



### Three Receive NCBAA's Southern Region Dr. Johnnie Ruth Clarke Award

Dr. Cynthia Jolliff-Johnson, Dr. Tunjarnika Coleman-Ferrell and Professor Roy Slater received the National Council on Black American Affairs of the American Association of Community Colleges Dr. Johnnie Ruth Clarke Award for excellence in the community college at the 2006 NCBAA Southern Regional Conference in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Individuals from the 11 states of the NCBAA/AACC Southern Region were nominated for the award.

Dr. Jolliff-Johnson, Director of Student Success at the St. Pete/Gibbs Campus of St. Petersburg College in St. Petersburg, Florida, has chaired for the past two years the community-based program More Voices More Choices Career Forum for students enrolled in middle and high schools. This forum is an annual event which exposes African-American youths to non-traditional careers. She serves on the Activity Task Force for St. Petersburg College's Title III Program, and she is a mentor for students involved in the Title III Program.

Jolliff-Johnson is a member of the college-wide African-American History Month Committee and chairs the African-American History Month Planning Committee at the St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus. In 2005 she was a participant in the Chancellor's Leadership Seminar, and in 2006 she served as chairperson for Leadership Pinellas' Education Day.



Slater, Coleman-Ferrell and Jolliff-Johnson

Dr. Coleman-Ferrell, Teacher Education Department chair and professor of education at Palm Beach Community College in Boca Raton, Florida, has taught for the past ten years in teacher education at PBCC and has served as a part-time professor at Florida Atlantic University in the Educational Leadership doctoral program and Foundations of Education. At both institutions she has worked to provide valuable research on distance learning, seminars and workshops in classroom administration and innovative technology training for professional development. Coleman-Ferrell initiated the vision for PBCC's Institute of Teacher Education and designed, developed and coordinated the field observation component for the College. She has been a co-producer and co-host for the "Foundations of Education Teaching Series"

on the Teacher Education Network in partnership with the School District of Palm Beach County, and has presented at several National and International conferences on Technology, Professional Development for Teachers and Administrators, and Multicultural Education.

Roy Slater is an assistant professor in the Fine Arts and Social Sciences Department at the Clearwater Campus of St. Petersburg College in St. Petersburg, Florida. He is president of the St. Petersburg College Chapter of NCBA/AACC and he serves on the NCBA Southern Region's Board of Directors. Slater is co-chair of the Clearwater campus African-American History Month Committee and he is a member of the college-wide African-American History Month Committee. He was honored for his work with chapter members in planning the annual Dr. Johnnie Ruth Clarke Scholarship Program, and setting up the Chapter's mentor program for Johnnie Ruth Clarke scholarship students. He also was recognized for his work in planning and moderating a number of academic forums on the Clearwater Campus.

The National Council on Black American Affairs Southern Region established the award in honor of Dr. Johnnie Ruth Clarke, the first African-American to receive a doctorate from the University of Florida's College of Education. Dr. Clarke served as dean of Gibbs Junior College in the 1950s, and served as assistant dean of academic affairs at St. Petersburg Junior College in the 1960s. She is remembered as an educator, mentor and humanitarian.