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Office Administration Class Organizes Youth Festival

The Office Administration Class (OA-221) of Spring 2013 held an international youth festival called “Kotel A Deurreng” on May 04, 2013 at the Assembly Hall of Palau Community College. Promoting tobacco-free lifestyles, the “Kotel A Deurreng” campaign was supported by the groups *Ulkerouil A Klengar* (UAK) and the *Coalition for a Tobacco Free Palau* (CTFP). Faculty and staff members were also active in the organization of this event.

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OA-221 Class that organized the “Kotel A Deurreng” youth festival.

Preparation for 50th Commencement Exercises Underway

The 2013 Graduation Planning Committee responsible for the 50th Commencement Exercises of Palau Community College met again on Wednesday, May 08, 2013. The meeting focused on final preparations, particularly the logistical arrangements for the graduation ceremony to be held in the PCC Cafeteria on May 24 at 10AM. Another meeting is scheduled for next week to finalize details.

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Members of the Graduation Planning Committee meeting in CE Training Room: (from left to right) Director Reklai, Asst. to the President Ngiramengior, Registrar Adachi, Dean Daniel, Director Tadao, Director Kazuma, Director Belelai, Food Service Supervisor Takeo, and Counselor Kual.

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.

A Few Words from the PCC OA-221 Class

contributed by Bridget W. Adachi

The Office Administration Class (OA-221) would like to take this opportunity and thank all PCC staff and donors, especially *Ulekereuil A Klengar* (UAK) and *Coalition for Tobacco-Free Palau* (CTFP), who helped organize the international youth festival. We, the students of OA-221, organized “Kotel a Deurreng” and the “Go-4-24-Hours of Tobacco-Free Challenge” in Palau last Saturday (May 04, 2013) at PCC Assembly Hall. We signed up over 200 people to pledge and join the “Quit Tobacco for at Least One (1) Day” campaign.

We thank all the presenters and entertainers who made the event enjoyable and educational. The event was a success and gave us an experience of a lifetime. This once-in-a-year event gave us the opportunity to master the skills that we learned in class. In addition, we achieved our overall student learning outcomes that prepares us in a journey to better career opportunities.

During the event students had a chance to share their personal stories about how to quit tobacco. Also everyone who was present had an opportunity to win different prizes during the raffle drawing: a waterproof cell phone, MP3, wristwatch, towels, t-shirts, pouches with calculators, and a grand prize of an Accer notebook/mini-laptop.

Being a part of the International Youth Festival - “Kotel a Deurreng” organizing team has taught me the importance of working together. It was through that we were able to succeed and create a memorable event.

Academic Program/Department Assessment Follow-Up Sessions

ALO Dei Olikong, Assistant ALO Marianne Temaungil and Associate Dean Robert Ramarui began meeting with different academic programs and departments on April 17, 2013. The follow-up sessions focus on course outlines; course, program and institutional learning outcomes; mappings and signature assignments; course assessments and program reviews.

To accommodate teaching personnel, sessions were held from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. every day and will continue until May 21, 2013. A thank you note is extended to those instructors who have made the time to attend the noon meetings, and Associate Dean Ramarui would like to take this opportunity to remind all the academic department/programs personnel of their scheduled assessment follow-up sessions. All meetings are held at the Accreditation office.



Academic program and department assessment sessions.

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This year marks the 50th commencement exercise since the first graduating class of 1971 of then Micronesian Occupation Center following its founding in 1969. As a commemoration, PCC will publish and distribute a handbook containing information about the over 4, 000 degree/certificate awardees as well as the thousand non-credit certificates. These will include graduates of Adult High School, Micronesian Occupational Center, Micronesian Occupational College, Palau Community College, and San Diego State University (bachelor and master). Over 100 PCC students, Adult High School students, and Substance Abuse and Addiction Treatment Program students are expected to receive their credentials.

The Graduation Planning Committee wishes to invite the community, especially family members of the 2013 graduating class, and the alumni to this year's commencement exercises.

BITS AND PIECES...

Summer Internship Reminder

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW READY FOR PICK UP ANYTIME DURING WORKING HOURS FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY!

Academic Advisors are asked to advise those eligible to participate in the summer internship training to **see Mr. Robert Ramarui at the Associate Dean's Office**. Eligible persons are also asked to fill out the required application forms.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: WEDNESDAY MAY 22, 2013

Graduation Awards Reminder

PCC staff members and all full-time students are reminded to submit nominations for the *Outstanding Citizenship Award*. Instructors are also reminded to submit nominations for the *Outstanding Student Award* to the Office of Student Services **no later than 4:30PM on Wednesday, May 15, 2013**.

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

Hours of Operation

May 13-17 (Exam Week):

Library Computer Lab open only to PCC students.

May 20 - August 09 (Summer):

Monday to Friday.....8AM to 5PM

Saturday.....9AM to 6PM

Sunday.....CLOSED

For more information call 488-3540.

News/Stories Wanted

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

Articles from MOC/PCC Alumni are also welcome.

Please call 488-2470/2471 (extensions 251, 252, and 253) for more information.

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The class prepared Power Point presentations that shared information about the dangers of tobacco use and the benefits of quitting. Speakers shared their personal stories about quitting tobacco use. Guest speakers included members of CTFP and UAK as well as PCC Associate Professor, Danka Ledgerwood.

Entertainment included musical and dance performances. The dance groups included Aleko Te' Dancers, PCC Yapese Dancers, Lauren's Dance Crew, Shyla's Dance Crew, and Blouch Dancers.

