

Alumni Notes

Class of 1999 PCC



Prozert Ngiralmu - 1999 PCC graduate with a Certificate in General Electronics. He is currently working as a Switch Technician for the

Palau National Communication Corporation.

Class of 1996 (PCC)



Tasya Worswick - 1996 PCC graduate with a CA in Business Accounting. She is currently working as Procurement and Supply Officer for the Ministry of Finance.

Class of 1994-96 (PCC)



Estelita Demei - 1994 and 1996 PCC graduate with a CA Business Administration and General Office Clerk. She is currently working as an Assistant Accountant for the Civil

Service Pension Plan Office.

Great Job, you make us proud!

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*.

Celebrating Birthdays

Bruce Rimirch	March 19
Keith Ignacio	March 20
Fidelia Tengoll	March 24
Angelio Anthonio	March 25

Happy Birthday To You!!!

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Announcement from the Community Advocacy (CAP), Bureau of Public Health

This is an announcement to the public, that while there are no confirmed cases of the avian influenza or "bird flu" in the Republic of Palau, the virus is continuously spreading. Avian influenza epidemics in poultry with some associated human cases have been reported in many countries worldwide, including some of our close neighbors such as Indonesia, Japan and other parts of South East Asia. Palau's proximity to Indonesia and with migratory birds traveling between our islands and other countries increases our exposure to this health hazard. Therefore, the public is requested to assist in keeping this fatal disease at bay by being vigilant, alert, and to report (call 911) all possible threats and/or migratory birds that may be host to this virus.

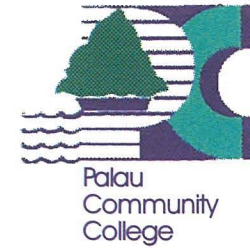
The avian influenza or "bird flu" is an illness caused by viruses that usually occur among birds. Wild birds around the world carry the viruses and do not get sick from them, but the viruses are very contagious and can make domesticated birds, including chickens, ducks, and turkeys very sick and kill them. In humans, the virus can cause serious illness and death. Infected birds shed the virus in their saliva, nasal secretions, and feces. People may get infected with the virus through direct contact with infected birds or places and things contaminated by these infected birds. Avian influenza may present a more severe than normal human influenza or "flu". It can cause high fever and respiratory symptoms such as cough and shortness of breath. It may also lead to pneumonia, or other life-threatening conditions or death. Avian influenza is a very serious illness.

There is concern that the virus is changing and may become easily contagious, spreading from person to person - much like the common cold. When the virus comes into contact with the human flu it can pick up the characteristics that help it spread more easily between humans. This could occur when a person gets both types of flu at the same time. In addition, Pigs may be susceptible to both avian influenza and human influenza. If pigs are exposed to both viruses at the same time, this could also help the avian flu virus to change. There is no evidence that there are cases due to eating properly cooked poultry. However, if food is not cooked properly there is some potential that avian influenza virus could be spread through contaminated food. This is because the H5N1 virus can spread to all parts of an infected bird, including meat. Eggs can contain H5N1 virus both on the outside (shell) and the inside (white and yolk). The virus is not killed by freezing or refrigeration, but is killed by conventional cooking. Wash hands and cooking utensils with soap and water when preparing and handling raw and cooked food to minimize contamination and the spread of the virus. If you see any birds dying without clear or common cause, please call 911 to report its location for the proper authority to handle the sick or dead bird.

