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Tellei Thanks Endowment Donors



Grand Prize winner Lelis Madraisu (MOC 1979) of MOJ with VP Olegeriil, President Tellei, VP Taro and AM Instructor Ongalibang.

On Thursday, December 27, 2012, PCC held its End of the Year Get-Together Luncheon to thank Endowment donors who have contributed to the Endowment Fund. PCC President Patrick U. Tellei expressed gratitude on behalf of PCC Board of Trustees and all of PCC to donors for

their continuous support throughout the years. With the \$1 Million Challenge having raised half a million for the year, PCC continues to work toward reaching the desired \$1 Million challenge and ultimately the \$10 Million endowment goal.

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PCC Releases 350,000 Mangrove Crabs At Palau Conservation Areas

Contributed by Miguel Delos Santos

A total of 350,000 healthy "chemang" crablets were released by the PCC –CRE staff in two conservation areas in Palau on December 31, 2012 and January 2, 2013. About 150,000 and 200,000 crablets were released near the mangroves of Ngemai Conservation Area in Ngiwal State and the Bkulengriil Conservation Area in Ngeremlengui State, respectively. These 30 to 32 days old crablets were produced at the PCC Multi-species Hatchery in Ngermetengel, Nger-

emlengui State. The purpose of this release was to enhance the mangrove crab stock in the mangrove areas and provide a steady supply of this high valued seafood commodity in the Republic of Palau.

The chemang crablets are products of the newly awarded research project entitled "Seed Production of Mangrove Crabs *Scylla Serrata* in the Republic of Palau" which is being implemented

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ASC Meets To Review 2nd Draft

Contributed by Deikola Olikong

Accreditation Steering Committee (ASC) met on 18 – 21, 2012 to review the 2nd draft of the 2013 Midterm Report. The Committee will be meeting again on January 8 – 11, 2013 to review the 3rd draft of the report before sending it to President Tellei and the College Board of Trustees for their review. The 2013 Midterm Report is due to Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) – Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) on March 15, 2013. The 2013 Student Learning Outcomes Implementation Report is also due on the same day.

The College has a month to finalize these two reports together with all supporting evidences, review and approve by the College President and the Board of Trustees, and mail them out both in hard and electronic copies to the Commission. The ALO and Assistant ALO

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ASC members review the Midterm Report.

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CT Class Visit Construction Site

Contributed by Suzette Garcia-Hinojales

As the Fall 2012 semester drew to an end, the Construction Technology (CT) students enrolled in Construction Management class had their last site visit to Socio Company. The site visited was the airport runway, a million dollar project. Students were amazed as PCC alumni and Construction Technician at the site, Ms. Gayleen Gaillard explained and showed students the project's blue prints. While on the site, Operations Manager Uchelsung Rdialul and Construc-



CT students listening to manager at runway site.

tion Manager Lee Otobed explained the scope of the project - the timeline, how much the project will cost and the process required to complete the entire project. The site visit provided CT students the opportunity to experience and observe management of a large project.

The CT students and instructor thank Mr. Rdialul, Mr. Otobed and Ms. Gaillard for the great learning opportunity.



Alumni Gaillard showing blueprints to students.

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As donors completed their applications for refund, they received ticket stubs for a chance to win many different prizes. Lelis Madraisau, winner of the Grand prize, received a paddle board, \$400.00 cash, PCC bag, PCC shirt and a wooden bench while Lesley Adachi won the Baby Grand prize which was a green machine, \$300.00



Teongel Ngirkelau (proxy for Lesley Adachi, winner of Baby Grand Prize) receiving the prizes.



Siles Ngiralulk receiving his prize from Ala-Lofly Ongalibang.

Surangel & Son's Shopping Spree points, a wooden bench and a PCC bag.

Thank you to the following sponsors for their continuous support and donation of prizes: Cliffside Hotel, Fish 'n Fins, Gibbons Enterprises, Tifuladokow Wood Shop, WCTC and PCC.



Donors sitting under the kidel tree awaiting the calling of prize winners.



Veronica Umedip receiving her prize from Hugler Imetengel.

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take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support. All chairs and co-chairs of the subcommittees are reminded of the June 11, 2013 deadline for all supporting documents - evidences from both recommendations & planning agendas.

Dorm Residents Rock Out

The end of the semester brought the dorm residents together for an end of the year party. With many different ethnicities residing in the dormitories, the program for the evening on Thursday, December 20, 2012 included singing and dance performances by Chuukese, Kosraeans and Yapese students, to name a few. Good food and company provided a great evening for the dorm residents.



Chuukese group performing a modern dance.



Kosraean students singing a Christmas carol.



Residents enjoying delicious food.

BITS AND PIECES...

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

NEW Hours of Operation

Monday to Friday: 8am - 5pm

Saturday: 9am - 6pm

Sunday: CLOSED

**Regular operating hours
resume on Sunday, Jan. 12th**

For information call 488-3540

Calendar of Events

Jan 7-9 (M-W)	Academic Advising & Registration
Jan 10-11 (Th-F)	Late Registration
Jan 14 (M)	First Day of Instruction
Jan 14-16 (M-W)	Credit by Examination Period
Jan 14-18 (M-F)	Add & Drop Period
Jan 18 (F)	Last Day to change CR/NC & AUDIT grading options

Message of Condolences

The College family wishes to extend its deepest sympathy to the family of Wayne Sugiyama, a dedicated donor of the PCC Endowment Fund activities.

