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## **Palm Beach Community College appoints new provost for Belle Glade campus**

(Belle Glade, Fla. – June 18, 2009) Dr. Marcia Hardney has been named the new provost of Palm Beach Community College at Belle Glade.

She was appointed by President Dennis P. Gallon following a nationwide search. Hardney will begin her new role at the Belle Glade campus Aug. 5. She is coming on board as construction is underway for a 28,766-square-foot Technical Education Center, which will be PBCC's first building constructed entirely to the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards established by the U.S. Green Building Council.

"I look forward to joining the leadership of Palm Beach Community College at the Belle Glade campus," Hardney said. "I'm looking forward to becoming actively involved with the community, faculty, staff and students particularly as the new Technical Education Center comes into fruition. My goal is to continue building lifelong learning, innovation and sustainability."

Hardney is currently associate director of Jacksonville State University's off-campus Gadsden Center. The Alabama-based university's Gadsden Center serves about 800 upper division community college transfer students and graduate students in a variety of disciplines. She has worked in that role since 1999.

Prior to that, she was dean of instruction at Ayers State Technical College in Anniston, Ala. Hardney began working in higher education in 1987 after a 12-year career at AT&T Communications as a business marketing administrator and human resources manager. She worked at the Maricopa County Community College District in Phoenix, Ariz. at Rio Salado Community College before moving to the Houston Community



College System where she worked as assistant to the chancellor and later coordinator of institutional effectiveness.

She holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and a Master of Education degree in counselor education from Boston University and a Ph.D. degree in educational administration from the University of Texas at Austin.

**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. Hardney.

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