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Six Palm Beach State College students named to Phi Theta Kappa All-Florida Academic Team

(Lake Worth, Fla. - April 13, 2010) Six Palm Beach State College students were tapped for the 2010 Phi Theta Kappa All-Florida Academic Team because of their outstanding academic achievement, leadership and community service.

The All-Florida Academic Team is divided into two teams based on the level of students' achievements. On the first team are **Daniel Hill** (Lake Worth) and **Yusnier Sonora-Lopez** (Palm Beach Gardens). The second team includes **Eliezer Kinberg** (Boca Raton), who is this year's student representative on the Palm Beach State College District Board of Trustees, **Manuela Loebig** (Palm Beach Gardens), **Rosario Pozzo-Lazarte** (Boca Raton) and **Daniel Rodriguez** (Belle Glade). They are among 103 students representing Florida's 28 state, community and junior colleges, one independent college and one independent university chosen for this year's team.

The Florida Department of Education recognized the students during an awards ceremony held at Walt Disney World's Swan and Dolphin Resort April 8 as part of the annual convention for Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society for two-year colleges.

"This is a testament to the students' commitment to academic excellence, and they deserve the recognition," said English Professor Idell McLaughlin who has been the advisor for the Phi Theta Kappa chapter at Palm Beach State in Palm Beach Gardens for more than 20 years.

The All-Florida Academic Team is composed of students who were nominated by their respective colleges to the All-USA Academic Team competition. Students were

nominated based on their participation in honors programs; membership in and awards received from academic or honors organizations; awards and honors received for academic and leadership accomplishments; academic enrichment achieved through study; internships and cultural experiences and sharing of academic attainments, knowledge and skills through community service.

For a complete list of the 2010 Phi Theta Kappa All-Florida Academic Team, visit http://www.fldoe.org/CC/Students/PTK_team/Newsletter/voltwo.asp. To learn more about the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, visit <http://www.ptk.org/>.

Serving more than 50,000 students annually, Palm Beach State 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. Established in 1933 as Florida's first public community college, it offers more than 100 programs of study at locations in Lake Worth, Boca Raton, Palm Beach Gardens and Belle Glade.

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