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Happy Spring!

This has been a most active, busy semester. We support each of the campuses’ activities and programs, serving our students and leading to their academic and personal success. Our work is frequently changing with new, emerging technologies, societal changes, and the diversification of our students’ needs and interests. It is an exciting time and we are most fortunate to be fellow explorers in the pursuit of higher education at Palm Beach State College.

As students approach the end of the Spring 2013 Term, we wish you good luck on your final exams and class projects. Many of our students combine college, work and family, and we understand the stresses you encounter. Please remember the College-wide Counseling Center, your advisors, mentors, and faculty who are here for you.

We congratulate those who will be graduating in May and moving on to new academic challenges or the work world! Best wishes. For those of you who plan to continue at Palm Beach State and enroll in one of the summer terms, please register early to avoid long lines and closed classes. Our Summer 2013 semester begins May 15th (first 6 weeks/full 12 week term) or June 25th (second 6 weeks).

Have a safe and productive semester!

Dr. Peter Barbatis
VP of Student Services & Enrollment Management

Palm Beach State History

Establishing Florida’s first public two-year college in the depths of the Great Depression may have seemed like folly in 1933. Large government expenditures were out of the question. Still, civic organizations and local citizens lobbied the County Board of Public Instruction to open a two-year public college for the area’s high school graduates who were unable to find employment and couldn’t afford to leave home to attend a university.

County School Superintendent Joe Youngblood and Howell Watkins, principal of Palm Beach High School, consulted with the University of Florida and the Florida State Women’s College (Florida State University) and based the College’s curriculum on that of the two
universities. Because of the Depression-era budget, teachers at Palm Beach High School volunteered to teach at the College for free.

A total of 41 students began classes on Nov. 14, 1933, at the new Palm Beach Junior College adjacent to the high school in downtown West Palm Beach. Youngblood and Watkins (the first dean of the College) founded and nurtured the fledgling institution until John I. Leonard became its first president in 1936. Leonard was affectionately known as “Mr. Junior College” because of his dedication to the students, the College and the two-year college system.

By 1948, the College had outgrown its original building and moved to Morrison Field, a retired Air Force base used in World War II, where the library was housed in a vast airplane hangar and the Officer’s Club became the perfect Student Union Building. Just three years later, though, the Korean Conflict erupted, and Morrison Field was reactivated. The air base later became Palm Beach International Airport.

Almost five years later the Board of Public Instruction of Palm Beach County donated 114 acres in Lake Worth to the College, and the state gave PBJC $1 million for buildings. The College finally had a permanent home. Harold C. Manor, Ph.D., became president in 1958 directing extraordinary growth in enrollment, services and offerings, including many technical and vocational programs.

In 1951 Palm Beach Junior College moved yet again, to Lake Park Town Hall, where the quarters were so cramped students had to be turned away, and enrollment dropped significantly to less than 200. Chemistry class was held in the jail. The local media dubbed it “the little orphan college,” but the Lake Park location is remembered fondly by its alumni for the camaraderie that existed there. Master English and Speech Professor Watson B. Duncan taught classes in the nearby church and even in the hallway.
In 1965, the state legislature ordered that black and white two-year colleges be merged, and the mostly white Palm Beach Junior College and the all-black Roosevelt Junior College became one. Six professors and staff members from Roosevelt were transferred to PBJC, and other faculty members were transferred to the school district.

Current president Dennis P. Gallon, Ph.D., has expanded the College’s comprehensive mission with more workforce programs and partnerships with business, industry, educational institutions and various agencies. In 2008, the College received State Board of Education approval to offer its first baccalaureate degree, a Bachelor of Applied Science in Supervision and Management. Upper-level courses in this degree program began in 2009, and the College was renamed Palm Beach State College in 2010 to reflect its expanded educational offerings.

