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Second Group of Caregivers Graduate from Program



The second group of certified caregivers with instructors and guests.

A second group of caregivers was certified after completing the Care-Giving Program at Palau Community College (PCC) on July 08, 2013. A total of 10 caregivers were awarded: Alvina Marcil, Evalind Adelbai, Federica Balasbas Bukringang, Felomina E. Medina, Julita Tellei, Fraulein Rengiil, Malintha Wasisang, Mercy F. Ricky, Nora T. Nanca, and Rodora Atibagos. Present to witness and grace the awarding ceremony were PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, Dean of Continuing Education Willy Wally, and Palau's Minister of Health Gregorio Ngirmang. The program's instructors, Dr. Sylvia Osarch and Tino Faatuulala, were also present.

In a collaborative effort with the Ministry of Health, Palau Community College (PCC) is providing a basic care-giving training program. The model for the program was provided by Dr. Ritabelle Fernandes of the Geriatric Education Center at John A. Burnes School of Medicine in Hawaii. Geriatrics is a field of medicine that deals with the healthcare of elderly individuals.

Participants of the Care-Giving Program are taught by volunteer instructors who are certified nurses, physical therapists, and psychiatrists. The training session spans about two weeks in which a module is taught each week night. CAREGIVERS, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

Appointment of Task Force

On June 19, 2013 a task force was appointed by Palau Community College (PCC) President Partick U. Tellei to translate and publish in the Palauan language a version of the school's Vision and Mission Statements, the Unifying Principles, and the Strategic Directions of the 15-Year Institutional Master Plan of the College.

Appointed to the team were the following: Ms. Kuye Belelai (chairperson), Ms. Hellen Immanuel (recorder), Mr. Thomas Taro, Mr. Willy Wally, and Mr. Sherman Daniel. Included in the task force are representatives from the Faculty Senate Association (FSA), the Classified Staff Organization (CSO), and the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC).

The appointment directed the group to convene no later than Monday (July 08, 2013) to begin planning the translation process. A translated version of the institutional values and goals of the school will provide Palau with a better understanding of its sole institution of higher learning.

Soka Gakkai International Visits PCC



(left to right): Ms. Tarkong, Dr. Sasaki, and Ms. Hiramatsu at the PCC Campus with President Tellei and Director Tadao.

On July 04, 2013 Palau Community College (PCC) was visited by members of the Soka Gakkai International. Soka Gakkai International (SGI) is a lay Buddhist movement that promotes the concepts of human revolution, compassion, creation of value, interconnectedness, wisdom, and appreciation for diversity. Joan Risong Tarkong is the chairperson of SGI-Palau, an extension of the movement in Palau that was chartered as a nonprofit religious corporation in 2003. Ms. Tarkong visited PCC with Dr. Richard Sasaki and Ms. Fumie Hiramatsu. Dr. Sasaki is the Chief Chair of the Oceania SGI branch located in New Zealand. Ms. Hiramatsu is the Vice General Director of the SGI Australia Culture Centre. PCC President Dr. Patrick Tellei and the Director of Development Tchuzie Tadao met with the guests.

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Upward Bound Expresses Gratitude

Palau Community College (PCC) Upward Bound Program would like to thank the following offices/departments/agencies for their partnership through provision of work experiences for the Upward Bound Summer Work-Study Program: Belau National Museum, Civil Service Pension Plan, Environmental Quality Protection Board, Family Surgical Clinic, Koror State Government, Mindszenty High School, Ministry of Education, Office of the Public Auditor, Palau Community Action Agency, Palau Conservation Society, Palau National Communications Corporation, Palau National Scholarship, Palau Water and Sewer Corporation, Palau Community College, Public Library, Social Security Administration, United Airlines, and the Youth Council.

Mathematics Presentation



Students of the MA-105: Intermediate Algebra Class giving a presentation about the FOIL method.

The Intermediate Algebra (MA-105) and Survey of Mathematics (MA-110) classes had presentations during mid-term week. Each presentation covered a topic that had been studied during the first half of the summer term. This gave the students a chance to teach and measure how much information was understood during the first half of the school term. Interim Dean of Academic Affairs, Robert Ramarui, was invited to witness the presentations.

Instructor Sampson Sarfo commented that mathematics is not just a concept that a student should learn as a graduation requirement; instead, students should learn to apply mathematics in their lives. Mathematics can be applied in finance, engineering, cooking, tourism, and sports. MATHEMATICS, CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

A REMINDER FOR CITIZENS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (FSM):

Honorable Robert Ruecho, the Consul-General for the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) in Guam, invites all FSM Citizens to a special meeting on July 13, 2013 (Saturday). The meeting will begin at 1:00PM at the Palau Community College (PCC) Assembly Hall. All citizens of FSM are courteously invited.

**FSM CITIZENS MEETING
PCC ASSEMBLY HALL
1:00PM
SATURDAY (JULY 13, 2013)**

BITS AND PIECES...

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

Hours of Operation

Effective until July 24, 2013
(summer only)

Monday to Friday 7:30AM to 7PM

Saturday 9AM to 6PM

Sunday CLOSED

For more information call
488-3540.

