



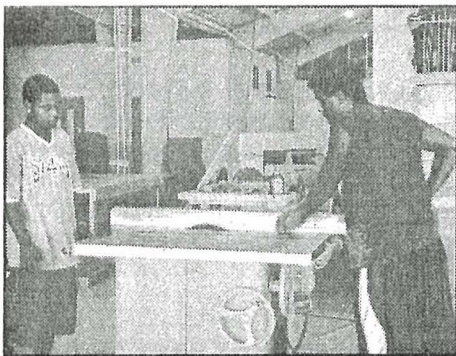
Palau Community College MESEKIU'S NEWS

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Voc./Tech. Education Awareness Week Starts Monday



Construction/ Carpentry students constructing one of their many projects to showcase for March 12-14 Vocational/ Technical Education Awareness Week.

The Vocational/ Technical Education Awareness Week is slated to coincide with the Ministry of Education's own

awareness week to begin this coming Monday, March 12th. One thousand (1,000) students from both public and private high school and elementary schools are expected to visit and tour the campus throughout the three days. In addition to the student visitors, a special invitation will be extended to all MOC/ PCC retirees and community members and groups who are avid supporters of the College will also be invited.

There will be a total of 16 display booths and exhibit stations featuring PCC students conducting presentations and demonstrations specific to their fields of studies.

On the final day of the event, various

student crafted-items such as dressers, bookshelves, coffee tables, barbecue grills, and other items will be available at reduced prices.

The PCC Vocational/Technical Education Week is an event to promote and advocate awareness of College programs and services to the community, most especially to high school students who are prospective students of Palau Community College.

For more information about the PCC Vocational/Technical Education Week, please contact Sherman Daniel at 488-2471 ext, 254.

PCC and PPR Sign MOA



Palau Pacific Resort (PPR) General Manager, Manabu Komatsu (center left) and Palau Community College (PCC) President Dr. Tellei (center back) pose with PPR employees, PCC Dean Timarong, Instructors, and students after the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) at PPR Pacific Room on Tuesday.

Finally after two years of hard work, Palau Pacific Resort and Palau Community College signed a Memorandum of

Agreement (MOA). The purpose of this agreement is to establish a partnership of working plan that focuses on the ultimate goal to employ PCC local graduates who make a successful match with PPR standards of operations.

Over the previous years, several PCC Tourism & Hospitality (TH) graduates have worked at PPR.

Now, there are currently over 40 students in the TH program, one of whom is interning at

PPR this semester and four PCC house-keeping students who are working every Friday for four hours learning PPR's housekeeping operations. Effective next

week, TH students who are taking baking classes will have the opportunity to learn how to make pastries from PPR's Chef once a week.

The College is very excited and happy about this new, stronger partnership and we are looking forward to working with Palau Pacific Resort.

REMINDER to all
PCC Students...

March 12-16 is Students' Spring Break.

There will be NO classes next week!

President Appoints APM Task Force

As part of the College's continuing efforts to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of its operation, the President has appointed the following to serve on the PCC Administrative Procedures Manual (APM) Task Force:

1. Todd Ngiramengior- Chair
2. Jay Olegeriil
3. Thomas Taro
4. Alvina Timarong
5. Marensia Edward
6. Tchuzie Tadao
7. Willy Wally

Their task is to develop a comprehensive administrative procedures manual. The task force have been working very hard and meeting every week to finalize a draft, which will be submitted to the President for review within this month.

Project Health Volunteer, Inc. Donates to Day Care Center



Day Care Center Manager, Jemmy Blelai (second from right), and teachers accepting the two boxes of toys donated by Mrs. Sandra Pierantozzi on behalf of the Project Health Volunteer, Inc.

The Project Health Volunteer, Inc., a non-profit organization with the primary purpose of supporting health care services in Palau, donated two boxes of used toys earlier this week to the Day Care Center here on PCC campus.

The organization members are as follows: President- Mrs. Sandra Pierantozzi; Vice President- Senator Caleb Otto; Secretary- Laurinda Waisang Fritz; and Treasurer- Yorah Imengel Demei.

In support of the organization's projects, Mr. and Mrs. Eric K. Surangel kindly donated several boxes of used toys, after which, the Project Health Volunteer, Inc. felt that some of these toys would be of great use if donated to the Day Care Center.

The College, especially the Day Care Center, thanks Project Health Volunteer, Inc. for their very generous donation. Special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Eric K. Surangel for donating the toys. The kids love them!

