The four high school students participating in the Short-Term Research Experience for Underrepresented Persons (STEP-UP) Summer Research Program are currently completing their research projects. Since the beginning of the summer, the students have been conducting their researches under the mentorship of Belau Modekngei School Science Teacher Benia Secuya and Dr. Christopher Kitalong.

Two of the students, Nicole K. Gabriel from Palau High School and Ives O. Rdialul from Belau Modekngei School, will present the results of their summer researches at the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases STEP-UP Scientific Symposium in Washington, D.C.

Ms. Gabriel conducted research on the science education of Palau. She focused on the qualifications of the high school science teachers, especially their understanding of science concepts. Mr. Rdialul focused his study on diabetes. He studied the causes of diabetes in Palau, such as lifestyle changes, and analyzed whether the importation of goods have had a drastic impact on the health condition of the island.

On Friday, July 18, 2014 the Chuukese students of Palau Community College (PCC) met with the Chuuk Director of Education Gardenia Aisek-Macayaon and Chuuk Chief of School Support Paulina Yourupi-Sandy. The meeting was held at the Continuing Education (CE) Training Room of the college. Also present at the meeting was PCC Dean of Students Sherman Daniel. Director Aisek-Macayaon and Chief Yourupi-Sandy met with the students to discuss job recruitments and opportunities currently available on the state of Chuuk in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM).
Upward Bound Thanks to Agencies


Upward Bound also extends its thanks to the following departments and offices of Palau Community College (PCC): Accreditation Office, Bookstore, Business Office, Cafeteria, Continuing Education, Day Care, Development Office, Human Resources, Tan Siu Lin Library, Maintenance Office, the Registrar’s Office, Student Life, Talent Search, and Adult High School.

Over a hundred students participated in this year’s Upward Bound Summer Program. Upward Bound thanks you all for your accommodating our students and providing each with valuable work experiences.

PCC Student Completes Internship

Victor Rechirei, an Environmental/Marine Science student from Palau Community College (PCC), recently completed his internship/field studies class at the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC). His internship began on June 03, 2014 and ended on July 11, 2014. Mr. Rechirei conducted a research project under the mentorship of Dr. Takashi Kawai, a post-doctoral fellow dispatched by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) who is involved with the Palau Coral Reef Island Ecosystems (P-CoRIE) Project.

Mr. Rechirei’s project focused on his perspective of climate change effects on the marine environment. He collected temperature measurements from several locations including Nikko Bay, Malakal Harbor, German Channel, Ngemelis, and three tanks (the Mangrove Tank, the Inner-Reef Tank, and the Outer-Reef Tank) from the PICRC Palau Aquarium. Mr. Rechirei used an instrument called the AAQ Multi-Parameter Water Quality sensor to measure the temperature, pH level, salinity, dissolved oxygen, and turbidity of each area. His research suggests that climate change has at least increased surface temperature.

PICRC is thrilled to have hosted and supported the field study of Mr. Rechirei this summer. The results of his internship will support future environmental studies as well as contribute to conservation knowledge and efforts. PICRC aims to empower people with science and knowledge in support of effective marine conservation and management. By hosting students, PICRC fulfills this vision. For more information, visit www.picrc.org or “Like” PICRC on Facebook.

CHUUK STUDENT ORGANIZATION

The Chuuk Student Organization (CSO) of Palau Community College (PCC) is soliciting requests for work as a means of raising funds for its students’ activities. Requests may include miscellaneous duties, such as yard cleaning or similar work. If you are interested in hiring the Chuuk Student Organization, please contact Dickson Utha at the PCC Dormitories.

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The Pacific STEP-UP Program is a component of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK). Through the program, NIDDK aims to encourage research related to health issues plaguing the communities of underrepresented racial or ethnical groups. The program especially encourages research conducted by members of the underrepresented communities. The Pacific STEP-UP Program extends across the Pacific region including the islands of Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa, and Palau. PCC Director of Development Tchuzie Tadao is the STEP-UP Program Coordinator for Palau.

**PCC Campus Undergoes Restorations and Face-lifts**

Palau Community College (PCC) is undergoing campus restorations and face-lifts. Recently, the railings leading to the PCC President’s Office were repainted by office workers Norma Etibek and Joanny E. Kesolei. PCC would like to thank the two ladies for their generous help in keeping the college campus and buildings looking pristine!

On Wednesday, July 23, 2014 the bai near the Financial Aid & Admissions Office was face-lifted. Workers re-thatched the bai’s roof and repainted its designs. The Prince Leeboo Statue located near the bai was also restored and repainted. PCC would like to thank the workers for assisting in beautifying the college campus!
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.

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