

Palau Community College - Continuing Education

Palau Community College Continuing Education announces to the public that it will be offering the following short-term training classes for Spring 2001.

- Office 2000
- Intro. to Fabric Design
- Intro. to Drawing
- Intro. to Watercolor Painting
- Intro. to Printmaking
- Intro. to Oil Painting
- Batik Painting
- Basic Accounting
- Basic Plumbing
- Basic Small Engine Repair
- Conversational Japanese
- GPS Training
- Marmar & Lei Weaving
- Palauan Conversation

For details call or email Lorraine Rdiall at Ph.#: 488-2471 ext. 270
email: lorrainr@belau.org

TOEFL Information for School Year 2000-01

Test Dates	Registration deadline	Scores mailed
May 12, 2001	Mar. 26, 2001	June 20, 2001

* Registration fee is \$110 and you may contact the PCC Counseling Office at 488-3036 for more information.

Celebrating Birthdays



Lucius Beketaut	March 13
Thomas Taro	March 13
Gibson Towai	March 13
Emma Ultiraki	March 14
Petrus Itelmong	March 15
Peter Ulechong	March 15

Happy Birthday to you you all!!!

LOST!

JANSPORT BACK PACK - Gray & Brown color, last seen at the Micro-P section of the library on Friday, February 23, 2001.

REWARD - will be given without any questions asked. Please see Imengel at the library to claim your reward, and don't forget to bring the back-pack.



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Friday, March 9, 2001

Weekly Newsletter

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Charter Day Preparation Begins 3rd Annual Softball Tournament To Be Held

There are only twenty one days remaining for the celebration of Palau Community College's Charter Day which has been scheduled to be held on Friday March 30, 2001. PCC President Tellei has already appointed members of the Charter Day committee to plan and implement this year's activities. In fact, the committee held their initial meeting yesterday at the PCC Bai to begin preparation for the big day.

Two years ago, Charter Day activities were mainly track and field events. Last year, activities were oriented toward the more traditional events. This time around, the committee is working hard to find a central theme and would appreciate any input from the rest of the College community. Of course, Charter Day will be launched with the annual PCC President's Run/Walk so everyone is encouraged to locate those "sometimes forgotten" shoes and dust them off in time for Charter Day.

Designation of this year's teams will be posted soon on the College bulletin boards so be looking out to see which team you belong to. If last year was any indication, competition for top spot this year will be very intense and the players are sure to call in their reserves just to stay in contention. In case you have forgotten, last year's results were as follows: First place went to Team Blue/Green which garnered 85 points (Team Captains Weldon Gideon and Rodney T. Kazuma); Second place went to Team Yellow/Purple which earned 77 points (Team Captains Mokokil Rechirei and Patrick Bells); and, Third place went to Team Red/Orange which accumulated 75 points (Team Captains Mace Kesolei and Francis L. Silk).

The College will also hold its Third Annual Softball Tournament Fund Raiser starting the evening of March 30th to April 1, 2001. This year, the College has opted to host a co-ed tournament, the first time in the short history of the tournament. This new twist will add a flavor of fun competition as well as increased opportunity to finetune our teamwork skills. With the tournament bracket accommodating only sixteen (16) teams, the College encourages all those interested to contact Armstrong Debelbot, Todd Ngiramengior, or Jay Olegeriil at telephone number 488-2471 to reserve your team's slot. Last year, we had over twenty teams in the tournament; therefore, register your team soon to ensure your team's participation. As with the practice these past two years, proceeds of the tournament will go to the PCC Endowment Fund.

For general information about the PCC Endowment Fund, please call Jay Olegeriil at PCC Telephone number (680) 488-2470/2471. He will be more than happy to assist you.

Midterms are Over, Spring Break Coming Soon!!!

Finally! The PCC students are back to smiling again and congregating in their favorite spots throughout the College campus. For a while many of us were wondering if something awful had occurred. Then we realized this was midterm week when our work-study students requested to be released from work to concentrate on their studies!

As a matter of fact, students are already beginning plans for the upcoming Spring Break, scheduled for the week of March 19-23, 2001. Several PCC dorm students have already arranged excursions either to the rock islands or Babeldaob. Meanwhile, some of the student organizations/clubs plan to utilize the Spring Break to raise funds through various activities such as car wash, field clearings, landscaping, etc.

Whatever they ultimately plan on doing this Spring Break, the PCC staff are happy to see that our students are back to their happy selves. We were starting to miss you!!!

Mesekiu's News Challenge:

The first person to correctly state the official date of the PCC Charter Day will win a FREE Lunch Bento at the PCC Bookstore. Contestants are to submit their answers to Armstrong Debelbot at the PCC Development Office no later than Wednesday March 14, 2001.

FREE LUNCH
OFFER!!!



AG Club Plant Sale a Success

The PCC Agriculture Club held a successful plant sale on Thursday, March 1st. and the club members are happy to announce that they sold a total of \$47.00 worth of vegetable seedlings to patrons from PCC and the general public. Tomatoes, Bell Peppers, and Basil were all sold out but a few seedlings of Chinese Cabbage and Bok Choy are still available. See a club member or Club advisor, Joel Miles if you are interested.

The Agriculture Club also regularly sells eggs and bananas to the PCC cafeteria, and has over the past two years used proceeds from their sale to assist the College and the Agricultural Science Program (\$500 to the PCC Endowment Fund; computer, camera, and green machine to AG program).

