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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Palm Beach Community College Asks 70,000 Graduates, Students, Faculty & Friends to Participate in 70th Anniversary Celebration on November 6th**

#### **PBCC Students & Alumni Can Participate On-Site or Online**

#### **Anniversary Activities for Florida's First Public Community College Will Include Multimedia History Exhibits, Memories Video, Live Music, Antique Autos & "Reunion Corner"**

(Lake Worth, FL -- October 23, 2003) **Palm Beach Community College** is asking approximately 70,000 people to participate in the 70th anniversary celebration of Florida's first public community college. The event's theme -- **"70 Years of Shaping the Future"** -- emphasizes the vital role that PBCC continues to play in South Florida.

PBCC's 70th anniversary celebration will be held on Thursday, November 6th, from 4 to 7 p.m., at the college's new Education and Training Center, located on the southeast corner of Congress Ave. and Lake Worth Road. Advance notice or reservations are not required.

"The 70,000 total include 63,000 alumni -- from PBCC's first three graduates in 1936 to the 2,876 graduates earlier this year -- plus approximately 7,000 current and former students, faculty, staff and friends," says **Toni Wolf**, PBCC College Relations & Marketing Specialist, who is coordinating the gala event. "Best of all, people can participate in our 70th anniversary celebration in two ways: either on-site or online."

"While we expect several hundred of our alumni, students and faculty to actually attend the November 6th celebration on our Lake Worth campus, all 70,000 invitees can participate online. Not only will we have live Web cam coverage of the entire event at [www.pbcc.edu](http://www.pbcc.edu), but people can also click on and view PBCC's special anniversary video," adds Wolf.

Other highlights of PBCC's 70th anniversary celebration include:

□ **Multimedia historical exhibits** from each decade will highlight the festivities, detailing the College's temporary homes at the former Palm Beach High School in downtown West Palm Beach, Morrison Field (now Palm Beach International Airport) and Lake Park Town Hall. The impact of World War II veterans and the GI Bill will be explored along with stories from the years of integration and the merger with Roosevelt Junior College, expansion to four separate locations and the life of master teacher Watson B. Duncan for whom the campus theatre in Lake Worth is named.

□ Members of the **Palm Beach Antique Car Club** and other vintage car aficionados will display classic autos from the last seven decades, and **PBCC ensembles** will perform popular songs from the last 70 years.

□ PBCC staff members have created a **70th anniversary video** with interviews from key players in the College's history as well as handmade (by fine arts and graphic design students and professors) anthologies of memories collected by the 70th anniversary committee.

□ PBCC **students in period costume** will greet visitors and accompany the historical displays and antique cars.

□ **"Reunion Corner"** will provide a quiet, comfortable place to swap stories and greet old friends.

Refreshments and mementos of PBCC's **"70 Years of Shaping the Future"** will be available at the November 6th Open House.

**About Palm Beach Community College:**

Palm Beach Community College, a richly diverse comprehensive two-year institution with a history of achievement since 1933, offers more than 90 programs of study at locations in Lake Worth, Boca Raton, Belle Glade and Palm Beach Gardens. PBCC is dedicated to serving the educational needs of Palm Beach County by providing associate degrees in arts and science, professional certificates, workforce development and lifelong learning.

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