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Interior Design Business Partnership Council at Palm Beach State adds new members

(Lake Worth, Fla. – June 3, 2013) Two prominent interior design professionals have joined Palm Beach State College's Business Partnership Council for Interior Design Technology, which is an Associate in Science degree program at the College.

The new council members are:



Joseph Cortes, ASID, president and creative director of HomeLife Interiors, based in West Palm Beach.

A graduate of Pratt Institute and Palm Beach State College, Cortes enjoys mentoring students and sharing his design experience, which includes two decades in his native New York City. HomeLife Interiors is a winner of the Design Excellence Award from the American Society of Interior Designers and a participant in seven Red Cross Designers' Show Houses.



Gosia Fedele, ASID, founder and principal designer for Designed Spaces, LLC, based in Jupiter.

A 1998 graduate of Palm Beach State's Interior Design Technology A.S. degree program, Fedele started her interior design business in 2006. She is currently serving on the Board of Directors of the ASID Florida South Chapter as President Elect. Fedele also is a National Council for Interior Design Qualification certificate holder.

Palm Beach State's long-established Business Partnership Councils play a vital role in ensuring that students are prepared with relevant knowledge and skills that meet the needs of area employers. Currently 400-plus leaders serve on more than 25 councils for career programs in fields ranging from electrical power technology and computer science to trade and industry, dental health and biotechnology.

Business Partnership Council members, who are professionals in the field served and potential employers of graduates, offer invaluable advice on training requirements. The councils also help maintain a cooperative relationship between Palm Beach State and local industries, businesses, professions and governmental agencies and support the College's role as an active partner in the economic development of Palm Beach County.

For more information about the College's Business Partnership Councils, visit www.palmbeachstate.edu/BPC. For more information about the Interior Design Technology A.S. degree program, visit www.palmbeachstate.edu/programs/InteriorDesign.

Serving 49,000 students annually, Palm Beach State College is the largest institution of higher education in Palm Beach County, providing bachelor's degrees, 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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