The Club would like to thank everyone who came out to support their plant sale fundraising. Tentatively, a similar plant sale is scheduled for the month of May so read future issues of the Mesekiu's News for actual date.



Happy customers at the plant sale on March 1st.

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We also need your best efforts to make more students and potential students aware of federal student aid programs. While we do a great deal of outreach, we still find there are too many who do not take advantage of what federal programs offer. For whatever reason -- fear of application forms, false assumptions about eligibility, lack of awareness -- some students and families are seriously disadvantaging themselves and their futures. We can do better. We need to get the word out.

I am proud of our accomplishments together since 1993. We have made remarkable progress in the past eight years through fiscal discipline, a strong economy, improved administration of student aid programs, and steadily increasing student aid appropriations. Together, if we all pull in the same direction, we can make next year the best ever and make our federal programs succeed as never before.

Yours Sincerely,
/S/

Richard W. Riley

New Face at Project Beacon: Midori Mersai



Midori Mersai

The Project Beacon recently hired a new English instructor by the name of Midori Mersai. Ms. Mersai previously worked at the Palau Supreme Court for number of years before coming to PCC.

The Project Beacon staff will soon be taking their new colleague on the campus tour so you can meet her in person. "It has only been a couple of days but the people I've met have been very nice and welcoming. My colleague and office mate, Huan, as well as Sue, have made me feel very welcome and it seems as if I've been here a couple of months instead of a couple of days. It's really great to be here," said Ms. Mersai.

Welcome to the College family, Ms. Mersai!

Vacancy Announcement

PCC is looking for instructors for the the following courses to be offered this coming Summer semester.

English	Accounting
Science	Health
Social Science	Bookkeeping
Computers skills	

If you're interested please call Ms.
Alvina Timarong at 488-2471
ext. 248.

RETENTION WEB PAGE

PCC Retention Office, Tel.#: 488-2471, ext. 247

To All Students, Faculty, & Staff

Please note the following changes of withdrawal dates in our current general catalog 2000-2004:

1. The last day for all withdrawals from a course is Monday, March 19, 2001 and not Friday, March 30, 2001
2. The last day for all withdrawals for Spring semester 2001-2002 is Monday, March 18, 2002 and not Thursday, March 28, 2002
3. The last day for all withdrawals for Spring semester 2002-2003 is Monday, March 17, 2003 and not Friday, March 28, 2003.
4. The last day for all withdrawals for Spring semester 2003-2004 is Monday, March 22, 2004 and not Friday, March 26, 2004.

The dates for all withdrawals for Fall semesters are in line with the definition of withdrawal on page 27 of our current catalog. Please note that the withdrawal dates are established to be in line with our pre-registration activities to ensure that students are registered into the right classes. The pre-registration begins one week after the last day for all withdrawals.

If there are any questions regarding the above changes, please contact the Vice President for Education and Training at 488-2470/71, ext. 249.

Academic Calendar Spring Semester 2001

March	5-9	M-F	Midterm Period
March	15	TH	Holiday: Youth Day
March	19-23	M-F	Spring Break
March	19	F	Last Day for all Withdrawals
April	13	F	Holiday: Good Friday
May	3	TH	Last Day of Instruction
May	4	F	Holiday: Senior Citizen's Day
May	7-9	M-W	Final Examination Period
May	11	F	Grades Due/ End of Spring Semester
May	18	F	Commencement Exercise/ Graduation

Outgoing US Secretary of Education Bids Farewell

The following is a letter from the outgoing U.S. Secretary of Education, Richard W. Riley, to PCC President Patrick Tellei:

January 19, 2001

Dear President:

This is the last time I write college and university presidents as Secretary of Education. In this letter, I want to sum up where we stand in making college affordable for all and to ask for your help in making sure, toward that end, that our federal programs succeed.

The federal funds available for student financial aid for next academic year represent both the largest increase and largest amount ever. This has been made possible by fiscal discipline applied to the federal budget to produce a federal budget surplus rather than a deficit, along with improved administration of student aid programs and a strong economy. This healthy fiscal condition has permitted very substantial increases in many programs, including an increase in the Pell Grant maximum from \$2,300 in 1993 to \$3,750 in 2001. Targeting our tax relief efforts, specifically to help students and families pay for college through Hope Scholarships and Lifetime Learning tax credits, has also been a key element of this fiscal discipline.

On November 25, 1998, I wrote to ask for your help to ensure that Hope Scholarships and Lifetime Learning tax credits would provide additional help for families to pay for college and not simply substitute for existing sources of financial aid. We are now seeing the results. These tax credits are working well to provide college affordability for families in the lower-and middle-income ranges. I ask for your continued help as well as your efforts to spread the word that eligible students and families can file amended tax returns if they have not already taken advantage of these programs. Amended returns resulting in substantial tax credits may make a great difference in the ability of students and families to pay off student loans.

As with the Hope Scholarships and Lifetime Learning tax credits, I ask for your assistance in making certain that the Pell Grant increases are provided to students in a way that makes college more affordable, rather than substituting for other grants. With a \$450 increase next year in the Pell Grant maximum, we should make real progress in closing the troubling and persistent gap of higher education access between lower-and upper-income students and in lowering the amount of student debt as compared to grant aid.