In the 1970s and 80s the College established satellite centers, then permanent locations in Belle Glade, Palm Beach Gardens and Boca Raton. Edward M. Eissey, Ph.D., president from 1978 to 1996, was the driving force behind the building boom and the name change to Palm Beach Community College in 1988.
CAREER DEVELOPMENT

2 EXPLORING COLLEGE & CAREER OPTIONS WORKSHOPS

This free workshop is for new and prospective students who are uncertain about their major. Learn about resources to research different occupations. Learn how to relate interests to degrees and programs of study and identify your best options. Each workshop is 90 minutes long and held in CT 105 on the Lake Worth campus. Scheduled dates are: May 22 at 5pm; June 6 at 5pm; June 25 at 4:30pm; July 17 at 3pm; July 25 at 5pm; August 6 at 4:30pm; and August 15 at 4:30pm. These are free workshops but registration is required

Where: Lake Worth campus - CT 105
When: Wednesday, May 22, 2013 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Contact: rufinor@palmbeachstate.edu or 561-868-3066

3 RADIOPHARY OPEN HOUSE

Attend a free Open House and meet the faculty and learn more about the medical imaging programs (radiography) at Palm Beach State College on the Palm Beach Gardens campus. All sessions are Thursday afternoon from 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm and held in the Lewis Center, room LC 120 (unless otherwise noted). The following open house sessions will be held in the BioScience Building SC 127: May 30, June 27, July 25, and August 29. For program information, visit the website at: www.palmbeachstate.edu/programs/Radiography

Where: Palm Beach Gardens Campus - SC 127
When: Thursday, May 30, 2013 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Contact: balikm@palmbeachstate.edu 561-207-5010

4 REGISTERED NURSE INFORMATION SESSION

This session is your gateway to current information about the course of study leading to the title of Registered Nurse (RN). The four-semester Nursing program at Palm Beach State College confers an Associate of Science Degree to successful graduates, upon completion of required criteria. Scheduled sessions are from 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm in AH 101 on these dates: May 14, and May 29. For program information, visit the website at: www.palmbeachstate.edu/programs/nursing/

Where: Lake Worth campus - AH 101
When: Thursday, May 14, May 29, 2013 4:00 PM 5:00 PM
Contact: bolesr@palmbeachstate.edu or 561-868-3412

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Palm Beach State College
Test Centers

What’s New!  Spring 2013

The Student Test Appointment Program has been expanded. Now in its second year, the student test appointment program has expanded to include additional test options. Check individual campuses for current schedules.

PERT New Retest Policy

In accordance with Florida Board Rule 6A 10.0315, college students have a maximum of two attempts on each subsection (reading, writing and math) on the PERT.

Proof of remediation is required between the initial administration and a 2nd attempt. Evidence of remediation must be presented to the test administrator before a retake is administered. Remediation options include:
- Completion of a preparatory course where a passing grade was not achieved OR
- A letter from a private provider attesting to the fact the student completed 10 hours of remediation in the applicable subject area OR
- Information on the book/materials used if the student completed remediation on their own.

Requests to retake any section of the test beyond the two attempts will be granted under specific circumstances, only:
- Student has two attempts but the scores have expired OR
- Student has completed a prep course in each applicable subject area where a passing grade was not achieved

Test Administrations

Collectively, the Palm Beach State Test Centers administered approximately 30,000 exams in one year. Included, were various types of exams. There was a substantial increase in PBSC faculty distance learning, make up and ADA make up testing.

Ensuring student success and retention is a college-wide effort and there are numerous retention practices that have a great impact on student retention. Some of these practices pertain to testing.

- Testing centers provide a mandated course placement testing program (PERT). Placement testing is one of several factors detailing a student’s strengths and weaknesses.
- A PBSC faculty make up exam is a test taken under the supervision of testing staff.
- PBSC test centers offer optional testing service for students and faculty requesting approved accommodation testing.
- PBSC test centers work with faculty and students to provide necessary support and ensure quality delivery of distance learning testing.
- PBSC testing centers assist in providing comprehensive data needed to improve academic support services.
- Test Center policies and procedures provide students with reasonable expectations and outcomes during the testing experience.

Special Information for Faculty

- Test Center Appointment Program offering weekly test schedules for students.
- Tests offered, test fees and test information.
- Policies and procedures for students, faculty and staff.
- Faculty test instruction forms for make up and distance learning testing.

Check for test center updates and current information.

