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## **PBCC names new provost for Palm Beach Gardens campus**

(Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. – June 16, 2009) Dr. Jean Wihbey has been appointed the new provost of Palm Beach Community College's Palm Beach Gardens campus.

She was appointed by PBCC President Dennis P. Gallon following a nationwide search. "I am delighted and honored to be a part of the PBCC team," said Wihbey, who is scheduled to begin July 15. "PBCC is a leader in innovative education and training and a committed community partner. I am looking forward to meeting faculty, staff, students, and the community. Together, we can continue to explore ideas and accomplish great things. I am eager to begin our work."

Wihbey is currently dean of academic and student affairs at Northwestern Connecticut Community College in Winsted, Conn., where she has worked since 2003. Prior to that, she worked at Gateway Community College in Connecticut from 1999-2003 as associate dean of learning and student development at the North Haven campus for three years before becoming the college's associate dean of learning, corporate and continuing education.



Before joining Gateway, Wihbey worked as director of Middlesex Community College's Meriden Campus in Connecticut and held various positions at Naugatuck Valley Community College. She has received numerous awards including the 2008 Exemplary Leadership Award from the New England College Board and the Tamarack Woman of the Year award from the American Association of Women in Community Colleges.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Fairfield University, a Master of Science degree in counseling from Southern Connecticut State University and a Ph.D. degree in educational psychology from the University of Connecticut. She is a nationally certified counselor. She has been an adjunct instructor in the Graduate School of Education, Counseling and School Psychology department at Southern Connecticut State University. She is an accreditation site visitor for the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and has participated in all aspects of the accreditation process.

**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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***Editor's note:*** Please contact the College Relations and Marketing office for a high resolution photo of Dr. Wihbey.

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