ramsammy named dean of academic affairs at PBCC**

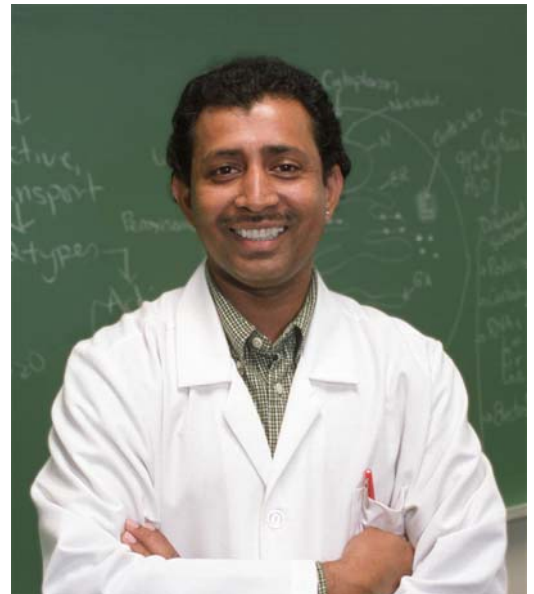
(Lake Worth, Fla. – May 21, 2009) Dr. Roger Ramsammy, associate dean of math, engineering and science at Palm Beach Community College in Lake Worth, has been named the new dean of academic affairs.

“I’m extremely excited. I’ll be able to help not just students and faculty in math and the sciences, but also a wider group of faculty,” said Ramsammy, who will oversee all of the general education programs.

Ramsammy, who has been serving as interim dean since last fall, was tapped for the permanent position after a nationwide search. He holds a bachelor’s degree in pre-medicine from the University of D.C. and a master’s degree and Ph.D. in molecular genetics from Howard University. He also completed post-doctoral work at Georgetown University.

Ramsammy turned down a teaching and research career at Minnesota’s prestigious Mayo Clinic to pursue his love for teaching at PBCC. He joined the faculty in 1994 and taught anatomy and physiology, microbiology and genetics classes full-time for about 13 years before becoming Associate Dean in 2007. He continues to teach as an online adjunct professor.

He has received numerous awards, including the 2003 Florida Association of Community Colleges Professor of the Year, for his innovative teaching techniques using animated illustrations to explain complex processes, such as how red blood cells transfer to the body, how muscles contract and how bacteria and viruses work. He is the author of a lab textbook that is now being used in the Anatomy and Physiology classes. Ramsammy was also actively involved in the design of the classrooms and the selection of the state-of-the art technology for the College’s new \$12.8 million, 50,000 square-foot Natural Science building that opened to students last fall.



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“It is such a pleasure to have someone of Dr. Ramsammy’s caliber as the head of academic affairs at the Lake Worth campus,” said Dr. Maria Vallejo, provost of PBCC at Lake Worth. “Besides his intelligence and experience, he brings an incredible enthusiasm for creative, collaborative, solutions to issues facing us on a daily basis. He truly loves PBCC.”

**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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