CE Summer Kids 2015 Culture Class Presentation

On Tuesday, July 21, 2015 the students who participated in the Summer Kids 2015 Program held a presentation at the Assembly Hall of the Koror State Government (KSG). The presentation was an opportunity for the students to showcase the cultural skills that they learned while participating in the summer program. Present to enjoy the performances were Koror State Governor Yoshitaka Adachi, PCC Dean of Continuing Education (CE) Willy Wally, the summer culture class instructors, and the summer kids’ parents.

The presentation opened with welcoming remarks from PCC Dean of Continuing Education Willy Wally. He acknowledged how teaching the young people of Palau about their culture and traditions was an important endeavor that should be supported by the entire community. This idea was echoed in the remarks that followed from the culture class instructors.

The 2015 Summer Kids Program offered summer classes for a period of six (6) weeks.

PCC Welcomes SDSU Professors

Two (2) professors from San Diego State University (SDSU) recently taught classes at Palau Community College (PCC) for the cohorts under their long distance education learning program. Associate Professor Dr. Marva Cappello taught a class for the Inter-Disciplinary Bachelor’s Degree cohort. She holds a Bachelor of Fine Art Degree from the Rochester Institute of Technology in New York, a Master of Science in Education Degree from the City University of New York, and a Doctorate Degree in Education from the University of Southern California. Associate Professor Jill Serrano holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice Administration and a Master of Public Administration Degree, both from San Diego State University in California. She taught a class for the Master’s Degree in Public Administration cohort.
On July 07, 2015 Simon Ellis from the Pacific Islands Ocean Observing System (PacIOOS) visited the campus of Palau Community College (PCC). Mr. Ellis is the PacIOOS Pacific Islands Coordinator and Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) Liaison. He met with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei to discuss the projects supported by PacIOOS in Palau and the Pacific region.

PacIOOS works to develop the observational, modeling, data management, and outreach components of an end-to-end ocean observing system to generate products that help to ensure a safe, clean, and productive ocean and a resilient coastal zone for the Pacific islands. It provides communities in the Pacific region with easily accessible ocean observation and forecasting information that can help them make well-informed decisions.

Based within the School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology (SOEST) at the University of Hawaii in Manoa, PacIOOS is one of the eleven (11) regional associations that make up the United States Integrated Ocean Observing System. Islands partnered with PacIOOS include Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), the Republic of Palau, and the United States Minor Outlying Islands (Howland, Baker, Johnston, Jarvis, Kingman, Palmyra, Midway, and Wake). Recently, PCC signed a Memorandum of Agreement with PacIOOS. PCC President Dr. Tellei is a member of the PacIOOS Board of Directors.

On Tuesday, July 21, 2015 Palau Community College (PCC) received a donation of books from Bilung Gloria G. Salii. The books commemorated the twenty (20) years that the Mechesil Belau has been active in the community of Palau. The publications feature photos of the Mechesil Belau conferences and events. They also provide information about the many contributions that the organization has made to Palau, such as introducing new laws and donating to the community. PCC thanks Bilung Gloria G. Salii and the Mechesil Belau for their generous contribution to the college. Copies of the book are available at the Tan Siu Lin PCC Library.

### Registration Schedule for Fall 2015

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All students are reminded that the regular registration period for the upcoming fall semester begins in two weeks.
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The classes were designed to help students foster new skills and interests. The cultural classes taught the students about traditional chants, legends, and dances. The students also learned and practiced traditional skills, such as weaving baskets.

During their presentation at the KSG Assembly Hall, the summer kids showcased their knowledge of Palauan legends & mythology via a skit. A representative from each class then explained the different methods of weaving that they had learned. The students also took turns performing traditional chants.

Instructors for the summer culture classes were Dilrengechel Sariang Timulch, Rechedioul Jemmy Bilelai, Luciana Shiro, Oingerang Erungel, Diluchur Ruluken, Jury Kebekol, Matsko Taro, Hermana Ramarui, and Albert Soaladaob. PCC thanks all the instructors for giving their time to teach the students this summer!
Bellarmino Fagolur is from the island of Yap. He is one of the dormitory managers of the Palau Community College (PCC) dormitories. His duties include monitoring the dorm students and maintaining the quality of the learning environment at the dormitories. He also provides academic/social counseling and guidance to the dorm students. Dormitory Manager Fagolur holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the Pacific Islands Bible College. He is a member of the PCC Classified Staff Organization (CSO).

Alumni Notes

YeChur EmeSioChel
(Class of 2015)
Associate of Arts - Liberal Arts

“Education is not a preparation for life; education is life itself.”

YeChur recently graduated with an AA Degree in Liberal Arts. For the past year, she has been working as an Office Clerk for PCC Office of the President.

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Summary:
- Bellarmino Fagolur, a dormitory manager at PCC, holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the Pacific Islands Bible College.
- YeChur EmeSioChel, a class of 2015 graduate, has been working as an Office Clerk for PCC's Office of the President.
- Alumni Notes: Alumni who are positive role models and contribute to the quality of life in their local communities are showcased. If you are an alumna/num or know someone who is, please contact the PCC Development Office.
- Vacancy Announcement: Various positions are available at PCC, including Instructional Assistants, Nursing Instructors, and more.
- PCC Endowment Fund: Invest in the future of our students, our college, and our nation.
- Celebrating Birthdays: Happy Birthday to Akillina Maech on July 25 and Tanya Ngirkuteling on July 30.

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- Mesekiu's News is available online at http://pcc.palau.edu.
- PCC is an equal opportunity employer.

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