The College also extends deepest sympathy to the family of Felix Hasinto, an alumni of MOC who completed his Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Carpentry (CARP).

REMINDER

2012 Annual Report covering Fiscal Period Oct. 2011 - Sept. 2012 is due at Development Office on or before January 11, 2013.

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.

Federal Updates for 2013-2014 *Office of Admissions & Financial Aid*

Contributed by Admissions & Financial Aid

Director of Admissions & Financial Aid, Dahlia M. Katosang, attended the Federal Student Aid (FSA) annual conference from November 26 to December 1, 2012 in Orlando, Florida.

The FSA Annual Fall Conference is sponsored by the US Department of Education. It is designed to provide the most up-to-date information on Title IV programs and federal policies and procedures affecting all customers. This year's conference focused on topics related to changes in Title IV policies and programs impacting schools participating in the federal student aid programs. The trainers and presenters included officials from the U.S. Department of Education. One of the guest speakers, Martha J. Kanter, Under Secretary of Education, emphasized President Obama's 2020 Goals of producing 10 million more graduates from community colleges, four-year colleges and universities by 2020. and for every American to complete one year or more of higher education or advanced training in his/her lifetime.

The Federal Updates for Award Year 2013-2014 include:

1. 2013-2014 Verification:

Two new items added to help combat fraud (Fraud Detection and Prevention) for 2013-2014 Verification were:

- High School completion status (Require documentation such as a copy of high school diploma or final high school transcript that shows the date the high school diploma was awarded.

Note: If a copy of an applicant's high school diploma or final high school transcript is unavailable, the institution may accept alternative documentation such as GED certificate, a recognized equivalent of a high school diploma.

- Identity/Statement of Educational Purpose. (Documentation of identity/ statement of educational purpose –

an applicant shall appear in person and present to an institutionally authorized individual a valid government-issued photo identification (such as a copy of a driver's license, non-driver's license or passport) and a signed statement of educational purpose. School must maintain, an annotated copy of the identification submitted by the applicant that includes the date documentation was received and the name of the institutionally-authorized individual that obtained the documentation. If unable to appear in person, an applicant must provide the institution a copy of a valid government-issued photo identification and an original notarized statement of educational purpose signed by the applicant.

Note: The Statement of Educational Purpose will be provided by the USDOE to all schools to use.

2. Increasing Pell Grants

President Obama has raised the maximum Pell Grant awards from \$5550 to \$5635 for the 2013-2014 Award Year.

3. Limitation on Pell Funds

Duration of a student's Federal Pell Grant eligibility is limited to 12 semesters or its equivalent (6 years). When a student reaches 600% Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU), he/she has reached his/her Federal Pell Grant eligibility limit. A student may decline all or a part of a Pell Grant award. For more information, visit the Office of Admissions & Financial Aid.

More detail information about the conference and Federal Update are being prepared to be used to conduct workshops/ orientation with various groups within the college community, including the Retention Committee, Counselors/advisors, ASPCC officers and entire student body, appropriate Business Office staff and the Office of Admissions & Financial Aid staff.

ALUMNI NOTES

Class of 1999

Romson Remoket



Earned his Associate of Arts (AA) degree in Liberal Arts. He worked at Ngatpang State Public Land Authority as a Coordinator until 2006. He became a teacher in 2006 at GB Harris Elementary School, where he is currently a 6th grade English/Math Instructor. He recently completed

his Bachelor's degree from San Diego State University through the online program at PCC.

Class of 2009

Retsin Mariano



Earned his Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Electrical Technology. He is currently working on the FSM Patrol Boat 01 as a seaman.

Class of 2011

Michael Pretrick



Earned his Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Tourism & Hospitality - Tour Services. He recently was hired as a seaman on the FSM Patrol Boat 01.

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

Lyndon Masami	Jan 01
Jemmy Blelai	Jan 03
Galindez Kiep	Jan 03
Wiles Tmecherur	Jan 06
Siliang Michael	Jan 11
Willy Wally	Jan 11



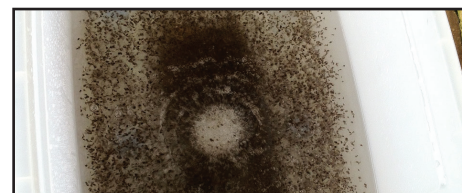
Happy Birthday To You!

Mangrove cont'd from p.1

by PCC-CRE's Aquaculture Researcher Miguel Delos Santos, funded by the USDA through the Center for Tropical and Sub-tropical Aquaculture (CTSA). Six units of 10-ton tanks were stocked with 2.4million mangrove crab larvae that were hatched from a single crab that spawned naturally at the hatchery. After 30 to 32 days of larval rearing, about 390,000 crablets were harvested.



CRE-VP Thomas Taro and aquaculture staff Dannies Uehara & Lyndon Masami releasing the chemang crablets near the mangroves at Ngemai Conservation Area in Ngilwal State.



Hatchery-bred crablets placed inside the plastic container.

Currently, 40,000 crablets are being reared in outdoor tanks at the PCC Hatchery for nursery trials. To determine the impact of the release on the re-stocking of mangrove crabs in the above-mentioned conservation areas, a follow-up survey will be conducted by setting up crab traps at strategic locations in the mangroves this coming May 2013.



Gov. Wilson Ongos, CRE-VP Taro and aquaculture staff Irvin Dwight releasing crablets near the mangroves at Bkulengriil Conservation Area in Ngeremlengui State.



Close-up photo of a 30-32 days old released "chemang" crablets.

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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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