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Five PBCC Professors Honored for Excellent Teaching

(Lake Worth —Aug. 26, 2003) Four Palm Beach Community College professors and one adjunct professor have received the PBCC Professor of the Year Award.

Professors Carol Alexander, Stephen Gibson, Kim Parker and Karin St. Pierre and Adjunct Professor Patricia Ott were selected from among at least 100 nominations submitted by students, faculty and staff. They each received gold engraved medallions, \$500, a certificate and dinner with PBCC President Dennis Gallon.

They were judged on five criteria: delivers clear and easy-to-understand criteria; is well organized and manages time effectively; promotes interest, enthusiasm and active learning; uses effective techniques, methodologies and technologies; engages in student and student success related activities.

Alexander teaches nursing in Lake Worth and is also the advisor for the Nursing Student Association. She holds a master's degree in nursing from Boston University.

Gibson teaches English in Belle Glade. He holds a master's degree from Syracuse University and has authored several books of poetry.

Ott teaches education courses via distance learning. She holds two master's degrees in counseling and education from Wright State University in Ohio. She is a retired secondary classroom teacher and school counselor and a retired clinical supervisor in an addictions treatment agency. She was an adjunct professor at Edison Community College in Ohio and has been an adjunct professor at PBCC since 1995.

Parker teaches speech communications in Boca Raton and also serves as a senior coach on the College's Brain Bowl team. She's known to help many overcome speech phobia. She holds a master's degree from Florida State University.

St. Pierre has taught English full-time in Palm Beach Gardens since 1990. She got her start as a student at PBCC more than 20 years ago. She holds a master's degree from Florida Atlantic University.

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