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Enrollment Summary For Spring 2013



L-R: FSM students Clinton Iohp and Wesley ALik working on assignments in the computer labs.

The Registration & Records Office has completed the Spring 2013 Enrollment Summary. The 590 enrollment breakdown is as follows: 425 Palau, 62 Yap, 13 Pohnpei, 13 Kosrae, 34 Chuuk, 8 Marshall, 4 People's Republic of China, 1

Guam, 2 Japan, 1 Ghana, 1 Philippine, 9 Common Wealth of the Marianas Island and 17 USA. Of the 590 enrolled, there are 360 freshmen, 194 sophomores, 1 dual student, 6 enrichment students, 21 undeclared students and 8 unclassified students.

Automotive Tech Students Meet To Organize Club

The Auto Club held its first organization meetings on Tuesday, February 5 and Wednesday, February 6, 2013. Automotive Technology (AM) students and the AM Instructors/club advisors Ala-Lofty Ongalibang and Nobby Enano met to discuss and finalize the by-laws of the club and to do a membership drive. Fifteen AM and other major students showed up to sign up to become members and to work on the by-laws to be ratified by Dr. Tellei.

For more information or to join the Auto Club, stop by the AM shop and see Instructors/Advisors Ongalibang or Enano.

Builder's Club Donate To Bopha Relief Efforts



Chioney Chiba and Olbangel Kyota, both 1st year CT students and the donated dresser.

PCC students in the Builder's Club donated a handmade dresser to Bethania

High School (BHS) for students on January 22, 2013. The Builder's Club students were informed of the need for dressers at BHS, as the school was devastated by Super Typhoon Bopha. This gesture from the Builder's Club is consistent with the College's Institutional Learning Outcome (ILO) on civic responsibility: Apply the principles of civility and morality to situations in the contexts of a healthy family, work, community, environment and world. Officers of the Builder's Club are: President Hayward Clifford, Vice President Leo Debengek and Secretary/Treasurer Olbangel Kyota.



Formulation of the first ever Auto Club at PCC.

More information of PCC online



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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.

PCC/SDSU BA Degree Program Update

The current PCC/SDSU BA degree cohort program is progressing with the completion of five (5) of the 18 required program courses. There are 25 students enrolled and are continuing since the program commenced on June 2012. SDSU professor Dr. Minjuan Wang was on PCC campus in January 2013

for two weeks teaching one of the course to the cohort students. Drs. Aida Allen and Kelly Johnson will be on island beginning February 18, 2013 to start/teach the next course. The tentative completion date of all courses and the program is expected in Fall 2014 or early Spring 2015.

PCC/SDSU Proposed MA Degree Program

Palau Community College (PCC) and San Diego State University (SDSU) are also working on a proposed new Masters (MA) degree in Public Administration program for any interested individuals. Tentative schedule to begin admissions and enrollment process is

Fall 2013 provided that at least 25 potential students have been identified. Anyone who has completed a bachelors degree from an accredited U.S. college/university may be eligible to enroll. If interested, contact Dean Sherman Daniel at 488-2470 ext. 269.

Australian Regional Development Scholarship (ARDS) Available

ARDS provides the opportunity for resident citizens from the Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Republic of Palau to undertake studies at post-secondary education institutions in the Pacific region for study levels of Technical/Vocational, Undergraduate and Postgraduate (up to Masters level, only). The purpose of ARDS is to support training at the level and field of study that are expected to have the greatest developmental impact. Because Awardees are receiving valuable training and experience, they are required to return to their home country for two years, after the completion of their studies, to apply their skills and knowledge to assist in the development of their country. ARDS award cover successful applicants' tuition and institution fees, living expenses, basic overseas health coverage, tutorial assistance and economy class air travel back to your home country at the end of each year of study. To apply, fill out and submit the ARDS 2014 Expression of Interest Form. You can pick up the form at the PCC Development Office, Palau National Scholarship Board Office or visit www.fsm.embassy.gov.au

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible, applicant must:

