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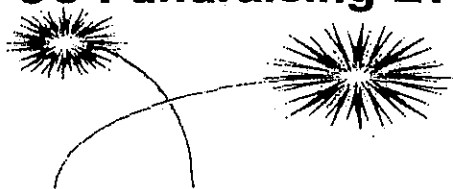


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Weekly Newsletter

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"An Evening With Stars" A PCC Fundraising Event



Since April 1993, Palau Community College has undergone substantive changes which have resulted in a new organizational structure for the institution. The new structure was developed on the basis of improving the quality of programs and services and in compliance with accreditation standards. The College has also continuously modified existing programs and services, as well as develop new ones, in its effort to meet the needs of the dynamic community it serves.

In order to improve such programs and services, Palau Community College has to have adequate funding resources. A plan is to hold a fundraising event on November 24, 1999, Wednesday, from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm at Palau Pacific Resort. The fundraising is to build The PCC Endowment Fund to meet those needs. The Endowment Fund is a separate College account with a goal of at least \$10 million by the year 2007. That is one of the critical component of the PCC 10 Year Master Plan.

With an ultimate goal of a \$30 million endowment principle, PCC would be able to utilize the interest earned to help fund College programs and services, ensuring that Palau's only college continues to provide post-secondary education and vocational training to Palau and the Pacific Region. The Palau National government shares in this belief and has established by way of enactment of law, the PCC Endowment Fund, and contributed a sum of \$100,000. In addition, the PCC Board of Trustees have and continue to make personal contributions to help build up the Endowment. At the same time, 101 PCC staff have enrolled in a program whereby they contribute on a bi-weekly basis. That number is expected to increase even more this year.

While the College is grateful to see such support, it realizes that additional support and much greater contributions are needed in order to reach the critical goal of \$30 million. Therefore, the College is approaching all who share in our belief that education is an important factor in the quality of one's life, and society as a whole.

Please join us in our effort to secure Palau Community College's continued existence and financial stability in the future. We are counting on your valuable support and contributions to help us so that we can strive to "Guarantee Quality and Excellence" in our programs and services.

The theme for the event is "An Evening With Stars." The stars for the evening are generous people who bought the tickets as a show of their commitment to supporting the only institution of higher learning in the Republic of Palau.

The following are winning prizes:



GRAND PRIZE:	<i>Brand New Vehicle</i>
<i>1st Prize:</i>	\$2,000.00
<i>2nd Prize:</i>	\$1,000.00
<i>3rd Prize:</i>	\$500.00
<i>4th Prize:</i>	\$250.00
<i>5th - 10th Prizes</i>	\$150.00 each

Tickets are on sale now for \$100 each. Payment may be made in cash or check. Checks should be made payable to:
Palau Community College, P.O. Box 9, Koror, Palau 96940.

For further information or to have your questions answered, please do not hesitate to contact:

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TODAY

Last Lu'au Bash



Palau Community College Student Body Association (PCC-SBA) proudly presents the last lu'au bash for PCC students tonight at 7:00 pm to 12:00 midnight. The lu'au will be held on the courtyard in front of the new SBA Office. Attire will be aloha t-shirts and lava lavas. There will be a live band performance by Harbor Lights Crew. Dinner starts at 7:00 pm. If you don't have plans tonight, come and enjoy the night away filled with music, food, and lots and lots of dancing.

PCC, Active Member of School-to-Work Initiative

PCC Counselor Evans Imetengel, as member of School-to-Work initiative program, is visiting all high schools this week to administer the career game instrument survey to one hundred twenty-nine (129) students. This activity is part of the summer work experience pilot program sponsored by the Ministry of Education and coordinated by Kathy Kesolei and Ross Riddle.

The result of the assessments will be used to place students on summer jobs related to their interests.

The Schools and number of participants are as follows:

<i>Palau High School</i>	-	-	71
<i>Mindszenty High School</i>	-	-	17
<i>Belau Modekngai School</i>	-	-	11
<i>Palau Mission Academy</i>	-	-	15
<i>Bethania High School</i>	-	-	10
<i>Emmaus High School</i>	-	-	05

The career game instrument has been used at the PCC counseling office as part of career planning activity with our students. The use of the instrument in the school-to-work initiative program will greatly assist the College in obtaining information on career interests from prospective PCC students.

Master's Degree in Educational Administration

A representative of San Diego State University (SDSU) will be on campus from *June 8 to June 15* to clarify the Master's degree program requirements. He will also help demonstrate how to take courses via the internet. Anyone interested in this program may contact the Dean of Continuing Education, Willy Wally at 488-2471.

Work is on-going for the BA program in Vocational Education.

