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FLORIDA'S CHIEF JUSTICE TO SPEAK AT PBCC'S MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION

Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Harry Lee Anstead will be the keynote speaker at Palm Beach Community College's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Breakfast.

Themed "Together as One," the celebration will be held at 8 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 16 at the fountain courtyard at PBCC in Lake Worth, 4200 Congress Ave. It is open to public. However, advance registration is required. Please call (561) 868-3115.

As part of the event, the College will present leadership awards to Palm Beach County Commissioner Addie Greene, a former four-term member of the state House of Representatives and an advocate for economic development and international trade, and Barbara Matthews, Ed.D, a PBCC professor for 35 years and an advocate for civil, legal and human rights. The College also will present an award to ASPIRA (which means aspire in Spanish), a local organization that focuses on teaching Latino and other youth self-esteem and cultural awareness to get them through high school and into college.

Anstead was appointed to the state's high court by Governor Lawton Chiles in 1994 and was unanimously selected last year by his peers on the Supreme Court to serve as Florida's 50th chief justice.

After 13 years as a trial and appellate lawyer, he was elected to Florida's Fourth District Court of Appeal in West Palm Beach in 1976 and served there until his appointment to the Supreme Court. He has consistently received the highest approval ratings among Supreme Court justices and appellate judges in the statewide judicial polls of Florida lawyers, including the highest rating of 95 percent in 1994.

Anstead was a founder and leader of the Urban League of Palm Beach County, the Beautiful Palm Beaches, Inc. and the American Inns of Court.

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