PCC Work-Study Students' Success Stories- Part I

Since the PCC work-study program expanded off-campus to the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, and the Ministry of Justice, there have been many students' success stories. For this issue, we will feature one from the Ministry of Health's Pharmacy.



(l-r): PCC Work-Study student, Cheryl Patris and her Supervisor, Pharmacist Biribo Tekanene.

are or were majoring in? Patris works at the pharmacy because she was interested to learn about it.

Patris inputs data entry, files, cleans, runs office errands, but is now learning to analyze medicine costs. Asked what he hopes Patris would gain from working with him, Supervisor Tekanene commented, "I hope she'll be more mature in terms of being able to analyze the data. To be able to analyze with common sense. So far, she's done quite well".

As a matter of fact, Patris is the first work-study student whom her Supervisor has requested additional hours so that she can continue to work.

Patris has learned about time management and organization since she started working at the pharmacy. She says her job is interesting and can see herself working in this field in the near future.

See next issue for more Work-study success stories.

Students Prepare for Mid-term Exams



PCC students taking advantage of the study hall hours at the dorms to prepare for their mid-term exams this week.



Study Hall Hours are available to all PCC students every week from Monday- Thursday starting from 6:30pm to 9:30pm at Dorms B & C.

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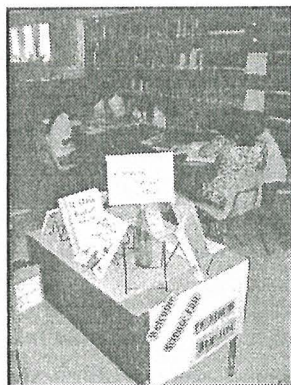
ANNOUNCEMENT

House Education Committee Has New Name and New Chair...

The Association of Community College Trustees' (ACCT) House Committee on Education and the Workforce has changed its name to the Committee on Education and Labor since the beginning of the 110th Congress. Rep. George Miller (D-CA) will chair the committee. For further information on the committee organization, please visit: <http://edworkforce.house.gov/>.

REMINDER

Library Offering Services to Science Fair Participants...



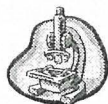
Science Fair Resource Desk at the Library.

PCC Library is offering its services to Science Fair participants by designating a corner of the library with a science fair help desk. Various books on science fair project ideas are available. Therefore, those of you who are planning to enter the science fair, do take this advantage and use the resources available for you at the library. Library Hours are from 8am-8pm (Mon-Fri.); 9am-6pm (Sat.); 12pm-6pm (Sun.).

2007 Education Awareness Week

"A Omesuub a Kerbil a Klechad"

Science Fair
March 12- 16, 2007



For more information,
please contact Debbie R. Nagata at 488-1004.



Ministry of Health Support Education Awareness Week

With an eye at attracting Palauan students to careers in the Ministry of Health (MOH), the Ministry convened on Tuesday to put in place various activities to be presented at the upcoming Educational Awareness Week.

Building on the week's theme of *Omesuub a Kerbil a Klechad* (Learning is the guidance of life), MOH will present a glimpse into a multitude of career tracks that are available in health with a special emphasis on nursing.

The activities for Education Awareness Week will be held from Monday, March 12 to Friday, March 16, 2007. All schools from elementary to secondary schools in the Republic of Palau will partake in the activities that are being held mostly on the main campus of the Palau Community College (PCC). Other activities such as math jeopardy, career guidance, and academic challenge bowl are being held on the Palau High School campus.

MOH will have their display and presentations on the first and second floor in the right wing of the Btaches Building on the PCC Campus all day Tuesday from 9am-4pm. All Bureaus, Divisions, Programs and Ancillary Services will have displays throughout the whole day including demonstrations. Staff will also be on hand to answer any questions that potential health career enthusiasts may have.

In addition, MOH this year is streamlining its presentation to focus on one field of specialty- nursing: 1) to build awareness of the young of nursing as a profession; 2) to discern the significance

of nursing in the field of medicine; and 3) to illustrate its interconnections with other health professions. In addition, the focus on nursing will allow for a more comprehensive presentation.

Nursing today is a science that is just as competitive as other health professions in the field of medicine. There are just as many categories of nurses as there are physicians or technicians. The romanticism that was Florence Nightingale is no longer a reality in today's world compelling nurses to continually access the field and position themselves in a very highly competitive environment.