World TB Day, March 24, 2006

Action for Life: Towards a World Free of Tuberculosis

	Date:	Time:	Activities:	Venue:
Annaliik State	March 20, 2006	6:00pm	TB Talk presentation	Aime liki Community center
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Ngerchemai, Koror	March 22, 2006	7:00pm	TB Talk presentation	Ngerchemai Bai
Meyuns, Koror	March 23, 2006	7:00pm	TB Talk presentation	Meyuns Bai
Central Koror	March 24, 2006	9:00am - 3:00pm	Information Booth/Exhibition Games, etc.	PCC Court Yard



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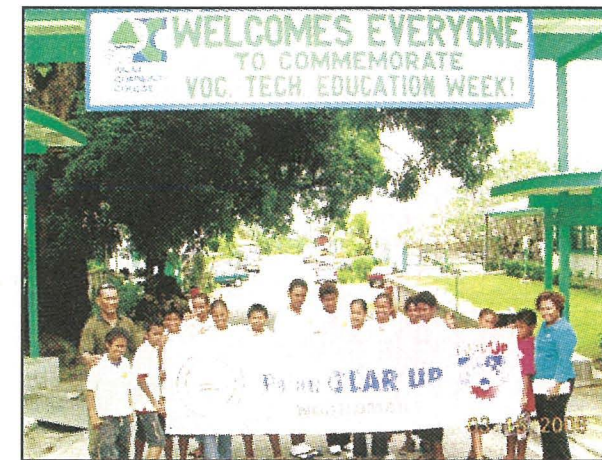


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Weekly Newsletter

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Students from Around Palau Attend PCC Vocational-Education Week



Sherman Daniel, Dean of Technical Education and co-chair of this year's PCC Vocational-Education Week poses with students from Ngardmau Elementary School and Marleen Ngirametuker of the Gear Up Program.



K.E.S. students learning the basics of electrical wiring from a PCC student.



PCC student making a presentation on auto mechanic technology.

College visits and tours held all week to commemorate the PCC Vocational/Technical Education Week will conclude today with the last visiting group of students from Kayangel, Peleliu, and Angaur elementary schools slated to tour the PCC campus this afternoon. Members of the general public are also expected to visit throughout the day to bid on popular items such as bookshelves, dressers, entertainment centers, barbecue grills and other items made by PCC students. PCC President Dr. Patrick Tellei who has greeted and welcomed student groups daily said yesterday that the College's education week activities have gone extremely well and expects everything to conclude smoothly today. "The education week owes much of its success to the Ministry

of Education, specifically Marleen Ngirametuker and her staff at the Gear Up program who had the enormous task of organizing and making possible the visit of over 1000 students from elementary and high schools throughout Palau," Tellei said. Organizing committee co-chair Sherman Daniel said that this is one of the biggest event that the College hosts in terms of the numbers of visitors and believes that by day's end today, close to 1200 students and individual visitors would have visited the college since the tours began on Monday. Activities during the PCC education week included organized campus tours that allowed visitors to see PCC students showcase their programs as well as demonstrate their skills and proficiencies in their individual trade areas. 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 or Vicky Maui at 488-6008.

PCC Student Receives Prestigious Scholarship to Attend GVSU



Jim Crawley, GVSU Associate Director for International Recruitment poses with PCC student Villany Remengesau and Cynthia Malsol, Project Beacon Career Counselor.

The College is proud to announce that one of its very own students, Ms. Villany Remengesau has won a scholarship to attend Grand Valley State University (GVSU) in Michigan, U.S.A. Mr. Jim Crawley, Associate Director for International Recruitment, GVSU who was here in Palau on a recruiting visit to the College personally presented the Award to Ms. Remengesau. Ms. Remengesau is well known around campus among her fellow students and teachers alike for her warm personality and friendly smile. Yet, it is her incredible work ethic and her commitment to excellence that established herself academically by consistently making the President's List throughout her college career here at PCC. She will be graduating this May with an Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts. We here at the College are confident that Ms. Remengesau will be a great representative and will make her friends, her family and her country proud. This scholarship was created in honor of President Tommy E. Remengesau as an Alumnus of GVSU and a tribute to his successes and contributions to the Republic of Palau. Ms. Remengesau will be joining two other distinguished PCC Alumni, Ms. Lauren Joseph and Mr. Lekelong Secharaimul. Good luck Villany and great job!

