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## **Nearly 1,300 students to graduate from PBCC**

### **County Commissioner Warren Newell, a PBCC Alumnus, Will Be Among the Commencement Speakers Dec. 17**

(Boca Raton, Fla. - Dec. 15, 2003) –County Commissioner **Warren Newell**, a Palm Beach Community College alumnus whose grandfather was one of the College's first instructors, will be among several speakers at Commencement.

Commencement will be held at 6 p.m. Dec. 17 in the Florida Atlantic University gymnasium in Boca Raton. Nearly 1,300 students will receive their associate in arts, associate in science and associate in applied science degrees.

Warren, a 1976 PBCC graduate, will conduct the alumni induction ceremony. Other speakers include Board of Trustees Chairperson **David H. Talley**, PBCC President **Dennis P. Gallon**, Ph.D. and students, **Karen Berger** and **Eric Hussey**, who were chosen for their high academic performance and participation in college organizations and activities. Berger, a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society, plans to further her education at Nova Southeastern University and become a pharmacist. Hussey, also a member of Phi Theta Kappa, is an engineering student.

Newell's grandfather, **Henry A. Newell**, volunteered to teach mathematics in the early years of then Palm Beach Junior College, which was established 70 years ago in 1933. In 1996, the Student Learning Center, formerly the Center for Personalized Instruction at PBCC in Lake Worth, was named in honor of the elder Newell, who died in 1954. He taught in Palm Beach County schools for 40 years, mostly at Palm Beach High School and PBCC.

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