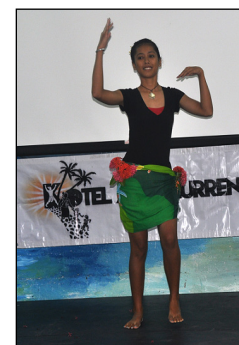
Over 200 people signed the *Go-4-24-Hours*, a pledge to stay tobacco free for at least a day, taking the first step toward healthier and happier lifestyles.



Speakers at the "Kotel A Deurreng" international youth festival.



Refreshments table at the "Kotel A Deurreng" festival.



A dancer at the festival.

Financial Aid Meeting in Hawaii

A financial aid conference was held over a three-day period (April 21-April 24) in Honolulu, Hawaii. More than 20 Pacific island countries participated including Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), and the Marshall Islands. Topics included verification of Pacific islanders, review of new requirements, professional judgment, financial aid work conduct, and student perspective. Dahlia Katosang (Director of Admissions & Finance), Lakolani Olngellel (Financial Counselor), and Tessmarie Kodep (Student Account Supervisor) were the representatives of Palau Community College (PCC) at the meeting.

ALUMNI NOTES

CHRISTINA ORAK

(Class of 2002)

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE - ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

"It's best to achieve a degree of the first two years of college in PCC. In those two years, one can grow and become mature before leaving home. To those who are much older, it's never too late to learn."



In 2002, she earned an A.S. in elementary education. She began teaching in 1985 at Koror Elementary School (KES) then became the vice principal of KES in 2008. She retired on October 05, 2012 but continues to be the school's vice principal to this day.

ROSE AKKI

(Class of 1994/Class of 2003)

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLETION - HOME ECONOMICS

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT - EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

"With a college degree or not, have purpose and goals to achieve in the early stage of life so that you can help secure a family with a healthy and comfortable lifestyle."



She was certified for a home economics program in 1994, then returned for another certification in 2003 for early childhood education. For the past 10 years, she has worked as a bus monitor for the Palau Head Start.

SANTINI THOMAS

(Class of 2011)

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE - AUTOMOTIVE MECHANIC TECHNOLOGY

"Education is the key to success."



After earning an A.A.S. degree in automotive mechanic technology in 2011, he spent 3 years as a ranger for the state of Melekekek. Currently, he is working as a mechanic for Neco Marine.

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 numbers 488-2470/2471 (extensions 251, 252, and 253).

We would like to feature you in future *Mesekiu's News* issues.
PCC website: www.palau.edu



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Book Returns Spring 2013

Return Your Rented Books
before or on
Friday, May 17, 2013

PCC Endowment Fund

INVEST IN THE FUTURE OF OUR STUDENTS,
OUR COLLEGE, AND OUR NATION
To SUPPORT, CONTACT US TODAY!

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Phone: 488-2470/2471 (extensions 251/253)

e-mail: tellei@palau.edu

If you want to join in the Biweekly

Allotment program, call us NOW.

Vacancy Announcement

- (1) *Federal Work-Study Coordinator (Office of Admissions & Financial Aid)*
Salary range: \$12,049 - \$20,607 per annum
- (2) *English Instructor (Learning Resource Center)*
Salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum
- (3) *Accounting Technician, General (Administration Department-Business Office)*
Salary range: \$9,913.00 - \$16,954.00 per annum
- (4) *Math Instructor (Learning Resource Center)*
Salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum
- (5) *Librarian (Tan Siu Lin PCC Library)*
Salary range: \$16,010 - \$24,647 per annum
- (6) *Computer Technician (Computer Services Office)*
Salary range: \$12,049.00 - \$20,607.00 per annum
- (7) *Cook (Administration Department)*
Salary range: \$6,086.00 to 10,408.00 per annum
- (8) *Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Instructor (Academic Affairs)*
Salary range: \$16,010.00 to \$21,191.00 per annum
- (9) *Public Relations Manager (Development Office)*
Salary range: \$16,010 TO \$24,647 per annum
- (10) *UB Academic Tutors (Upward Bound Program)*
Salary range: \$200 to \$315 biweekly
- (11) *UB Math, English, and Japanese Instructors (Upward Bound Program)*
Salary range: \$400 to \$800 biweekly

For application forms and information, please contact Harline Haruo at PCC Human Resources Office at 488-2470/71, extension 227.

Agriculture Club Co-Ed Softball Tournament

The PCC Agriculture Club (AG) hosted a softball tournament at Meyuns Field in order to raise funds for their future activities. Goran Vanoosterweyck (club president), Leedia Ngrirawes (club vice president), Wandalyne Yasuo (club treasurer) and their classmates organized the event in collaboration with PNOC and the community.

On the nights of April 26, 27, and 28 a total of 13 teams played: Koror State (Meyuns Kids, Mesang Ngerchemai 1010, Ngerchemai-Buta, Ngerbeched), Aimeliik, Ngardmau, Ngaraard, Kayangel, Airai, Ngaremlengui, PCC Mesekiu, and AG Club. Meyuns Kids won the championship, Aimeliik came in 2nd place, Ngardmau in 3rd place, and Ngerchemai 1010 was presented with an award for good sportsmanship.

The winning teams were awarded trophies by Todd Ngriramengior (PCC Presidential Assistant), Professor Alex Cachalian, and Vanoosterweyck. PCC bags were given as tokens of appreciation to Palau Softball Federation (PSF) officials.

The club wishes to thank the teams, PNOC, PSF, PCC, and all those who extended their efforts to help with the fund-raising.



Sportsmanship award being awarded to team Ngerchemai 1010.

Celebrating Birthdays

Kuye Belelai

May 13

Lakolani Olengellel

May 13

Kaipo Recheungel

May 15

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!