

## CE Offers Training

The PCC Continuing Education Office would like to announce the following training opportunities:

Email/Internet Training    Self-Defense  
Boating Training Safety    Global Positioning System  
Land Title Search

Anyone who would like to learn more about these training programs offered by PCC is encouraged to contact Eileen Babauta or Taruu Nakamura at PCC telephone number 488-2471/6223. Or, you may visit the PCC Continuing Education Office every weekday from 8:00am - 5:00pm.

## Ollachitnger (Palauan Proverbs)

**Ng kora chad ra Ngesias el dongerechii a kall e oltoir a kerruk:** Like the man of Ngesias, a village in Peleliu State who left his serving of food to chase a chicken and ended up with neither. Literal Meaning: Leaving one task unfinished to initiate another will mean failure at both tasks.

## Celebrating Birthdays



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

Happy Birthday To You!!!

## CRE Conducts Outreach Programs Throughout Babeldaob



Tom Josephson, Peace Corp Volunteer and CRE staff poses with Melekeok Elementary Students

### Plants donated to Kayangel and Airai Elementary Schools

CRE donated eight kingkang (lemon tree) seedlings to Kayangel and Airai Elementary schools. The seedlings were initially planted by Ngaremlengui Elementary School students last summer as part of a summer youth program. The trees will be planted around the elementary schools to beautify the campus and provide fresh fruits.

### Babeldaob Science program travels to Melekeok Elementary

The CRE Babeldaob Environmental Science Program traveled to Melekeok Elementary School this past week. Twenty-one 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders participated in the class. The students were extremely enthusiastic and enjoyed trying all the different experiments. CRE thanks Melekeok Elementary for their support!

## PCC Students Clean Project Beacon Office During Spring Break



(l-r) Mekreos Silil, Brent Ueki, Anisa Hanser, Tyrone Etpison, and Tanya Rengulbai.

Project Beacon Staff members would like to thank all the student volunteers who helped clean the office during the spring break. These students took time from their vacation to get the Project Beacon Office clean and sparkling. Thank you for your dedication and hardwork!



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## PCC Hosts RSA Training Program for Educators



Front Row (l-r) Rechediool Jemmy Blelai, Evans Imetengel, Special Education Program Coordinator, back row (l-r) Natalia Rekesik, PCC Instructor, Katherine Ratcliff, Project Director, and Alvina Timarong, Dean of Academic Affairs

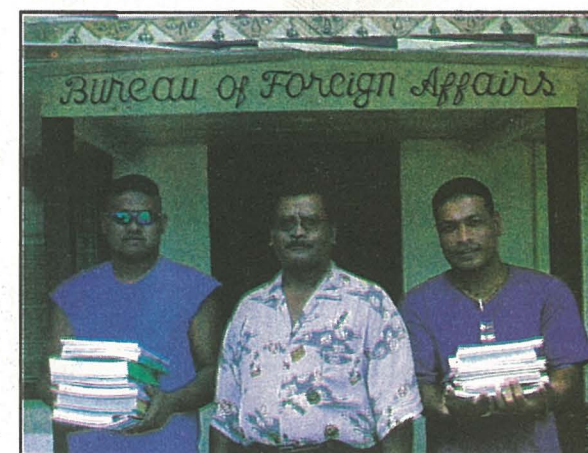
Katherine Ratcliff, Project Director from the Pacific Basin Outreach Initiative (POI) which represents education, research and service projects of the University of Hawaii Center on Disability Studies is here at PCC conducting a related service training program for students from Palau, Yap State of the Federated States of Micronesia and Republic of the Marshall Islands. Ms. Ratcliff is working in collaboration with Evans Imetengel, Coordinator, Special Education Program under the Ministry of Education, Rechediool Jemmy Blelai, Director, Belau Child Care Center, and PCC Instructor/Liaison, Natalia Rekesik who are helping provide technical, and logistical support for the program. There are currently 29 participants enrolled in the program who are longtime teachers working in Special Education, the Head Start Program and in the elementary and high school levels.

Related services such as physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and assistive technology provide much needed support for individuals with disabilities to acclimate themselves into their local community. However due to the shortage of professionals in those fields, especially in the Pacific and Micronesian region, a Related Services Assistant (RSA) training program has been developed to meet those needs. RSA incorporates various aspects of physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech-language pathology and assistive technology to allow an RSA to help students with disabilities develop adaptations in how to walk, write, communicate, interact with others

and apply basic motor skills such as eating and dressing. The RSA program is intensive as participants are required to complete three semesters of onsite classes combined with distance learning and supervised practicum in order to be certified as an RSA. RSAs are trained to help disabled students develop the skills necessary to become functional members of the community by working closely with family members, teachers, and therapists. The RSA project is funded by the United States Department of Education's Office of Special Education. The College would like to welcome Ms. Ratcliff and the program participants from Yap and the Marshall Islands and wishes everyone success with the program.

