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Career/Tech Ed Awareness Week Held



Airai Elementary students trying their hands at a puzzle in the Construction shop with the help of CT student.

The college campus was buzzing as students from elementary to high schools, community members including a youth conference delegation toured and were given demonstrations and information

about some of the different programs available at PCC from March 12 - 14, 2012. The tour included stops at the Library for the Library Science major, con-

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Learning Outcomes Workshops Held

Contributed by Marianne Temaungil



L-R: Maria Joseph, Damiana Kunihiro, Sherry Ngimmeriil, Johanna Yaoch, Megan Beard, ALO Deikola Olikong, Jery Taroy, Ala-Lofty Ongalibang, Rogelio Vergara and AALO Marianne Temaungil.

On Tuesday, March 13th and Friday, March 16th, an assessment training was held for faculty. The training sessions were conducted by ALO/SLO Deikola Olikong and AALO/AAC chairperson Marianne Temaungil. While a number of trainings re-

lated to assessment have been conducted in the past, this particular training centered on alignment of the different kinds of learning outcomes, the internship courses and their course learning outcomes, and the general

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STEM Fair 2012

The STEM Fair 2012 was held the week of March 12 - 16, 2012 with judging done at each elementary schools while high school judging was done at the PCC Cafeteria. A total of 127 entries from high schools and 130 entries from the elementary schools had the STEM Fair judges busy. The following is the list of schools and entries submitted for the STEM Fair:

High Schools

- Palau High School - 59 entries
- Mindszenty High School - 41 entries
- Emmaus High School - 10 entries
- Bethania High School - 13 entries
- Palau Mission Academy - 4 entries

Elementary Schools

- Koror Elem. School - 71 entries
- G.B. Harris Elem. School - 9 entries
- Aimeliik Elem. School - 11 entries
- Meyuns Elem. School - 14 entries
- Melekeok Elem. School - 9 entries
- Maris Stella School - 11 entries
- Ngaraard Elem. School - 5 entries
- Ngardmau Elem. School - 4 entries
- Ngarchelong Elem. School - 6 entries

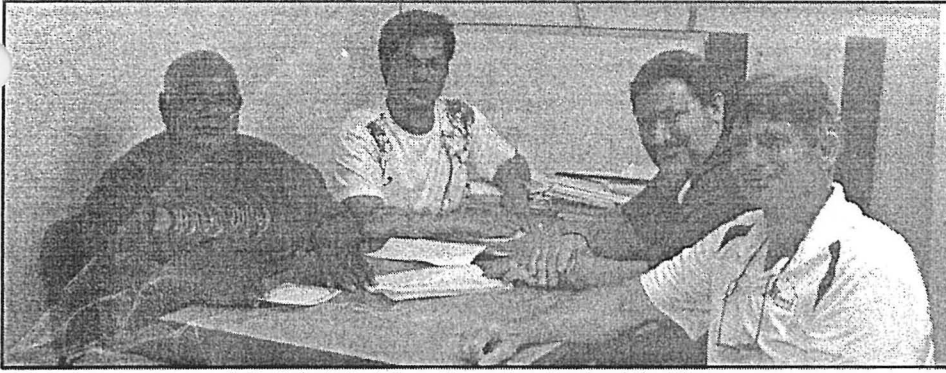
The STEM Fair committee thanks the schools and teachers for their support, the judges for their commitment and assistance and the students for participating in the fair. Announcement of winners is forthcoming within the next few days.

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Palau Community College is an accessible public educational institution helping to meet the technical, academic, cultural, social, and economic needs of the students and communities by promoting learning opportunities and developing personal excellence.

Hawaii Rural Water Association Visits

Contributed by OMIP



L-R: Jinks Brikul, Jerry Taroy, Gary Byrd and Jim Watts.