- * have citizenship of either FSM, RMI or ROP
- * not have access (as individual or by marriage/

engagement) to Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residence status

- * not hold another scholarship from any other source that would give overlapping benefits during the period of their ARDS award

- * not hold or have held an Australian Government Scholarship in the preceding 2 months at the time of application

- * be at least 18 years of age for an undergraduate study program

- * must have completed a two year Associate Degree/Foundation Course at college or due to complete in June 2013 with CGPA 2.8 or above,

OR be a mature age student (25yrs old or more) who has a minimum of 5 years work experience and high school CGPA 2.8 or above

- * satisfy the admission requirements of the regional institution in which the course is to be undertaken

- * be able to take up the scholarship in the calendar year for which the scholarship is offered

- * satisfy regional government (Fiji, Vanuatu, Samoa, PNG, as applicable) requirements for international student entry (health & character checks, visa eligibility)

- * not be transferring from another Australian scholarship or any other scholarship to ARDS

- * for postgraduate courses, applicants should preferably have been working in their country of citizenship for at least two (2) years immediately preceding the date of their scholarship application.

Application For Graduation Due

The Registration & Records Office is announcing to all prospective graduates for Spring 2013 and Summer 2013 that you need to file an Application For Graduation no later than Friday, February 22, 2013 at the Registration & Records Office. This is a mandatory requirement to ensure that your degree is ordered in a timely manner.

For more information, contact Lourdes or Teongel at 488-2470 ext. 274/249.

Student ID Required

ALL STUDENTS must carry a valid PCC student ID card as it is required to access services on campus. To obtain a valid student ID card, a student must bring a class schedule to Verna Kyota at Student Services during these hours:

M/W/F 1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.
T/TH 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

For more information, contact Student Services at 488-2470/2471 ext. 229.

CHECK IT OUT!



Check us out to receive the latest news & school updates.

BITS AND PIECES...

Calendar of Events

Feb 22 (F)	Last Day to Remove Incomplete Grades
Mar 4-8 (M-F)	Mid-Term Period
Mar 15 (F)	Student's Spring Break
Mar 22 (F)	Last Day for All Withdrawals
Mar 25-27 (M-W)	Summer 2013 Pre-Registration

TOEFL TEST DATE

ATTENTION STUDENTS:

TOEFL Test: May 4, 2013

Online Registration Deadline:
April 1, 2013

Cost: \$160.00

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

Hours of Operation

Monday - Thursday
8:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Friday
8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Saturday
9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

For more information, contact 488-3540

Health Insurance Enrollment

Enrollment Forms for Calvo's Select Care are now available at the Human Resource Office. Any employee who is not a member of Calvo's Select Care and wishes to enroll in Calvo's Select Care is requested to stop by Human Resource Office and fill out the necessary forms. Enrollment has been extended to February 28, 2013. If you enroll by February 20th, your coverage will be effective March 1st. If you enroll by February 28th, your coverage will be effective April 1st.

News/Stories Wanted

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

Please call ext. 251/252/253 if you intend to submit your article after Monday or for more information.

First Meeting of the Chuuk Advisory Group on Education

Weno, Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia - February 1, 2013 - The Chuuk Advisory Group on Education held its first set of meetings in Weno, Chuuk this week (January 28th through February 1st). The meetings mark a new phase in the effort by Chuuk leaders to reform education in Chuuk State with the assistance of its National Government and United States partners. The creation of the Advisory Group was established at the recent High Level meetings held during the first week of November 2012 with representatives and staff from the FSM National Government, the U.S. Government and the Chuuk State Government. Members of the Advisory Group include three very eminent friends of Chuuk State, including Thomas Bussanich, the Director of Budget and Grants Management in the Office of Insular Affairs within the United States Department of Interior; Patrick Tellei, the President of the Palau Community College; and Francis X. Hezel, a Jesuit Priest and the founder of the Micronesian Seminar.