## MOS Donates Publications to PCC

The Ministry of State's Bureau of Foreign Affairs donated books, magazines and learning materials to Palau Community College. The donated items provide a wealth of information in diplomacy and the latest trends in international affairs. The bureau received the publications from foreign embassies that share diplomatic relations with Palau, international organizations such as the United Nations, regional organizations and other international forums and institutions. The donated



(l-r) PCC Student Pejay Tegolmai, Isaac Soaladoab, Director, Bureau of Foreign Affairs, and Barnabas Tepengailug, PCC student accepting donation on behalf of the College.

educational materials are cataloged in the PCC Library. The College would like to thank the Ministry of State's Bureau of Foreign Affairs for their generous donation.

## Deadline For Refund this March 31st

Did you recently become a member of the PCC Bi-weekly Endowment Fund Contributors' Club in 2004? Did you know that if you are a donor, you are eligible for a tax refund? Or have you applied for a refund for your donation and have yet to receive it?

If so please call the PCC Development Office at PCC telephone number 488-2471, and ask Dilubch, Hulda or Temmy to help you. This coming March 31, 2005 is the deadline for filing applications, so please hurry and call us.

## Mesekiu's News

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## Dean Timarong Conducts Seminar of PCC Faculty



Dean of Academic Affairs, Alvina Timarong conducted a Student Learning Outcome (SLO) seminar for the entire PCC faculty. During the seminar Dean Timarong presented effective strategies for implementing various SLO models for evaluating student learning.

The seminar was the result of a recent workshop Dean Timarong attended with PCC Instructor Marianne Temaungil, who is also the Assistant Accreditation Liaison Officer (AALO) on assessing student learning. During the seminar, Dean Timarong briefed the faculty on what they learned from the workshop and introduced new methods in evaluating student learning here at the College. These are assessment methods which the dean will incorporate into curriculum next semester. According to the Dean, such methods provide teachers and college administrators an effective barometer to measure the depth and understanding of how students perform in their academic studies as well as help the College meet accreditation expectations.

Dean Alvina Timarong and PCC Instructor/AALO Marianne Temaungil conducting an Assessment Seminar on student learning for PCC Faculty.

Dean Timarong said that although evaluation is a key component in PCC's outcome-based instruction, it is mostly one dimensional because it focuses mainly on direct assessment. She said that in order to effectively implement SLO's, PCC faculty also need to incorporate indirect assessment in evaluating how students learn in the classroom.

Dean Timarong stated, "SLOs are more than some grading system or new form of faculty evaluation, it is a practical method on how we as instructors can collectively measure what a student does with the information he or she has learned in the classroom."

Timarong added, "there is no single way to evaluate student learning. SLOs make effective assessment possible because they give us values, knowledge, abilities and skills to look for in a student's work. More than just help us evaluate learning or fulfill institutional goals, SLOs help us tap into the human potential of each student and harness that potential to achieve academic success." Dean Timarong and Marianne Temaungil attended a workshop entitled "Assuring Improvement in Student Learning," sponsored by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) in collaboration with the American Association for Higher Education (AAHE). The workshop was held in the San Mateo, California this past February.

## PAWS Treats Pets at PCC's Science Lab

Once again, the Palau Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) has come to the PCC Campus as part of its annual program providing free medical services for Palau's pets and their owners. This is the fifth year this type of service has been provided to Palau's dog and cat owners and is sponsored by PAWS in collaboration with Koror State Government (KSG). In addition, to encourage the public to bring their pets to the clinic, KSG gave free dog tags and licenses to all dog owners who had their pets neutered or spayed.

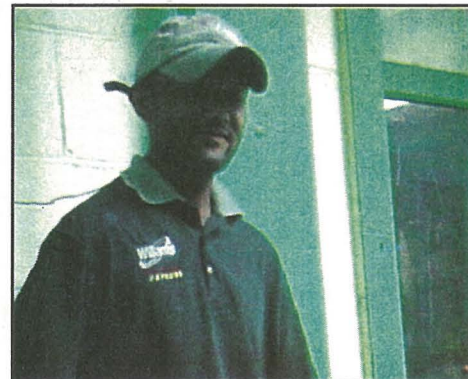
Spay and neuter surgeries at the PCC Science lab were performed by doctors from RAVS, the Rural Area Veterinarian Services, who have been providing such services in Palau for the past five years. Neutering is a safe and simple operation that surgically removes the reproductive organs of cats and dogs. Neuter surgery on female animals is sometimes called "spaying." These types of surgeries prevent females from becoming pregnant and prevent males from impregnating females.



RAV Veterinarians conducting surgical procedures.

During the procedure animals are anesthetized to spare them from the pain and usually go home within the day. The benefits of neutering your pet are: animals are three times less likely to bite, lowers their chance of getting sick, increases life expectancy and insures their safety because it reduces the animal's urge to wander, run away, become lost, or be hit by a car while roaming.

