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Countywide Community Revitalization Team Meeting

DID YOU KNOW THAT...?

- ✚ Palm Beach State College was founded in 1933 as Florida's first public community college.



President Ava L. Parker, J.D.

Guest Speaker

Palm Beach State College

"Your Pathway to Success"

Ava L. Parker began serving as President of Palm Beach State College, the largest institution of higher education in Palm Beach County, effective July 1, 2015. She moved to that position after serving since 2012 as executive vice president and chief operating officer at Florida Polytechnic University, the state's first public university focused on applied research in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) fields. As the first executive hired, Parker was responsible for developing strategy, implementing the vision, building the team, opening the new campus and preparing for the university's Fall, 2014 inaugural class.

President Parker served for more than 10 years as member, vice chair and chair of the Florida Board of Governors of the State University System and also served on the University of Central Florida Board of Trustees. As an attorney, she was a partner in the Jacksonville firm of Lawrence & Parker, general counsel at Edward Waters College, general counsel for the 11th Episcopal District of the AME Church, assistant general counsel for the state Department of Transportation and assistant public defender in Miami-Dade County. She also is on the board of directors of Orchid Island Capital, a publicly-traded specialty finance company.

She earned her B.A. degree and J.D. degree from the University of Florida. She is married and has two children.

We look forward to seeing you and your neighbors!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact
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**Tuesday
November 10, 2015
10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.**

**Palm Beach State College
Public Safety Training Complex
Conf. Ctr./Rm. PSD-108
4200 S. Congress Ave.
Lake Worth, FL 33461**

Fast Facts



Economic impact on Palm Beach County

- \$1.1 billion
- Employs 2,525 full-time and part-time staff and faculty



424 students
enrolled in the
Dr. Floyd F. Koch
Honors College



**\$64.8
million**
awarded in
financial aid



Seventh largest

- 7th largest of 28 colleges
comprising the Florida
College System



Student profile

- 47,741 students
- 42% White
 - 28% Hispanic
 - 26% Black
 - 4% All others



6,515
degrees and
certificates
awarded

