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PBCC Foundation honors 32 donors at Founders & Grand Founders recognition ceremony

(Lake Worth, Fla. – May 28, 2009) The Palm Beach Community College Foundation recognized a select group of 32 outstanding contributors at the inaugural Founders & Grand Founders Installation Dinner May 21 at Bear Lakes Country Club.

Founder and Grand Founder donors have provided a minimum of \$100,000 and \$500,000 respectively in funding to support PBCC. Collectively the group has contributed more than \$25 million. The donors were presented with a medallion and plaque by PBCC President Dennis Gallon and PBCC Foundation Executive Director Suellen Mann.

“The Founders and Grand Founders represent the cornerstone of support for the PBCC Foundation,” said Dr. Dennis Gallon, PBCC president. “Their generous contributions over the years have supported various academic programs and building projects as well as funding scholarships for students who otherwise would not have access to our academic and training programs. Literally thousands of students have benefitted from their support; they really are dream-makers.”

One of the Grand Founders in attendance at the ceremony was Henrietta Countess de Hoernle, supporter of cultural, social welfare and educational organizations throughout Palm Beach County.

“It is with great respect and sincere appreciation we recognize the philanthropic milestone of Founder and Grand Founder donors,” said PBCC Executive Director Suellen Mann. “If not for these community-minded and selfless donors, PBCC would not be able to accomplish its mission of providing open access to quality, affordable education.”

The Founders and Grand Founders also are honored on a “Wall of Fame” in the lobby of second floor of the Administration building on the Lake Worth campus.

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.

Editor's Note: There are high-resolution photos available from this event. Please contact PBCC College Relations & Marketing Dept. for images.

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