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MAP Training in Full Swing

Contributed by Don Hanser



Rangers from various Marine Protected Areas in Palau recently completed a “Boating Safety and Outboard Engine Troubleshooting” training course offered through PCC Maintenance Assistance Program (MAP). The 40-hour course was developed for rangers from state governments in Palau that have designated marine protected areas. These rangers must depend on their boat in order to be able to carry out their protection and regulate activities. Safety and maintenance are important issues for them, and both of these topics were covered by Instructor Joshua Ngirngbedangel.

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Final Exam Just Around the Corner

According to PCC Academic Calendar, we only have 2 weeks left before the scheduled spring final examination period. Your success or failure may well be dependent on how you spend your time between now and the finals. To skip classes at this point in the semester will be a terrible mistake. You now need to ask yourself these questions: Where do I stand in my class(s)? In other words, am I in the A, B, C, D or F grade range? What do I need to do to receive the next higher grade for this course? Am I up to date in my reading? Have I perhaps forgotten to submit required work or project that was due? What are my chances to pass the course if I missed one more class time? Who has the answers to all these? The best person to see about your progress in class would be your instructor. Your instructors are always glad to help but they won't know what you need until you tell them. Again, these last 2 weeks will either help you PASS or FAIL. GOOD LUCK!

UNGIL SILS EL MORA REMECHUODEL



A PCC, Iuldimukl er ngii a rengalek ra school, sensei, ma rechedal a Board a odersii a sus e oureng er a kmal ungil el budech ma klen-geltengat el mo er a REMECHUODEL er a Belau el rokir.

Kom kmal mesaul e a Dios bol lomekngelten-gat er kemiu er tial ileakl el sils er kemiu.

HAPPY SENIOR CITIZEN'S DAY!

IMPORTANT MEETING FOR CSO

Friday, May 10, 2013 at 11:00am
PCC Assembly Hall

All members are expected to attend
this important meeting.

Palau Community College is an accessible public educational institution helping to meet the technical, academic, cultural, social, and economic needs of the students and communities by promoting learning opportunities and developing personal excellence.

Australian Volunteers Visit the College



(L-R) Dean Chilton, Emily Cormack, Project Coordinator (PACTAM)-Australian Volunteers International, Tony Mellen, Manager International Projects-Australian Volunteers and President Tellei

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During hands-on portions for the class trainees worked on various outboard engines that were available, but were also encouraged to bring their own engines into the shop. The training lasted for three weekends. All states sending trainees who successfully completed the course will receive a mechanic's tool kit that will allow their rangers to use their newly developed skills to keep their boat engines running properly

Water operators from outlying states of Palau also have been attending training to review and sharpen their skill at troubleshooting the electrical systems of their water treatment plants. This has meant becoming familiar with the electrical control panels for their pump stations—how they work, how they are wired, and what are their components. They also learned how to use an electrical tester. The goal of the training was to learn how to identify defects in the electrical system when a pump is not working, so that experts can make proper adjustments or repairs to the system. So far, two classes have been held covering this training topic, and one more is planned for the summer, in order that all the outlying states' water operators



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HIV AND TB PRESENTATIONS ON TUESDAY NIGHT

A Tuesday Night Program for dorm residents and interested students was held on April 30, 2013 at Cafeteria. GF-HIV Project Coordinator, Evita Ngirmeriil was the guest speaker for the evening. The topic for the night focused on HIV/AIDS & STI, and Tuberculosis (TB). Ms. Ngirmeriil emphasized how HIV/AIDS & STI are transmitted and discussed different stages of HIV infections. She also reiterated prevention methods to protect oneself and their partner through sexual activity. Ms. Ngirmeriil further discussed two types of Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) and common symptoms associated with them and how to protect yourself. In her last presentation of the night, she discussed how Tuberculosis is transmitted, signs and symptoms, and drug treatment including course of treatment and its duration. The Tuesday Night Program are an effort of the Student Life Office to provide informations and activities to the dorm residents to promote healthy living and lifestyle. For more information please contact Director Hilda N. Reklai at Student Life Office. 488-3036.

Osima is New Accounting Technician



PCC welcomed its newest employee at the Business Office on April 29, 2013. Join the Business Office team is PCC Alumni Jalavanda Osima, assuming her new post as an Accounting Technician. Osima completed her Associate of Science Degree in Business Accounting in 1999. She worked as a Secretary at the Cooperative Research Extension for six years.

BITS AND PIECES...

TOEFL Test Date

TOEFL TEST
MAY 04, 2013
SATURDAY

For more information, contact the
Ministry of Education 488-2952

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

Hours of Operation

Monday to Thursday: 8am - 8pm
Friday: 8am - 5pm
Saturday: 9am - 6pm
Sunday: CLOSED
Call 488-3540 for information

Calendar of Events

May 05 (S) Senior Citizens
Day (Holiday)
Observed on May 06 (M)

May 10 (F) Last Day
of Instruction

CE Instructors Wanted

**Instructors Wanted For
Summer Kids Program Classes**

Applications at CE Office

*Deadline to Submit Applications
May 16, 2013*

News/Stories Wanted

MESEKIU'S NEWS welcomes stories/
articles/announcements from students,
faculty, and staff. Submission deadline
is Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in hard and/or
electronic copies to dilubchs@palau.edu
and alvinam@palau.edu.