Attention PCC Students, Staff, and Faculty

Please submit your articles for our weekly newsletter, *Mesekiu's News*, to Armstrong Debelbot at the Development Office no later than 3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.
Thank you for your support!!!

Integrated Control of Cassava Spider Mites in Palau

Cassava, *Manihot esculenta*, is an important staple food in the Republic of Palau. It ranks higher than other root crops such as taro and sweet potato in terms of food sold and consumed by the local populace. Since the demand for cassava is increasing, farmers must increase the areas for cassava production.

One of the limiting factors that decreases production of cassava is the damage caused by the cassava red spider mite, *Tetranychus sp.* Heavily attacked cassava plantings at 2-3 months old produced only small tubers at harvest, or after 6 months.

Adults, larvae, and nymphs of the spider mites feed on the undersurfaces of leaves and produce characteristic webbing. Feeding punctures resemble small whitish spots on the upper surfaces of leaves. Severely damaged leaves become yellowish, then brown and fall off prematurely.

Three different pest management techniques will be tried, to reduce spider mite infestation on cassava. Varietal resistance is a technique that can be used against spider mites. It is a safe, economical, and environmentally sound approach to spider mite control.

An 80x250 feet field plantings of nine (9) local varieties of cassava are on the ground at the PCC Research & Development Station in Ngermeskang, Ngaremlengui. The nine (9) varieties being tested for their reaction to spider mite infestation and yield are listed below: PCC-CRE would like to thank the farmers who voluntarily provided planting materials for our experiment.

<u>Varieties</u>	<u>Names of Farmer</u>	<u>Place Where Obtained</u>
1. <i>Angaur (red)</i>	<i>Yang Reklai</i>	<i>Aimeliik</i>
2. <i>Mechebechubl</i>	<i>Iterir Francisco</i>	<i>Meyuns</i>
3. <i>Olik</i>	<i>Douglas Markub</i>	<i>Ngaremlengui</i>
	<i>Connie F. Madelchutem</i>	<i>Ngaremlengui</i>
	<i>Diliaur Franz</i>	<i>Ngaremlengui</i>
	<i>Mitsko Franz</i>	<i>Ngaremlengui</i>
4. <i>Klerang</i>	<i>Marcella Kesolei</i>	<i>Airai</i>
5. <i>Ngesuong</i>	<i>Rolmii Obak</i>	<i>Aimeliik</i>
	<i>Youlsau Samuel</i>	<i>Ngaremlengui</i>
6. <i>Iseball</i>	<i>Dirrebab Ilemelong</i>	<i>Ngaremlengui</i>
7. <i>Terue</i>	<i>Youlsau Samuel</i>	<i>Ngaremlengui</i>
8. <i>Saibal</i>	<i>Ngais Yamazaki</i>	<i>Ngaremlengui</i>
9. <i>Ochebirang</i>	<i>Mitsko Franz</i>	<i>Ngaremlengui</i>
	<i>Dirrebab Ilemelong</i>	<i>Ngaremlengui</i>
	<i>Douglas Markub</i>	<i>Ngaremlengui</i>
	<i>Connie Madelchutem</i>	<i>Ngaremlengui</i>
	<i>Diliaur Franz</i>	<i>Ngaremlengui</i>

Hopefully in a few years, using different pest management techniques, PCC-CRE would be able to assist farmers in reducing spider mite infestation thereby increasing the yield of cassava.

For more information, contact PCC-CRE at phone #488-3307.

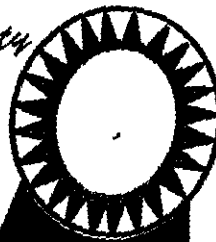
**Palau Community College
1999 Commencement Exercises**

*PCC's Commencement Exercises will be held
on May 21, 1999, Friday
at 10:00 a.m. at PCC Cafetorium.
The general public is invited to
this special occasion, the last PCC
Commencement Exercises before we venture
into the next millenium.*

*President Patrick U. Tellei
and the entire College faculty
and staff congratulate all graduates
and wish them success in their
future endeavors.*

*PCC continues to strive for
quality and excellence in its programs
and services to
the students and community
it serves.*

