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EDC calls for Thomas E. Gamble Award Nominations

Award recognizes outstanding educator

Brevard County, Fla. (September 6, 2011) – The Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast (EDC) is currently seeking nominations for the *Thomas E. Gamble Excellence in Education for Economic Development Award*. The award is presented bi-annually to an individual who has improved the field of education and/or the way students are served. Recipients will have made long standing, consistent, and highly valued contributions to further education missions through community efforts on the Space Coast.

This award is named after one of the community's leading education professionals, Thomas E. Gamble, who, in 1999, was appointed president of Brevard Community College. Dr. Gamble devoted his educational career to serving undergraduates from all levels and walks of life, embracing the open door philosophy of the comprehensive community college. At BCC, he was instrumental in the development of the aerospace technology program, a national center of excellence of the National Science Foundation, a variety of curricular and technology enhancements, as well as significant physical enhancements at all of the college's five campuses.

Dr. Gamble was also a champion for the expansion of the partnerships with the University of Central Florida in Brevard County to improve upper division and graduate level offerings. Active in a broad spectrum of community support and education efforts, Dr. Gamble expanded the college's dual enrollment programs serving high school students with the largest such enrollments in the state of Florida, further creating additional avenues for students in Brevard County to continue their education at the highest of levels.

The EDC invites the community to submit a nomination for this honor (self-nominations are acceptable). Nominations can be submitted for this prestigious award [here](#) or click on the EDC 2011 Annual Meeting banner at www.SpaceCoastEDC.org.

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About the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast

The Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast is dedicated to attracting new business and investment and expanding existing industry throughout the Space Coast, influencing change on government laws and regulations affecting economic development, promoting the Space Coast to encourage new investment, supporting efforts of Space Coast military installations, and relaying new programs and procedures to assist manufacturing and high tech companies. The EDC is a private, not-for-profit coalition whose stakeholders are business leaders committed to the economic growth and stability of Florida's Space Coast. Visit www.SpaceCoastEDC.org.

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