BON APPÉTIT MAGAZINE



"Bon Appétit is an American food and entertainment magazine published monthly. It features food recipes ranging from styles of barbecuing to elegant desserts."

Mesekiu's Apologies/Errors

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Featured alumnus, Perry Hideos, was wrongly labeled as a graduate of PCC with an AAS degree in Agriculture. In actuality, he graduated from MOC in 1995 with a Carpentry Certificate. Also, Sheree Sengebau's birthday is July 09 not July 11. Mesekiu's News apologizes for the errors.

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 tchuziet@gmail.com.

Articles from MOC/PCC Alumni are also welcomed.

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

Caregivers CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Each module covers a different aspect of care-giving such as the proper way to prepare meals for a patient, personal hygiene care of a patient, and the different illnesses (e.g., diabetes) that may plague a patient. In addition, prospective caregivers learn how to deal with the emotional and physical stresses of the occupation.

During the awarding ceremony, PCC President Tellei and Minister Ngirmang congratulated all the newly certified caregivers for their achievement. Minister Ngirmang recognized the importance of such a program, especially in terms of medical assistance for the Palauan public. He also mentioned that the Navy hospital in Guam is currently moving and its equipment, such as beds, might be transferred to the Belau National Hospital.

To assist the island's need for medical equipment, President Tellei offered assistance from the school's carpentry shop. He mentioned that an ideal means of applying the skills that the carpentry students are learning is to have them build supplies for bed-ridden patients, such as beds or side-tables.

The Care-Giving Program began on June 10, 2013. Another group will begin training on July 15, 2013. A total of 400 individuals are currently signed up for the program. Of the 400 individuals, 25 have been certified leaving 375 prospective caregivers to train. The Care-Giving Program is free and open to any person interested in learning how to properly care for bed-ridden individuals.

Soka Gakkai International CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

An informative briefing about connections with other schools, such as Otis College School of Art & Design and the University of the Ryukyus in Okinawa, was given to the guests. A discussion about the possibility of building a cultural center in Airai was initiated. It is envisioned that PCC might use the facility for lecture and seminar purposes such as presentations from the research agreement with the University of Ryukyus.

A strong supporter of peace and culture, SGI has been active in the promotion of public education focusing on human rights and sustainable development. Members of SGI integrate their Buddhist belief in their everyday lives assisting their societies through local activities such as environmental clean-ups. On a global scale, SGI has been an active voice in the United Nations fighting for human equality and diverse understanding throughout the world.

Since its beginning, SGI has had a positive influence worldwide through educational and social reforms. Numerous SGI establishments exist worldwide including universities in Asia and the United States of America. Millions of people have joined SGI from all parts of the world including many islands in the Pacific region. The current president of the organization, Daisaku Ikeda, and his wife were proclaimed as honorary citizens of Palau on August 24, 2008.

ALUMNI NOTES

RICHARD MISECH, JR.

(Class of 2012)
ASSOCIATE OF ARTS - LIBERAL ARTS

"Logic will get you from Point A to B. But imagination will take you everywhere."



He graduated in 2012 with a AA degree in Liberal Arts. For the past year, he has been working as a peer tutor at the PCC Learning Resource Center.

DILAUR L. TELLEI

(Class of 2010)
ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
ASSOCIATE OF ARTS - LIBERAL ARTS

"Live every day so that it'll take you a step closer to the future you want to be."



She graduated in 2010 with degrees in Liberal Arts and Information Technology. Currently, she is enrolled at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. For the summer, she is interning at PNCC while tutoring at the PCC Learning Resource Center.

AQUILLA MASAMI

(Class of 2010)
ASSOCIATE OF ARTS - LIBERAL ARTS

"Education is a lifetime achievement."



She is currently a senior at the University of Hawaii - Hilo completing her degree in business administration. For the summer, she is participating in the Palau Scholarship Board - Summer Fellowship Award Program in which she is interning at Surangel & Sons.



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

We would like to feature you in future *Mesekii's News* issues.

Mathematics CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

Students from both classes promoted this idea by using historical and present-day examples to make convincing arguments that mathematics plays a crucial role in our society.

For example, students Daisy Timothy and Andrea Dearth used the mathematical concept of "Distance of Two Points" to determine the distance from a house in Airai to a workplace in Koror. The mathematical concept gave the students the skills to estimate how far and how long it will take a person living in Airai to travel to Koror.

The presentations allowed the students to find the practical usage of the mathematical concepts learned in the classroom.

Celebrating Birthdays

Norma Etibek	July 12
Hilda N. Reklai	July 14
Lesley Adachi	July 15
Sheryl R. Pagador	July 16
Don Hanser	July 17



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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) *Dean of Academic Affairs (Academic Affairs Office)*
Salary range: \$21,911 - \$33,730 per annum
- (7) *Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Instructor (Academic Affairs)*
Salary range: \$16,010.00 - \$21,191.00 per annum
- (8) *Public Relations Manager (Development Office)*
Salary range: \$16,010 - \$24,647 per annum
- (9) *Security Service Officer (Administration Department)*
Salary range: \$6,709.00 - 11,475.00 per annum

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

E-mail hr@www.palau.edu or download form at <http://www.palau.edu>

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