*Congratulations and good luck
to all our graduates!!*



RETENTION WEB PAGE

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

	<u>Session 1</u>	<u>Session 2</u>	<u>Session 3</u>
Freshmen Orientation & Placement Testing	May 26-28 (W-F)	May 26-28 (W-F)	May 26-28 (W-F)
Academic Advising & Registration	May 26 - June 2 (W-F)	May 26- June 2 (W-W)	May 26-June 2 (W-W)
Holiday: ROP President's Day	June 1 (T)	June 1 (T)	June 1 (T)
Registration Day	June 9 (W)	June 9 (W)	June 9 (W)
First Day of Instruction	June 14 (M)	June 14 (M)	July 12 (M)
Late Registration/Drop & Add Period	June 14-18 (M-F)	June 14-16 (M-W)	July 12-14 (M-W)
Last Day to Remove Incomplete Grades. for Spring Semester '99	July 2 (F)	July 2 (F)	July 2 (F)
Midterm Period	July 5-8 (M-TH)	June 24 (TH)	July 22 (TH)
Holiday: Constitutional Day	July 9 (F)	July 9 (F)	July 9 (F)
Last Day for All Withdrawals	July 13 (T)	June 28 (M)	July 26 (M)
Last Day of Instruction	August 6 (F)	July 8 (TH)	August 5 (TH)
Final Examination Period	August 9-11 (M-W)	July 8 (TH) (6:00 - 8:00 p.m.)	August 5 (TH) (6:00 - 8:00 p.m.)
Grades Due	August 13 (F)	July 12 (M)	August 9 (M)
End of Summer Session	August 13 (F)	July 8 (TH)	August 5 (TH)

PCC 1999 Graduating Students' Information

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Person Responsible</u>	<u>Place</u>
May 17-20	1:00-5:00PM	Fittings of Caps/Gowns	Nurse Gibson	Dorm-D Former
May 17 Monday	8:30-11:00AM	Graduation Practice	Marensia E.	Cafateria
May 18 Tuesday	8:30-11:00AM	Graduation Practice	Marensia E.	Cafeteria
May 19 Wednesday	8:30-11:00AM	Graduation Practice	Marensia E.	Cafeteria
May 20	8:30-11:30AM	Final Graduation Practice/ Rehearsal (All participants/ graduates/staff)	Marensia E.	Cafeteria
	1:00-5:00PM	Arrangement & Decoration	Clement Kazuma	Cafeteria
May 21 Friday	8:30AM	Roll Call of Graduates	Marensia E.	Recreation Center
May 21-25	TBA	Departure off-island Graduates		

PCC-CRE Staff Appointed to CTSA Advisory Council

Yimnang Golbuu, an aquaculturist at Palau Community College - Cooperative Research and Extension (PCC-CRE), has been appointed by CTSA Board of Directors as the newest member of the Center of Tropical and Subtropical Aquaculture (CTSA) Industry Advisory Council (IAC). He will serve a three years term in the IAC, helping to develop priorities for CTSA's funding.

In 1987, the United States Congress established five USDA regional aquaculture centers in the United States. CTSA is one of the five regional aquaculture centers, but unlike the other centers which focus on a defined geographic region, CTSA concentrates on tropical and subtropical species, wherever they are cultured. Projects supported by CTSA covers the whole American Insular Pacific and the mission of CTSA is to support aquaculture research, development, demonstration, and extension education to enhance viable and profitable aquaculture programs.

The IAC establishes priorities for research and extension educational projects developed by the CTSA, and evaluates new and existing projects. Members of the IAC includes representatives from Palau, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of Northern Marianas Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Hawaii and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

THANKS

Message of Gratitude

To all my colleagues at PCC, PCC students, and my friends, including my Palau High School classmates:

I join my family and take this opportunity to thank you for your warm expression of sympathy upon the death of my father, Ulechong Amalei. It was heartwarming to receive your Badek and flowers and to have your company during the funeral. Again, thank you for your thoughtfulness. We appreciate your caring.

Peter Ulechong

THANKS

Thanks to Nurse Gibson and Recreation Staff

Maurine Alexander and her SS 100 students would like to thank Ms. Sophia Gibson, PCC nurse, for coming to speak to their class. They also want to thank Recreation Office staff for providing transportation for their class trips.

Summer Employment Opportunity

Upward Bound summer component will be held on June 14 to July 23, 1999. The program is currently seeking qualified instructors and tutors to teach Geometry, Trigonometry, Precalculus, Physics, Biology, Conversational Japanese and Literature for six weeks. Anyone interested in teaching and/or tutoring/mentoring high school students may apply now.

PCC- Continuing Education is currently seeking qualified instructors to teach Arts, Basic keyboarding, Advancecomputers, English reading & writing, Basket weaving, Music, Math, and Palauan chants to elementary kids for the summer. Program will run from June 7th to first week of July. Call for an interview.

For further information, please call PCC Human Resources Development at 488-2470/2471.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS



Hermine H. Joseph	May 15
Janice Termeteet	May 16
Damiana N. Kunihiro	May 18
Akiko Beketaut	May 20

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL!!!

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