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Yap Summer Apprenticeship Program Concludes



(standing, left to right): CRE Vice President Thomas Taro, Dean of Students Sherman Daniel, Acting Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui, and CE Dean Willy Wally.

(sitting, left to right): OISCA President Itaru Kishigawa, Land & Survey Acting Director Sterlina Gabriel, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, Thomas Magilmai, and Gregorio Yow.

A vocational training for teachers from the island of Yap offered by the Continuing Education (CE) Division of Palau Community College (PCC) began Monday, June 24, 2013. For eight weeks, two Yapese teachers were trained in agriculture and construction. The Yap Summer Apprenticeship Program began in the summer of 2003 and has trained over 50 Yapese teachers in various vocational fields.

Thomas Magilmai, trainee in agriculture, was sponsored by Itaru (also known as Johnny) Kishigawa. Mr. Kishigawa is the chairperson of the Organization for Industrial, Spiritual, and Cultural Advancement (OISCA) in Palau which established an agricultural center in Palau in 1981.

Gregorio Yow trained in construction under the Land & Survey Bureau. He was sponsored by Acting Land & Survey Director Sterlina Gabriel. Under the Bureau, he upgraded his skills in masonry and construction. A luncheon was held on August 16, 2013 to commemorate the two participants for completing the apprenticeship program. YAPESE APPRENTICESHIP, CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

CSO Fundraise

contributed by Leslie Adachi
CSO President

The members of the Classified Staff Organization (CSO) cleaned the Airai tennis courts to raise funds to support their organization. Such activities not only raise funds but serve the CSO's commitment to civic responsibility as a chartered organization. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank the following CSO members for their dedication, commitment, and hard work which resulted in a very successful fundraising effort: Kurt Ngiraked, Mace Ngiramolau, Gaylord Rdechior, Murais Sebangiol, Lyndon Masami, Larry Wakakoro, and Israel Abraham.



(back, left to right): Kurt Ngiraked, Mace Ngiramolau, Gaylord Rdechior, and Murais Sebangiol.

(front, left to right): Lyndon Masami, Larry Wakakoro, and Israel Abraham.

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.

IOA-LSAMP Annual Conference

contributed by Joseph Anastacio and Kyah Remeliik



Participants of the IOA-LSAMP Conference in Hawaii.

During the 2013 summer session here at Palau Community College, Joe Anastacio majoring in Information Technology and Kyah Remeliik of Environmental/Marine Science were two selected PCC students to attend and give their presentations at the 7th Islands of Opportunity Alliance -Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (IOA-LSAMP) Annual Student Conference. The program took place at Honolulu, Hawaii from the fourteenth to the twentieth of July 2013 and accompanied by Ms. Vernice Yuji from the Science Department.

The LSAMP Program assists universities and colleges in diversifying the STEM workforce through their efforts at significantly increasing the numbers of students successfully completing high quality degree programs in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines. Particular emphasis is placed on transforming STEM education through innovative recruitment and retention strategies and experiences in support of groups historically under-represented in STEM discipline: African-Americans, Alaskan Natives, American Indians, Hispanic Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Native Pacific Islanders.

Kyah Remeliik gave a brief presentation on “How do Coral Bleaching Affect Palau and its Nation?” The presentation touched on evidences of coral bleaching in Palau, the causes and effects and some solution that are done locally to help decrease its abundance. On the other hand, Joseph Anastacio gave an interesting presentation on “Using Computer Programming to Promote Organizational Productivity and Efficiency”. The presentation introduced a website and games on the Web that he created while working with partners and what he faces during every program he does. IOA-LSAMP, CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

SATREPS Project Participants Visit PCC



(left to right): Dr. Seiji Nagaya, Mr. Kevin Polloi, Dr. Julien Lorien, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, Dr. James Reimer, Dr. Yuen Yeongshyan, and Dr. Takashi Nakamura

On July 31, 2013 Palau Community College was visited by the participants and coordinators of the SATREPS Project. Dr. Seiji Nagaya (SATREPS Project Coordinator), Kevin Polloi (PICRC Research Department Head), Dr. Julien Lorien (SATREPS Post Doctorate), Dr. James Reimer (SATREPS Principal Investigator), Dr. Yuen Yeongshyan (SATREPS Post Doctorate), and Dr. Takashi Nakamura (SATREPS Project Leader) will be researching the effects of climate change on Palau’s coral reefs and ecosystem. The SATREPS Project is a joint research project between the Palau International Coral Reef Center, Palau Community College, and the University of the Ryukyus. SATREPS, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

STEP-UP Students Present in Maryland

The students participating in the High School Short-Term Education Program for Underrepresented Persons (STEP-UP) Summer Research Program presented the results of their summer researches at the National Institutes of Health (NIH)— Main Campus in Bethesda, Maryland. Masami N. Andreas and Lindon M. Kohama spent the summer researching health issues prominent in Palau, particularly symptoms and conditions caused by diabetes.

Mr. Andreas focused on the childhood obesity and the steps Palau has taken to decrease it. His research focused on data provided by the Ministry of Health and information from local doctors. Mr. Kohama focused his research on the creation of an alternative form of fruit juice with a low glycemic index level. A glycemic index level measures how quickly blood sugar levels rise after eating a particular food. STEP-UP, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

BITS AND PIECES...

