Educational Talent Search Hosts Budget Workshop

Palau’s high school senior students participating in the Educational Talent Search Program attended a budgeting workshop on Thursday, October 23, 2014. The workshop, which focused on budgeting and financial planning, was held at the Palau Community College (PCC) Assembly Hall. Also in attendance were the parents of the students and the Educational Talent Search Office staff.

The evening began with a registration period followed by the welcoming remarks of Educational Talent Search Director Laura Mangham. In her remarks, Director Mangham emphasized the importance and benefits of the Educational Talent Search Program. High school students participating in the program were given the guidance, information, and opportunities to prepare for college. Director Mangham encouraged the students to take advantage of the information provided and make use of the services available.

After the welcoming remarks, PCC Associate Professor of Business Administration & Accounting Keiden Kintol gave a presentation about budgeting. In his presentation, Associate Professor Kintol highlighted the keys to keeping a budget.

Nippon Izokukai Visits PCC

A group from Japan visited the campus of Palau Community College (PCC) on Tuesday, October 14, 2014. The visitors were members of the Nippon Izokukai, an association of Japanese families that have experienced war bereavement. Members of the association are connected by their experiences of orphanage or loss due to wars. Together, they provide each other friendly support and memorial services in the promotion of world peace.

The Nippon Izokukai visitors were in Palau to honor and remember family members that had lost their lives during the battles of World War II. They visited sites in Palau that had connections to the time of Japan’s Administration of the island. During the administration of Japan, the building that is now the main office of Palau Community College (PCC) was a hospital facility.
Financial Aid 101
contributed by the Admissions & Financial Aid Office

To better prepare students who are planning to go to colleges/universities, the PCC Office of Admissions & Financial Aid began this Fall Semester 2014 to conduct FINANCIAL AID 101 Sessions for all high schools throughout Palau. The goal of FINANCIAL AID 101 is to orient high school seniors and their parents about federal student aid programs such as the types of financial aid programs available, program requirements, application requirements, etc. FINANCIAL AID, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

PCC Admissions & Financial Aid Director Dahlia M. Katosang conducting a financial aid session at Palau High School (PHS).

Roof Renovations for PCC Buildings

The past few weeks, the buildings on the campus of Palau Community College (PCC) underwent renovations. The photo above shows workers diligently replacing old roofs with new material. In addition, insulation was added to the buildings to help sustain temperatures during days of heat and rain.

Workers roofing and repairing the college buildings with newer materials while adding insulation.

SWISS CONFEDERATION

Post-Graduate Excellency Scholarship for Academic Year 2015-2016

The Embassy of Switzerland (Diplomatic Note No. 13/2014 to the Palau Ministry of State) will grant postgraduate excellency scholarship to foreign researchers and students through the Swiss Federation Commission for Scholarships for Foreign Students (FCS). Interested individuals from the Republic of Palau will be eligible for application this academic year 2015-2016.

Applications must be submitted to the Ministry of State no later than November 10, 2014, one week before the actual deadline on November 17, 2014 for review and official transmittal to the Embassy of Switzerland.

For more information, visit the Human Resources Office of Palau Community College (PCC) or call 488-2470/2471 ext. 227.

Eligibility criteria and additional country-specific information is available online at the following link: http://sbfi.admin.ch/scholarships.ENG.

CARP Donates to PCC Endowment

On Wednesday, October 22, 2014 Palau Community College (PCC) received an in-kind donation from Carp Island Resort. The donation was a voucher for a one-night stay for two (2) at the Carp Island Resort. It was received on behalf of the college by PCC student Jensen Teriong from Carp Reservation Coordinator Richelle P. Trinidad. PCC would like to thank Carp Island Resort for its generous contribution to the annual Endowment Thanksgiving Fundraiser!
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In addition, he explained the importance of having short-term and long-term financial goals especially in terms of college funds.

The students were provided with pamphlets and additional information about the services that the program provided. One of the purposes of the Educational Talent Search Program is to identify and assist individuals from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds who have the potential to succeed in higher education. Students participating in the program are given academic, career, and financial counseling in addition to educational activities.

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At the end of the presentations, students would fill out financial aid forms including Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for us to collect and begin to work on their financial aid application so we can inform them of their financial aid status.

Once their application forms are completed, we can process their financial aid award letters showing the types and amount of money they are going to receive for the 2015-2016 Award Year.

During the month of September and October 2014, Director of Admissions & Financial Aid, Ms. Dahlia M. Katosang and Financial Aid Counselor, Ms. Lakolani Olngellel, conducted FINANCIAL AID 101 SESSIONS with the Palau High School juniors and seniors.

As of September 25-30, 2014, Director Katosang conducted a total of ten (10) Financial Aid 101 sessions with Palau High School Juniors by their academics during the day from 8am to 12noon. Then from October 13-17, 2014, Director Katosang and Financial Aid Counselor Olngellel conducted a total of ten (10) Financial Aid 101 sessions with Palau High School Seniors and their parents by academics during the evenings from 6pm to 8:30pm. At the end of the presentations, students and parents filled out financial aid forms including Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and we collected them for processing.
Information Technology Instructor Yukio Umetani is from Tokyo, Japan. He is a volunteer instructor from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). Before retirement, Instructor Umetani was a Professor who taught at the Shizoku University in Japan. He holds a Bachelor’s Degree of Science in Mathematics from Tokyo University. Instructor Umetani is a member of the Nihonjin Kai, a group for Japanese people in Palau. He enjoys playing as well as listening to classical music and hiking.

DAVID SALAPWA
(Class of 2010)
Associate of Applied Science - Construction Tech.
“Try your best to finish your years at PCC, study hard, and continue your education after graduating.”

David graduated in 2010 with an AAS Degree in Construction Technology. After graduating, he became a crew member under Master Navigator Sesario Sewralur. Recently, David was hired as a Student Activities Specialist for the college.

Newest Contributor to the PCC Endowment Fund
Palau Community College (PCC) would like to recognize its newest Endowment Fund contributor, Dilkui Marino. Ms. Marino works for the Palau Social Security Office. Thank you, Ms. Marino, for your generous contribution to Palau’s only institute of higher learning! Your donation will help sustain the future stability and programs of Palau Community College.

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Alumni Notes
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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