All available @ www.palmbeachstate.edu/testing

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Panther Cup is an event that offers Palm Beach State College students an opportunity to participate in various outdoor athletic contests geared to help students further develop their teambuilding, leadership, and good sportsmanship skills. Panther Cup is similar to field day. With the Panther Cup Campus Challenge, all four campuses compete against one another to win our Panther Cup trophy (which travels every year to the winning campus) and medals.
The weekend of November 9-11 marked the first of two Phi Beta Lambda state leadership conferences, the latter of which will be held in the upcoming spring. These leadership conferences are an excellent opportunity for students to obtain leadership, computer, and business skills that only Phi Beta Lambda has to offer. The Fall Leadership Conference in Melbourne was just a brief taste of what Phi Beta Lambda - the college level Future Business Leaders of America - has to offer: networking opportunities with other peers who have a passion for what they do, as well as potential employers and specialists in many different fields; workshops in which students can gain life-long skills that can be used later in the workplace, such as effective time management; exceptional motivational speakers; and the excitement of meeting other students and making new friends in events like floor volleyball. Students had the opportunity to compete in various on-the-spot tests such as communication, word processing, and sports management, perfect for any students who enjoy competition or students that are looking to add to their resume. In addition, there were numerous workshops like resume building for those who would like to add more strength to their resume or stand out in today’s competitive business environment, as well as workshops on time management, for those who can’t seem to balance the rigorous responsibilities of academic requirements, an active social life, jobs and internships, as well as extracurricular activities.

Students are still able to join Phi Beta Lambda and eligible to go to the spring leadership conference in Orlando by entering into a competition from a wide range of business, leadership, and computer skills and topics such as Business law, Economics, Sports management, Impromptu speaking, Networking design, Word processing, and Communications. Students who are able to place in any of 60+ competitions are able to win money, recognition, and are able to travel to the national leadership conference in California.

If you would like to know more, please visit us in room SCC-154 Mondays at 2:00 P.M, or talk to our advisors Dana Hamadeh or Shannon Whitman. To be successful in life (as in business) one must take the necessary actions. Don't just read about it--be a part of it.
On Saturday, November 3, 2012 at the Special Olympics Annual Volunteer Appreciation Banquet, Palm Beach State College Lake Worth campus was honored as the 2012 Volunteer Group of-the-Year award. Palm Beach State College was selected among the 158 agencies, associations, clubs, schools, and groups who volunteer with Special Olympics Palm Beach County. Palm Beach State College volunteers for every Special Olympics local area game or event since 2009, forging a special relationship with the repeat athletes that play in each sport. Dan Fawcett, Special Olympics Volunteer Coordinator, is so familiar with the devoted student volunteers from Palm Beach State College, that he knows each one by name. This is a big feat for someone who meets and manages over 1,000 volunteers per year. Special Olympics of Palm Beach County provides year-round sports training and athletic competition for persons with intellectual disabilities. This provides them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympic athletes and the community. Student Anderson Phebe states, “I have been volunteering with Special Olympics with our volunteer program since 2010 and I cannot express enough how much I truly enjoy every minute. My experience working with the athletes and the organization has positively changed my outlook in life and has influenced me to reanalyze my career path through my passion.”
Panther Pack, the College official athletic Fan Club, hosted the “PACK THE HOUSE RETURNS CAMPUS CHALLENGE” pep rally on Wednesday, January 23, 2013. Over 300 students, faculty, staff, family members and friends came out to cheer the Women’s Basketball team to a victory over Broward College. As guests piled into the gym, they were greeted by Center for Student Leadership members and ASPIRA members with wristbands to represent their campus. A campus challenge was held to see which campus could pack the most students in the gym. The Boca campus not only won the student attendance challenge, but their Palmer Mascot won the fans over with its dance moves during the halftime mascot competition.

The Panther Pack hosted a block party after the game to celebrate the victory with a live DJ, light-up giveaways, pizza, and s’mores! Student Life would like to thank everyone who came out to the event and showed their support for the athletes.
“That’s how we roll!” is the way Dr. Mark Taylor explains the multi-generational workplace working with baby boomers. As a baby boomer himself, Dr. Taylor would tell you he is a relationship person, while the Generation X’ers prefer to work alone and get annoyed with his generation. He shared his wisdom and research to an audience of students, faculty, and staff on the Boca campus January 25. He shared that he rarely speaks to students and thinks he ought to do it more often because he enjoyed the interaction. Students in the audience laughed at the different descriptions of the generations. One student blurted out “That’s my dad!” while staff in the audience were nodding in agreement to the characteristics of Generation NeXt.

