Palau Community College Spring Registration Week

During the first two weeks of January, Palau Community College (PCC) welcomed new and returning students back to its campus. An orientation was held on Friday, January 03, 2013 for new students attending the school in which they were given a brief introduction to the educational dealings of PCC. During the following week, returning and new students began their registration process for the new semester. Students roamed about campus completing forms, paying fees, and completing class schedules with the counselors.

PCC would like to welcome back all new, returning, and continuing students to the Spring 2014 semester. May the new school semester be prosperous for you all!

Female Dorm Retreat

contributed by Counselor Maurine Alexander

A total of 22 female students residing in the school dormitory and their chaperones departed Koror around 1:00 p.m. on December 13, 2013 to the state of Ngeremlengui for their retreat. The retreat is an annual activity for the female dorm residents where they can spend time away from the busy town of Koror and the dorm to discuss issues that can assist them as students and dorm residents.

The theme for the retreat this year is “Succeeding in College as Female Dorm Residents.” During the retreat, the students got the opportunity to meet Patricia Franz, an alumnus who graduated in 1983 and has become a successful contributing member of her community.

Ms. Franz, principal of Ngeremlengui Elementary School, was the special guest speaker during the retreat. She related her college experience to the students as she herself was also a dorm resident back then. Principal Franz shared the obstacles she faced and how she overcame them and succeeded. She also challenged the students to keep their focus on their educational goals, use their time wisely, and take their school responsibilities seriously.

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Spring 2014 New Student Orientation

On Friday, January 03, 2014 an orientation program was held at the Palau Community College (PCC) Assembly Hall for newly registered students of the Spring 2014 semester. The New Student Orientation Program served as an informative session for new students regarding programs and services available.

PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei gave the welcoming remarks. Following his remarks, Dean of Students Sherman Daniel gave an introduction to the Student Services section of the college. He encouraged new students to take advantage of the available resources provided by PCC, such as the Learning Resource Center (LRC). Members of the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC) then escorted the new students on a tour around the campus.

Mesekiu Basketball Team Update

The Palau Community College (PCC) Mesekiu Basketball team played two games during the holiday break. On December 26, 2013 the team played against the Ikelau Ikelauans at the Palau National Gymnasium (PNG). PCC Mesekiu won by six points, the final score being 81 to 75. The PCC basketball team played another game after New Year’s Day against the Idid 4X4 Wheelers. Again, the PCC Mesekius won with a final score of 118 points to 84 points.

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Former MOC Employee Visits PCC

On Friday, January 03, 2014 Palau Community College (PCC) was visited by Nariani Sikyang and Benhart Nqirablosch. Ms. Sikyang was employed at the Micronesian Occupational College/Center. During her visit, Ms. Sikyang and Mr. Nqirablosch met with PCC Executive Assistant Todd Ngiramengior. Ms. Sikyang was proud and surprised by the level of improvement that PCC had established over the years. She commended PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei for his able leadership and supported efforts of the senior staff members whom she worked with during the MOC days.

Rotary Club of Palau

DAVID WILLIAMS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Applications available at the PCC Development Office!
*Deadline: April 2014*
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The next day of the retreat, the students showed their appreciation to the state of Ngeremlengui by participating in the community’s effort to beautify the state. Students helped cleared a designated area near the road and planted bundles of Ti cuttings. Despite all the sweats and hard work under the scorching sun, the students, nevertheless, gained a unique sense of satisfaction and joy in contributing to the community. Other activities students participated in were playing volleyball, watching DVD, swimming, kayaking, and simply resting and listening to music during their free time.

The overnight retreat concluded its scheduled activities on December 14, and the students and their chaperones returned back safely to Koror around 5:00 p.m.

The retreat was a success and all of the students wish to express their appreciation to Governor Wilson Ongos, the guest speaker Principal Patricia Franz, CRE VP Thomas Taro and his staff, Interim Dean Robert Ramuari, Director Tchuzie Tadao, Director Hilda N. Reklai, Supervisor Norman Sato, PCC Cafeteria staff, chaperones - Vollette Polloi, Maurine Alexander, Hulda Lukas, Alice Faletam, and helpers – Sherman Kelmal, Clark Amano, Kerwin Ngiremiang, Mcensber Diopoulos, and Louis Smith who made this retreat possible.

Thank you all for your support and the generous contributions you gave for our retreat. Have a blessed and safe New Year!

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**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC KIDS**

"National Geographic Kids publishes ten issues annually. Content includes photos and articles about animals, scientific concepts, inventions, and video games. The magazine is aimed at a reading group of children between the ages of six and fourteen. It is published by the National Geographic Society."

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**Academic Calendar: Fall 2014**

- **January 09-10 (TH-F)**
  - Late Registration

- **January 13 (M)**
  - First Day of Instruction

- **January 13-15 (M-W)**
  - Credit by Examination

- **January 13-17 (M-F)**
  - Add & Drop Period

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**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 dilubch@gmail.com or tchuziet@gmail.com.

Articles from MOC/PCC Alumni are also welcome.

Please call 488-2470/2471 (extensions 251, 252, or 253) for more information.
**Alumni Notes**

**Gwendolyn RenGiil**  
(Class of 2005)  
ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - EDUCATION: SPECIAL EDUCATION

“Being a wife, a mother, and working you can still get a degree. The SDSU cohort program allows you to get a higher education while here in Palau.”

Gwendolyn earned an AS Degree in Special Education in 2005. After 12 years at the Ministry of Education, she became the Speech & Language Teacher for the Special Education classroom of Koror Elementary School (KES). She earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Education through the San Diego State University cohort offered at PCC.

**Eleos J. Tellei**  
(Class of 2010)  
ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE - OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

“Strive to be the best in what you do!”

Eleos graduated in 2010 with an AAS Degree in Office Administration. She currently works as the Accounts Data Entry for Waterfront Villa of Shimbros International, Inc.

**Ines KinToKi**  
(Class of 2005)  
ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE - OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

“Strive to do your best and get the most out of your education!”

Ines graduated in 2005 with an AAS Degree in Office Administration. She did her internship at the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC). After graduating, she was hired as the Assistant Education Officer for PICRC.

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**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 Alumna/Alumnus or know someone who is, please contact the PCC Development Office at telephone numbers 488-2470/2471 (extensions 251, 252, or 253).

We would like to feature you in future Mesekiu’s News issues.