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

Hours of Operation

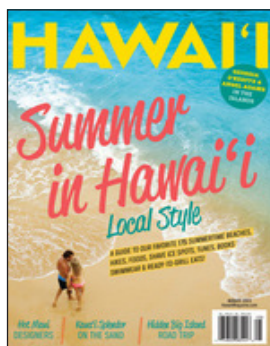
Monday to Friday 7:30AM to 7PM

Saturday 9AM to 6PM

Sunday CLOSED

For more information call
488-3540.

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Academic Calendar: Fall 2013

September 02 (M)

Holiday: Labor Day

September 20 (F)

Last Day to Remove Incomplete
Grades for the Summer

October 01 (T)

Holiday: Independence Day!

October 01-04 (T-F)

Mid-term Period

October 18 (F)

Last Day for All Withdrawals

October 24 (TH)

Holiday: United Nations Day

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.

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It is funded by a highly competitive five-year grant from the Science and Technology Research Partnership for Sustainable Development (SATREPS) worth about one million US dollars per year. The project is also supported by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST).

The research entitled "Project for the Sustainable Management of Coral Reefs and Island Ecosystems: Responding to the Threat of Climate Change" will focus on the effects of climate change on the environment of areas similar to Okinawa and Palau. Through the joint project, all parties aim to provide the necessary information to make informed policy recommendations to local decision makers.

In March 2013, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between PCC and the University of Ryukyus. During the duration of the research, each party will be responsible for the provision of different necessities: the University of Ryukyus will provide experts, equipments, and training; PICRC will provide researchers, facilities, and utilities; and PCC will provide facilities for research and presentations. The SATREPS Project will span over a five-year period beginning in April 2013 and ending in March 2018.

STEP-UP CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2



Masami N. Andreas (right) and Lindon M. Kohama (left) giving presentations about their summer researches under the STEP-UP Program.

He was able to create an alternative form of juice that would be beneficial to the health of Palauan patients with diabetes. Both Mr. Kohama and Mr. Andreas are students from Mindszenty High School.

The summer research program was made possible through the collaborative efforts of Palau Community College (PCC), the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), and the University of Hawaii—Manoa. Through University of Hawaii, Palau was able to host the program and coordinate it. PCC Director of Development Tchuzie Tadao is the coordinator for the STEP-UP Program in Palau.

The STEP-UP High School Summer Research Program is aimed at high school students from racial and ethnical backgrounds unrepresented in the area of biomedical sciences.

ALUMNI NOTES

TALITHA BALIE ALEXANDER

(Class of 2013)

"Don't be afraid to try new things and stepping out of your comfort zone."



After graduating in May 2013, Talitha participated in the Organization of Tropical Studies (OTS) NAPIRE Science Program in Puerto Rico. She plans to continue her education as an Animal Science Major at the University of Hawaii in Manoa.

DANIEL EBERDONG

(Class of 2013)

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE - CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY

"Study hard and don't procrastinate!"



Daniel graduated from PCC in 2013 with an AAS Degree in Construction Technology. He plans to further his education at the University of Hawaii in Hilo.

ZONIA A. KOTARO

(Class of 2011)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

"Live, Laugh, Love!"



Zonia graduated in 2011 with an AS Degree in Business Administration. She then spent some time living and working in California. Currently, she is attending Arizona State University.



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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.

Yapese Apprenticeship CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Present at the ceremony along with the sponsors were PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, Cooperative & Extensive Research (CRE) Vice President Thomas Taro, Dean of Students Sherman Daniel, CE Dean Willy Wally, Acting Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui, and Administration & Finance Vice President Jay Olegeriil.

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Kyah and Joe would like to acknowledge and thank Vernice Yuji and Johvanna Yaoch for the support and assistance and the LSAMP program that was coordinated by Rita Miller of UH-Hilo for the opportunity to gain more knowledge and experience new things. Thank you!

Celebrating Birthdays

Clara Maile Andreas	August 24
Arlene Ignacio	August 24
Hamilton Maech	August 25
Diliaur Franz	August 26
Teongel Ngirkelau	August 28
Verna Kyota	August 30



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Vacancy Announcement

- (1) *English Instructor*
(Learning Resource Center)
Salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum
- (2) *Accounting Technician, General*
(Administration Department - Business Office)
Salary range: \$9,913 - \$16,954 per annum
- (3) *Math Instructor*
(Learning Resource Center)
Salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum
- (4) *Dean of Academic Affairs*
(Academic Affairs Office)
Salary range: \$21,911 - \$33,730 per annum
- (5) *Twenty (20) Part-Time Tutors*
(Educational Talent Search Office)
Salary range: \$400 - \$1,200 per annum
- (6) *Federal Work-study Coordinator*
(Office of Admissions & Financial Aid)
Salary range: \$12,049 - \$20,607 per annum

For application forms and information, please contact *Harline Haruo* at **PCC Human Resources Office** at 488-2470/2471, extension 227.

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

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