PAWS was on campus for five days and performed over 100 surgical procedures on local pets (cats and dogs). The local pet owners and their pet are very appreciative of the services provided by PAWS and Koror State Government. Their efforts will help control the canine and feline population in Palau by preventing unwanted litters of kittens and puppies from over populating our local communities. For information about PAWS, contact Lori Colin at tel. 488-5123 or e-mail her at [paws@palaunet.com](mailto:paws@palaunet.com)



A pet owner waiting to take his pet dogs to see the Veterinarian.

## BITS AND PIECES... PCC Welcomes back students .....

The College would like to welcome back all PCC students returning from their spring break, and hope that you all had a relaxing and fun break from school. The College would also like to remind students that now that there are only a few more weeks of school left for the semester, we want you to focus on your studies so that you may accomplish this semester's academic goals. Good luck, and let's all work together to ensure you finish this semester with good grades and a successful year.

## Volunteers wanted for Mini SPG.....

The Organizing Committee for the South Pacific Mini-games to be hosted by Palau is looking for a few good men and women. This will be a great opportunity to participate in one of the region's biggest sporting events. Over 22 countries from throughout the Pacific will converge in Palau from July 25 till August. Preparations are well in hand, the facilities are all but ready so it is now up to our volunteers to show their support and ensure that this once in a life time event is a great success. For more information on how you can volunteer please call Susan Ngirausui or Baklai Temengil the Palau National Olympic Committee Office at 488-6562.

## Palau Pacific Resort to Have Jobfair at PCC.....

The Palau Pacific Resort (PPR) in collaboration with the Palau Community College will be hosting a mini job fair on campus. The job fair will be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2005 in room 68 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. The event is open to everyone however, PCC students who wish to apply need to be 21 years of age or older and have good work ethics and positive attitude.

## 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.

## Announcing the 12<sup>th</sup> PCC Charter Day President's Run/Walk

The General Public is invited to join the 12<sup>th</sup> PCC President's Run/Walk:

**WHEN:** Friday April 1, 2005  
**TIME:** 5:30 a.m.  
**WHERE:** Starts at the Koror Side of the Japan-Palau Friendship Bridge and ends at the PCC Track & Field.

Transportation will be provided by PCC. All interested participants will come to the PCC Parking Lot between 4:00 am and 5:15 am. From there, PCC will transport them to the Koror side of the Japan-Palau Friendship Bridge. All participants will be treated to a healthy breakfast of fresh fruits and nutritious drinks. Please join us in celebrating this special day for Palau Community College. Together, let us make this year's Run/Walk the biggest in its history. For more information about the PCC Charter Day or this year's Run/Walk, contact Willy Wally or Angelio Anthonio at PCC telephone number 488-2470/2471.

## PCC Charter Day Softball Tourney

Interested TEAMS are invited to participate in PCC's 7<sup>th</sup> Charter Day Softball Tourney:

**WHEN:** Wednesday March 30, 2005—Sunday April 3, 2005  
**TIME:** Starts at 6:00 pm Wednesday, March 30, 2005  
**WHERE:** Meyun's Ball Field

Two divisions (co-ed & masters), 16 slots available for co-ed and 6 slots available for masters. Register your team today by calling Eugene Uehara, Armstrong Debelbot, Temmy Temengil, Hulda Lukas, or Dilubch Samil at PCC telephone number 488-2470/2471.

## TIPS TO SUCCEED IN THE CLASSROOM

Taken from Study Tips.com at <http://www.how-to-study.com>

Reading Comprehension: The Read, Examine, Decide, Write (REDW) Strategy for Finding Main Ideas

REDW is a good strategy to use to find the main idea in each paragraph of a reading assignment. Using this strategy will help you comprehend the information contained in your assignment. Each of the letters in REDW stands for a step in the strategy.

### Read:

Read the entire paragraph to get an idea of what the paragraph is about. You may find it helpful to whisper the words as you read or to form a picture in your mind of what you are reading. Once you have a general idea of what the paragraph is about, go on to the next step.

### Examine:

Examine each sentence in the paragraph to identify the important words that tell what the sentence is about. Ignore the words that are not needed to tell what the sentence is about. If you are allowed to, draw a line through the words to be ignored. For each sentence, write on a sheet of paper the words that tell what the sentence is about.

### Decide:

Reread the words you wrote for each sentence in the paragraph. Decide which sentence contains the words you wrote that best describe the main idea of the paragraph. These words are the main idea of the paragraph. The sentence that contains these words is the topic sentence. The other words you wrote are the supporting details for the main idea.

### Write:

Write the main idea for each paragraph in your notebook. This will provide you with a written record of the most important ideas you learned. This written record will be helpful if you have to take a test that covers the reading assignment.

Use REDW to help you understand the information in your reading assignments.