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PBCC Athletics Director Headed for Hall of Fame

(Oct. 6, 2003, – Lake Worth) Hamid Faquire, who has led the athletics department 18 of his 31 years at Palm Beach Community College, is being inducted this month into the Florida Community College Activities Association Hall of Fame.

He will be honored at an induction ceremony Oct. 31 during the Florida Association of Community Colleges annual convention in Orlando.

“To get honored for something that I have enjoyed and would have done for free is a great honor,” said Faquire, who also serves as director of student activities.

FCCAA is a statewide organization that regulates, coordinates and promotes intercollegiate activities in athletics, Brain Bowl, forensics, music, student government, student publications, theater and visual arts.

Established in 1993, the FCCAA Hall of Fame honors administrators, coaches, advisors, officials, student athletes and other nominees who have contributed a minimum of 10 years to FCCAA or one of its member colleges.

Born in Uganda, Faquire has a professional career as intriguing as his days growing up in the East Africa country.

He received his Cambridge High School certificate there and won three Ugandan National Junior Tennis Championships. He climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro with the Outward Bound Program in 1958. In 1961, while studying at Royal College of Surgeons in Dublin, he earned the first Waterford Trophy ever given for winning the Southeast Ireland Tennis Championship. He also played in the Premiere Hockey League in Ireland. He was one of the best men’s volleyball players in East Africa.

Faquire began his career at PBCC in 1972 as the college’s first internal auditor. He was tennis coach from 1971 until 1978 when he became financial aid director. He also served as advisor for the Beachcomber student newspaper from about 1978 through 1999.

In 1985, he became director of athletics and student activities. During his tenure, PBCC has won three national titles, 18 state titles and 54 southern conference

titles. He started the women's basketball program and reinstated the volleyball program.

He holds a bachelor's degree in finance and accounting from Florida State University and a master's degree in counseling from Florida Atlantic University.

For a high-resolution photo of Hamid Faquire click on the image or go to www.pbcc.edu/crm/releasepics/hamid.jpg.