MOC/PCC Alumni articles are welcome.

Please call 488-2470/2471 X 251, 252,
& 253 for more information.

CRE RESEARCHER PRESENTS IN INDIA

Contributed by PCC-CRE

On April 10-16, 2013, PCC-CRE's Aquaculture Researcher, Mr. Miguel Delos Santos travelled to India to attend an International Seminar-Workshop on Mud Crab Aquaculture and Fisheries Management (ISMAF 2013) that was organized by the Ragiv Gandhi Centre for Aquaculture (RGCA) in Tamil Nadu, India and the Philippine based Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center, Aquaculture Department (SEAFDEC/AQD). The purpose of meeting was to bring together the mud crab scientists, industry practitioners/



Miguel Delos Santos standing in front of the poster that he presented at ISMAF 2013

stakeholders and the academe from various parts of the globe to discuss the present status of the industry, share insights of the relevant issues and identify the problem areas for further research and development on mud crab aquaculture and fisheries management for a sustainable mud crab also known as mangrove crab aquaculture industry. During the meeting, Mr. Delos Santos was able to share one of his research works on mangrove crab in Palau through a poster presentation entitled "The Effect of Tank Colors on the Survival Rate of Mudcrab *Scylla serrata*" Larvae. Country papers on the current aquaculture and fishery management practices in the Indo-Pacific region were presented by their respective country representatives, followed a visit to the RGCA Mud Crab Hatchery and Grow-out Demonstration Farms was also conducted. to provide the scientists and researchers the directions for their future research activities on mud crab. Three separate workshop sessions were held to tackle the issues on Biology/Hatchery, Grow-out/Soft Shell Farming and Fisheries Management. It was also during the meeting that the international participants agreed to change the name of "mudcrab" to "mangrove crab" as common name for the portunid crab under the genus *Scylla*.

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may receive this training. The class was developed and taught by PCC Electrical Instructor, Jerry Taroy, with support from the Maintenance Assistance Program (MAP) at the college. The water operators spent three weekends attending this course at PCC and it was followed up with on-site-training fro the operators on their own state water systems by Mr. Taroy.

For information about trainings and any other vocational programs offered at PCC, contact the telephone number 488-2470/2471 during working hours from Monday to Friday.



ALUMNI NOTES

Class of 2001

Cindy Fritz



Earned an AS degree in Business Accounting. Proceeded on to achieve a BA in Business Accounting from the University of Tampa, Florida in 2003. She works as an Auditor in the office of Deloitte & Touche for the past nine years.
Message: First year in college is a challenge as it is the beginning of one's independence.

Attend PCC first as you're safely home and can always take a break and go back and finish your education.

Class of 1988

Edwin Arurang



Earned a Certificate in Carpentry. He is a Chief Carpenter at Palau Pacific Resort for the past twenty five years.
Message: PCC helps pave way to career of your choice.

Class of 1981

Richard Ngirngerak



Earned a Certificate in Heavy Diesel Mechanic. He is an Assistant Property Operation Manager at the Palau Pacific Resort for the past twenty nine years.
Message: A certificate and a degree from PCC help build good resume for job hunting.

Alumni Notes

Showcases MOC & PCC alumni who are positive role models and contribute to the quality of life in their local communities.

If you are that alumnus/alumna or know someone who is, please contact the PCC Development Office at telephone numbers 488-2470/2471 x 251, 252, and 253.

We would like to feature you in future *Mesekiw's News* issues.
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2013 Summer Kids Program

Classes for Elementary Students

- Math 3rd - 8th
- English Reading 3rd - 8th
- English Writing 3rd - 8th
- Palauan Orthography 3rd - 8th
- Marine Science 5th & 6th
- Keyboarding 7th & 8th

Each Class - 20 max no. of students
Keyboarding - 15 max no. of students

**All Classes Conducted
June 03 - June 28, 2013.
Registration is NOW Open
until May 30, 2013.**

**Contact PCC-CE Office
488-6223 for more information**

Vacancy Announcement

- (1) *Federal Work-Study Coordinator, Office of Admissions & Financial Aid*
Salary range: \$12,049 - \$20,607 per annum
- (2) *English Instructor, Learning Resource Center*
Salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum
- (3) *Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Instructor Academic Affairs*
Salary range: \$16,010 - \$21,191 per annum
- (4) *Math Instructor, Learning Resource Center*
Salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum
- (5) *Librarian, Tan Siu Lin PCC Library*
Salary range: \$16,010 - \$24,647 per annum

For application forms and information, please contact Harline Haruo at PCC Human Resources Office at 488-2470/71, ext. 227.

Email hr@palau.edu or download form at www.palau.edu

Celebrating Birthdays

Dr. Isebong M. Asang	May 03
Tublai B. Ililau	May 03
Maurine Alexander	May 06
Soledad Garcia	May 06
Gamberlyn Ngirmeril	May 08

Happy Birthday to You!

PCC Celebrates 50th

Commencement Exercises

Friday
May 24, 2013

Book Returns Spring 2013

Return Your Rented Books before or on Friday, May 17, 2013

PCC ENDOWMENT FUND

Invest in the future of Our Students, Our College, and Our Nation
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