Talent Search Program Conducts Field Trips



K.E.S. students, teachers and Talent Search staff pose for photo at the beautiful Rock Islands.



K.E.S. students pose at Ngarchelong's famous Baderulchau ruins.

Philippine Ambassador Visits PCC

In a formal letter to the honorable Ramoncito S. Marino, the new Ambassador from the Republic of the Philippines to the Republic of Palau, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, thanked the honorable Ambassador Marino for taking time out of a busy schedule to visit the College.

During the meeting with the Ambassador, President Tellei discussed issues of mutual interest such as a student exchange with students from Universities and Colleges from the Philippines, the dispatching of experts in Aquaculture and Marine Science to teach here at PCC, the possibility for PCC to be a sabbatical venue for professors and instructors from the Philippines and to work closely with educational institutions in the Philippines to develop an engineering academy.

In closing, President Tellei expressed his gratitude on behalf of the College to the Ambassador for his support and expressed that PCC looks forward to working closely with the Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines to build a fruitful and positive working relationship.

For the past several weeks, Talent Search Program has been sponsoring several cultural field trips for its participants from the central schools of Koror. Participants from Harris Elementary School had their field trip to Babaeldaob on March 4, 2006 and also a visitation to the Melekeok Capitol Building and partial field trip to Ngarchelong to visit the Baderulchau ruins and the Tet el Bad in Ollei hamlet in Ngarchelong. On March 11, 2006, Seventh graders of Koror Elementary School had their field trip to Melekeok Capitol Building to make mathematical survey on the building and also visited Ngiwal's Ngirngemelas Square and Baderulchau in Ngarchelong as part of Palauan history and Sociology class. The following week, on the 13th of March 2006, sixth graders also had their Cultural field trip to visit the Olechukl Yars, which is the Paintings of Orachel at the Ulong Island. Included in this field trip was also a visit to the old Ulong village. After visiting Ulong, the trip continued on to the jellyfish lake and all other sites in between the rock islands.

Koror Elementary Eighth graders who were accompanied by Johnny Kintaro from Environmental Quality Protection Board (EQPB), visited several compact road sites that had little environmental impact on the island as a result to the construction of the compact road. All these field trips were scheduled to fall on the week after the exams of all the public schools here in Koror. Participants enjoyed the tours and learned much from these field trips. These trips were also partly a reward to these students as most of them had successfully improved their grades compared to the previous quarters before.

FAFSA Online Registration Available for PCC Students

The PCC Office of Admissions and Financial Aid has now made it easy and convenient for continuing students to fill their Free Applications for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or financial aid forms. Five new computers with high speed internet access have been placed in the Financial Aid Office to provide students with the opportunity for a faster and efficient way to fill their forms. In addition, friendly staff from the Financial Aid Office will be right by your side to

guide you as you submit your forms online. This new process will save students a of lot time and will ensure their financial needs will be met in a timely manner. Dahlia Katosang, Director of the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid said that this new online system makes processing the students' forms easier both for the students and the staff alike. According to Director Katosang, the old way was more cumbersome as the process would take weeks because financial aid forms had to be filled and manually checked, evaluated and then mailed individually off island to the United States for further processing. In the meantime, students would be in limbo as they waited for a response. Katosang added that the online system has helped her office run more smoothly because her staff are not overwhelmed with processing paper work and financial aid forms anymore. Such efficiency frees herself and her staff so they may provide special attention to individual needs of the student applicants themselves. Therefore, if you are a continuing PCC student and would like to get a head start, come on down to the Office of Admission and Financial Aid and submit your forms online. It is as easy as one...two...three.



Maureen Renguul (standing) from the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid guides students as they submit their forms online.

BITS AND PIECES...

Deadline for Refund is March 31st...

Did you recently become a member of the PCC Bi-weekly Endowment Fund Contributors' Club in 2005? Did you know that if you are a donor, you are eligible for a tax refund? This coming March 31, 2006 is the deadline for filing applications, so please hurry and call us if you wish to receive your tax refund. For more information, please call the PCC Development Office at PCC telephone number 488-2471, and ask for Dilubch, Hulda or Armstrong to help you.