The student services staff had a private sitting with Dr. Taylor at Professional Development Day on March 19. His two-hour lecture included what Student Services does right to meet the needs of Generation NeXt and what traits one should know when working with a multi-generational student population. He was entertaining, informative, and gave beautiful insight on the people one works with, as well as the customers the College services every day.
Palm Beach State College, in collaboration with stakeholders at the School District of Palm Beach County and community-based organization ASPIRA of Florida, hosted the first annual College is Possible event on February 23, 2013. College is Possible is a college outreach event offering access and academic opportunities through college preparation workshops for high school juniors, seniors, and their families. This one-day event offered concurrent workshops in a variety of topics ranging from college admissions, financial aid, scholarships, life after high school, as well as what to expect in college. At the conclusion of the workshops, participants were invited to an Academic Marketplace showcasing the college’s academic programs, and student support services.

Palm Beach State College students set a fun atmosphere including music, games, and food. This unique event utilized volunteers and presenters from the School District of Palm Beach County high school counseling staff, graduation coaches, ASPIRA staff and mentors, Palm Beach State College professors, student services staff, academic programs, and administrators. Each grade level had a customized track specific to their needs as well as special tracks for parents. All student and parent workshops were offered in English, Spanish, and Creole.

College is Possible is the first of its kind in Palm Beach County and at Palm Beach State College. During this inaugural event, the attendance rate and overall goals of the project were accomplished with great success. The planning of this event began in the beginning of the fall term of 2012 through the recommendations and leadership of the Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) Initiative Committee. Through this initiative, the College has been able to provide college information and access to the community.

The College is Possible project made great use of resources both at college as well as the school district. The planning for this event was led by Susy Martinez-White, Program Director, and Karline Prophete, Testing Center Manager, as co-chairs representing Academic Affairs, Student Services, and the Hispanic Serving Institution Initiative. There were two main committees involved in the planning process: an External Partners Committee and an Internal Logistics Committee. Colleagues worked together on developing workshop curriculum, procuring sponsorships, and researching resources for participants. There were approximately 40 committee members involved from start to finish.
On the day of the event, there were over 25 college student volunteers; 44 college, school district, and ASPIRA volunteers; and over 50 workshop team facilitators – all working together. Each workshop was led by both a College Student Services academic advisor and high school counselor or graduation coach. This provided students and parents a well-rounded orientation on specific topics on college planning.

The impact of College is Possible, even in our first year, was extremely apparent. For this event, we set a goal of registering 250 participants and recruiting 10 high schools to participate. We surpassed that goal by registering over 500 students and parents with over 26 high schools participating from all corners of Palm Beach County – one of the largest school districts in the country. There is a definite need in our community and a hunger for college planning information and guidance. We are proud to be satisfying a need to our community and working so closely with the school district’s high school counseling staff to help students transition to the next level of education and to reach their academic goals. Not only was the project a success because of the participation with students, parents and schools, but it was also a great success from the perspective of leadership and commitment to the community and specifically to our Hispanic youth. The External Partners Committee was led by Dr. Vallejo, Provost of the Lake Worth campus, and Dr. Barbatis, Vice President of Student Services and Enrollment Management. This committee was comprised of representatives from the school district superintendent’s office, multicultural education department, school counseling, and public affairs department as well as the executive directors from both the local and state office of ASPIRA of Florida.

In addition to the committee work with our stakeholders, there was also an Internal Logistics Committee comprised of key College personnel all working together on the detailed logistics for the event. Special thanks to all departments and staff involved in the planning and the day of the event. College is Possible could not have been a success without your time, cooperation, and overall commitment to this project.
all the possibilities!

Be open to new fields and roles you never considered before.

Who is Eligible?
• Students enrolled during the current academic year
• Graduates of the College
• Prospective students for the upcoming semester with applications on file and test scores

Contact the Career Center nearest you for more details.

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College Mission Statement

Palm Beach State College, founded in 1933 as Florida’s first public community college, is a diverse, comprehensive institution dedicated to serving the educational needs of Palm Beach County. Integrally linked to the community through strong partnerships, the College provides associate and baccalaureate degrees, professional certificates, workforce development and lifelong learning.

Palm Beach State College’s mission is to create and sustain a dynamic teaching and learning environment that provides a high-quality, accessible, affordable education, preparing students to contribute and compete ethically and successfully in a diverse global community.