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Media Advisory

“College Is Possible” attracts about 600 high school students and parents

The half-day event is Feb. 23

What: Instead of sleeping in, 400 hundred Palm Beach County high school juniors and seniors and 170 of their parents will rise early and spend their Saturday morning learning how to make their dream of a college education possible.

The “College is Possible” event will include eight break-out sessions to help students and their parents understand everything from navigating the admissions process and choosing the right academic program to understanding the funding options and applying for financial aid. This is a joint effort of Palm Beach State College, the School District of Palm Beach County and ASPIRA of Florida to help students and their parents know that *College is Possible!* Sessions will be offered in English, Spanish and Creole. **Dr. Maria M. Vallejo**, provost at Palm Beach State College in Lake Worth; **Dr. Peter Barbatis**, vice president of student services and enrollment management at Palm Beach State; **Keith Oswald**, assistant superintendent of curriculum and learning support at the Palm Beach County school district and **George Cabrera**, CEO of ASPIRA of Florida, will provide remarks.

When: 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. – Feb. 23, 2013 - The welcome and general session begins at 9 a.m., and concurrent breakout sessions begin at 10 a.m. There also will be an academic marketplace and lunch from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.)

Where: Duncan Theatre at Palm Beach State College, 4200 Congress Ave., Lake Worth

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