Spring Break is Over...

Okay students, spring break is over and you got all the rest and relaxation you need! Now it is time to focus on your studies so that you may accomplish this semester's academic goals. With less than half of the semester remaining, you have little room for compromise. Therefore, work hard toward improving that current grade, continue what you're doing to maintain that already great grade, and tackle those assignments that you have been putting off. Finally, constantly check in with your instructor to keep track of your progress. Before you know it, the semester will come to an end and you will be the happier person for having persevered. Good luck, one and all!

GOT ARTICLES?...

We want to know the scoop over at your office, what's new, what's being implemented, etc. Share your news with us by bringing your articles to the Development Office no later than Wednesdays at 12 noon each week.

DEEPEST CONDOLENCES Joleen Joseph and Her Family

The Palau Community College would like to express its deepest sympathies to Joleen on the untimely loss of her dear father. Our Prayers and warm thoughts are with Joleen and her family during their time of bereavement.

Love and Best Wishes from your family at PCC.

Environmental/Marine Science (EMS) Program Awards Scholarships to Seven PCC Students



Alvina Timarong, Dean of Academic Affairs, Science Instructors Vernice Yuji, and James Moore pose with scholarship awardees. Instructor Yuji manages the PCC Environmental/Marine Science Program (EMS).

PCC's Environmental/Marine Science Program (EMS) awarded scholarships to seven PCC students majoring in Environmental/Marine Science. Each student was awarded \$500.00 for meeting all the criteria requirements for the scholarship. The EMS Scholarship Program is funded by NOAA Grant. The students who received the scholarships are Asteen Marcil, Reevalyn Atalig, Shelley Remengesau, Victor Nestor, Carmin Pipit, Zilah Oiterong and Dawnette Olsudong. The goal of the program is to increase the number of Palauan students pursuing higher education in the field of marine sciences in order to preserve Palau's natural environment. Palau's future depends upon the understanding, conservation, and sustainable use of its natural resources. The College congratulates all the scholarship recipients and encourages them to keep up the good work. Palau needs dedicated young people like these students to help protect its natural beauty for today's generations and the future generations of tomorrow.

PCC President Appoints Charter Day Organizing Committee

PCC President Patrick U. Tellei has appointed the Charter Day Organizing Committee in a memorandum that was released on Friday last week. The Committee will be responsible for the planning and implementation of the 13th Annual PCC Charter Day festivities. PCC Charter Day will be held on March 31, 2006. Appointed to serve on the committee are the following:

William O. Wally, Chairman	SBA President Travis August
Ephraim Ngirachitei	Mekreos Silil
Ismael Anastacio	Sherman Daniel
Lesley Adachi	Leilani Rechelluul
Armstrong Debelbot	Angelio Anthonio
Clement Kazuma	Tchuzie Tadao
Cynthia Malsol	Helene Moros
Deikola Olikong	Ezra Takeo

The overall chair for the committee is William O. Wally, Dean of Continuing Education. Vice President Jay Olegeriil and Thomas Taro will serve on the Committee as well to provide all the necessary support to the work of the Organizing Committee. The first meeting was held at 9:00 a.m. this coming Monday, March 20, 2006 at the Prince Lebuu Bai. Anyone who wishes to participate in the upcoming Charter Day celebration is welcome to attend. President Tellei, in appointing these individuals, expressed his trust in their individual and collective participation and effort toward the overall success of the College's 13th Charter Day celebration. He also gave the committee the leverage to add membership to ensure a well-rounded participation in planning for this major College event. Anyone in the College community who wishes to join the Committee is very much welcome to do so. Simply contact Dean Wally at ext. 237 or call Lesley B. Adachi at extension at 257. They will be happy to have you join the Committee!