The purpose of the Advisory Group is to serve these three primary partners in enhancing and accelerating the implementation of the education reform in Chuuk. Within this broad scope, the Advisory Group is intended to serve as an adjunct to the Chuuk Board of Education, to provide progress monitoring and guidance on the Chuuk Reform, to recommend modifications and additions to the reform program and to report to all relevant parties on the progress of the reform. The Advisory Group met with the Governor, the Chuuk Legislature, the Board of Education and the Director of Education and staff on multiple occasions. During those meetings, Tom Bussanich repeatedly indicated that "their primary and overriding goals for education in Chuuk are that students have safe and sanitary living environments, that classrooms must have qualified teachers, that classrooms have the necessary school sup-

plies, that principals, teachers and students must be present for class, and that learning must take place."

In their meetings, the Advisory Group confirmed their support for the Ten High Level Event in November and stressed that, within the scope of these commitments, they would like to see reform efforts focus on: the development of a personnel system that ensures the attendance of principals, teachers and students; the support of the Chuuk High School Pilot Project aimed at establishing a model for other high school reform in the future; the immediate implementation of the Chuuk State School Facility Repair and Construction Master Plan in order to begin a stepped improvement of school facilities in Chuuk; the immediate implantation of the primary and secondary school consolidation plans; and the development of a new procurement policy/process/distribution system that will improve the distribution of supplies to all schools. Father Fran Hezel indicated that "overriding all of these specific plans and proposals is a desire for Chuuk communities to take ownership of both the reform and the schools in their communities." Advisory Group member Dr. Patrick Tellei added that "for this entire process to work, all parties to the reform must be willing to look outside the box and to find examples of past and current successes and to multiply upon them where possible."

The Advisory Group will meet again in early May to continue to assist the Board of Education and the Department of Education in its efforts to successfully reform Chuuk's education system. The group is scheduled to meet every quarter to move this effort forward. According to Tom Bussanich, "what we want to see are not quick fixes, but strong foundational improvements in Chuuk's educational system that will continue long after the advisory group disappears."

**Nursing Scholarship available for 2nd Year NU majors.
Applications @ Development Office.
Deadline - Friday, February 15, 2013**

ALUMNI NOTES

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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 alumnus/alumna or know someone who is, please contact the PCC Development Office at telephone number 488-2471. We would like to feature you in future issues of the *Mesekiu's News*.



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Celebrating Birthdays

Robert Ramarui	Feb 13
Lowel Israel Abraham	Feb 15
Lourdes Reksid	Feb 17



Happy Birthday To You!

PCC Mesekiu Team Joins PML

In 2008, PCC Mesekiu Baseball Team won the Palau Major League (PML) championship. Recently, the Mesekiu Baseball team has re-joined the PML for the 2013 league. The team is coached by Executive Assistant Todd Ngiramengior and Student Activities Supervisor Norman Sato. All students, staff, faculty and administrators are encouraged to come out and support the team during the games. The following is the schedule of the games:

Date	Time	Visitor vs. Home
Feb 09	2:00pm	PCC vs. Ngerbeches
Feb 12	7:00pm	Koror vs. PCC
Feb 19	7:00pm	Meyuns vs. PCC
Feb 23	2:00pm	PCC vs. Ngerbeched
Feb 26	7:00pm	Airai vs. PCC

This is the first round schedule and the games will be played at the Asahi Baseball Field. Rain out games will be re-scheduled. For update on the game schedule, contact Todd Ngiramengior at 488-2470/2471 ext. 225 or Norman Sato at 488-3885 (12pm - 9pm only).

Come and cheer on the PCC Mesekiu Baseball Team! See you at the ball field.

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- (1) *English Instructor, Learning Resource Center*
Salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum
- (2) *Math Instructor, Learning Resource Center*
Salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum
- (3) *Librarian*
Salary range: \$16,010 - \$24,647 per annum

For application forms and information, please contact Harline Haruo at PCC Human Resource Office at 488-2470/2471, ext. 227, email hr@palau.edu or download form at www.palau.edu

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