



Palm Beach State College celebrates Spanish Language Heritage Week April 19 -23

(Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. -- April 15, 2010) Palm Beach State College will host the first Spanish Language Celebration Week April 19 – 23 at the Palm Beach Gardens campus.

Spanish culture and heritage will come alive on the Palm Beach Gardens campus with an exciting array of performances, lectures, and presentations celebrating Spanish history, politics, and the arts. Sponsored by the Eissey Campus foreign language department and the Spanish Club, area musicians, poets, singers, dancers, and historians will gather to perform and discuss both past and contemporary Spanish arts and culture.

The festival begins on Monday, April 19, with a flamenco workshop and presentation by Damaris Ferrer from Bailes Ferrer, Inc.; a lecture on Miguel de Cervantes by renowned scholar, Javier Usero,; and a classical concert by University of Miami music professor, Rene Gonzalez.

The week continues with more celebrations of the arts, politics, and history: poetry readings by local poets and by Mexican Consul, Arturo Morell, Director of the Mexican Institute of Culture; musical concerts by Suenos Musicales and the Taquig-Inti Singers of the Sun; and lectures and discussions on "Immigration," "Rock en Espanol," and "Spanish Republican Exiles in the Dominican Republic."

The festival concludes on Friday evening at the Eissey Campus Theatre, with "Fiesta de las Americas," featuring a presentation on "Successful Latinos in South Florida," a musical performance by the Taquig-Inti Singers, and a dance performance by the Panamanian Folkloric Dance Group: Aires Panameños.

The Eiskey Campus Humanities Opportunity (ECHO) Fund provided financial support for this year's festival. Other sponsors include La Palma newspaper and WBWP TV 57

For a complete listing of Spanish Language Celebration Week events, visit www.palmbeachstate.edu/SpanishWeek.xml . For more information call Patricia Betancourt at 561-207-5050

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