Beyond the obvious, nursing has come to be about marketing skills as commodities in an intensely consumer oriented environment. This is a challenge that can be rewarding in this profession beyond the altruism of yesteryears.

So while the various bureaus, divisions, programs and ancillary services will be presented at the Education Awareness Week, the over arching theme for the MOH will be "Nursing the Foundation of Health". Building on the principles of nursing as a profession, some of these principles can and are being applied outside the area of nursing in the traditional sense, for example, in the area of environmental health. And as with all careers or professions in today's global society, technology has flattened the world so that it is not only necessary but, essential for students to understand the dynamic forces in play influencing their choice of careers including all aspects of the professional world.

Alumni Notes

Class of 2001 (PCC)

Leticia K. Sisior -



2001 PCC graduate with an Associate of Arts (AA) degree in Liberal Arts (LA). She is currently pursuing her Master's in Pacific Island Studies at UH-Manoa. She is here to do

her field study and is a part-time English and Cultural Anthropology Instructor at PCC.

Class of 1999 (PCC)

Quintina Nestor -



1999 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Business Accounting (BEA). Nestor worked as an Accountant at the Ministry of Health-Billing & Collection Office for the past 8

years, but has been working as the Acting Supervisor for the past month.

Class of 1976 (MOC)

Lorenzo Ngiramolau -



1976 MOC graduate with a Vocational Certificate of Achievement (VCA) in Auto Mechanics (AM). He worked at Ngarchelang State Public Works as the Supervisor for 23

years. He now works at the Capitol Improvement Project (CIP) Office as an Inspector and has been there for a year.

Alumni Notes: showcases MOC&PCC alumni who contribute to the quality of life in their local community and are positive role models for other PCC students to emulate. If you are that alumni 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

William T. Mitchell	March	12
Lucius Beketaut	March	13
Thomas Taro	March	13
Gibson Towai	March	13
Elsengel Recheded	March	13
Petrus Itelmong	March	15

Happy Birthday To You!

More Show Support to PCC Endowment Fund

Ministry of Finance's Remote System Administrator, Exley Meyer (not pictured) is the newest member of the Endowment Fund. PCC welcomes the new supporters of the Endowment Fund and invites others who have not signed up to show their support as well. For more information about the PCC Endowment Fund, please contact Hulda, Dilubch, Rilla, or Koyu at the Development office at 488-2470/ 2471 ext. 253.

Taiwan Scholarship Now Available...

The Palau National Scholarship Board is pleased to announce that the Taiwan Government Scholarship is now available for undergraduate and graduate level. The submission deadline for the scholarship is March 20th, 2007. For more information and application forms, please visit the Scholarship office located at the Palau High School campus or call the office at 488-3608.

FILE FOR REFUND BEFORE MARCH 30TH DEADLINE!

All bi-weekly donors to the PCC Endowment Fund are reminded to come to PCC Development Office and complete their application packets, enabling them to get refunds for their donations. This reminder is for those who have not completed their packets. Be sure to fill your forms before the March 30, 2007 deadline. It is just around the corner so hurry up because time is of the essence. If you are not sure whether or not your application packet is complete or do not have a form, please feel free to contact Hulda, Dilubch, Rilla, or Koyu at PCC's Development Office at 488-2470/ 2471 ext. 253.

ARD Scholarship Now Available...

2008 Applications and Guidelines for the Australian Regional Development Scholarships (ARDS) are available NOW. Closing date is May 1, 2007.

Interested applicants can either get an application from the Palau National Scholarship Board Office located near Palau High School or download the application from the Australian Embassy's website at www.fsm.embassy.gov.au (click onto the "Development Cooperation" button located on the left side of the home page).

ARDS provides the opportunity for resident citizens from Pacific Island countries to undertake studies at post-secondary education institutions in the Pacific region for study levels of Technical/Vocational, Undergraduate, and Postgraduate (up to Masters level, only). The purpose of ARDS is to support training at the level and field of study that are expected to have the greatest developmental impact. Because Awardees are receiving valuable training and experience, they are required to return to their home country for two years, after the completion of their studies, to apply their skills and knowledge to assist in the development of their country.

ARDS awards cover successful applicants' tuition and institution fees, living expenses, basic overseas health coverage, tutorial assistance and economy class air travel back to your home country at the end of each year of study.

For more information, please call Palau National Scholarship Board at 488- 3608.

Visit PCC website: www.palau.edu and learn all about Palau's only institution of higher education. While there, check out the PCC weekly newsletter, *Mesekiu's News*, including back issues!