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PALM BEACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE DEAN CHOSEN FOR NATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Penny McIsaac, dean of student services at Palm Beach Community College in Lake Worth, has been chosen to participate in the National Institute for Leadership Development's LEADERS program, an international program for administrators and faculty in higher education.

The year-long program is designed to enhance the skills participants need to assume major decision-making roles in their institutions. It includes institutional practice in supervisory and human relations skills, planning and budgeting and organizational transformation as well as discussions with national experts on the issues confronting higher education during the next decade.

"It's a terrific professional development opportunity for me," said McIsaac, who was nominated for the program by PBCC at Lake Worth Provost Maria Vallejo, Ph.D., and Sharon Sass, Ph.D., vice president of academic affairs. "It was an honor to have both Dr. Vallejo and Dr. Sass support me."

During the program, Dr. Sass will mentor McIsaac on a project to help the college and foster individual professional growth. McIsaac's project will involve developing an academic intervention early warning system for faculty to use to help identify students who are having difficulty in school.

McIsaac, a Boynton Beach resident, has been dean of student services for three years. She holds a bachelor's degree from Florida State University and a master's degree in education from Florida Atlantic University.

LEADERS participants are chosen for their professional abilities, their interests in advancement in higher education and the quality of their proposed projects. The National Institute for Leadership Development is internationally recognized by colleges, universities and businesses for its visionary, holistic programs that produce leaders who effectively challenge assumptions, eliminate barriers and create new pathways to successful solutions.

Editors Note: To obtain a photo of Penny McIssac, go to:
<http://www.pbcc.edu/crm/releasepics/McIssacPenny.jpg>