The college had two visitors from the Hawaii Rural Water Association during the week of March 5th. Mr. Jim Watts, Executive Director and Mr. Gary Byrd, Assistant Manager of Hawaii Rural Water Association traveled to Palau to see if there were any opportunities for their association to provide specialized water or wastewater operator training. During visits to the Bureau of Public Works and Environmental Quality Protection Board (EQPB), they were encouraged to come to PCC and talk to people involved with Operations and Maintenance Improvement Program (OMIP). OMIP is our own specialized infrastructure training program which over the years, has done much training for the water and wastewater operators in Palau, especially the rural operators.

While here, Mr. Watts and Mr. Byrd met with Don Hanser, Training coordinator for OMIP and Mr. Jerry Taroy, an electrical instructor who is active in OMIP trainings. The college also arranged for the visitors to spend a day in Babeldaob, visiting many of the water systems, accompanied by Don Hanser and Mr. Jinks Brikul, President of the Palau Rural Water Operators Association.

Mr. Watts and Mr. Byrd were grateful for the time given to them to further their education in the water systems of Palau. They hope that in the future, they can share some of the expertise of their organization in assisting us to further develop the capability of water and wastewater operators in Palau.

Airai Holds Public Hearing



Front(L-R): Airai City Planner (JICA Volunteer) Arimichi Yamazaki and Governor Vicky N. Kanai. Back(L-R): Wanda Adolf, Henry Goto, Ketty Santos, Eleanor Ngirametuker, Hibari Ngirmekur, & Elsa Sugar.

On the evening of March 19, 2012 at Airai Ked Center, the Airai State Community came together for a Public hearing relating to the US Embassy site. While the community was gathered, they also heard a presentation by members of the Airai State

Planning and Development Commission. It was also an opportune time to say goodbye to JICA Volunteer, Arimichi Yamazaki, whose tremendous assistance led to the completion of the Airai State Master Plan.

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education courses and their course learning outcomes. Information was shared through a PowerPoint presentation and faculty were able to work on their internship or general education courses they are responsible for following the presentation. The training sessions also allowed for issues and questions regarding course assessment to be clarified. Assessment of learning outcomes serves an important function at the college as it allows the college to ensure that its faculty have developed courses that are meaningful to its programs. Assessment of courses also ensures that the courses taught will undergo improvement if necessary for effective student learning.

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Viewing of STEM Fair projects.

Australian Regional Development Scholarship (ARDS)

Available for citizens of Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Republic of Palau for postsecondary education in Technical/Vocational, undergraduate, and postgraduate (up to Masters Level only). Application forms are available at the Development Office and the Admissions & Financial Aid office. DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2012.

BITS AND PIECES...

TAX REFUND

REMINDER ~ Application for Refunds for Tuition/Contribution is **DUE** no later than **MARCH 30, 2012** at the Bureau of Revenue, Customs & Taxation.

If you still need to file, bring your 2011 Wages & Tax Statement or check stub #26 (DEC. 2011) and Non-Profit Organization receipts to Development Office to receive assistance with the filing of your taxes.

Contact Dilubch, Adora or Alvina at 488-2470/2471 ext. 252, 253, 250 for information and assistance.

Apology

Mesekiu's News apologizes to Mengkur Rechelulk for misspelling his name in *Mesekiu's News Volume 14, Issue 11*.

ENDOWMENT DONORS

Welcome aboard New Endowment Fund donor Deskim Tutii, working at MOH. Donor Doramae Ngiratregd came in to increase her bi-weekly contributions in response to Dr. Tellei's \$1M Challenge. Thank you donors!

To contribute to the Endowment Fund, contact Development at 488-2470/2471 ext. 252 or 253.

CHARTER DAY!

This year's Charter Day will be celebrated on April 06, 2012. Keep an eye out for more detailed information on next issue.

For information about the Charter Day, contact Ephraim Ngirachitei, Chairman of the Charter Day Committee at 488-3074.

News/Stories Wanted

MESEKIU'S NEWS welcomes stories/ articles/ announcements from students, faculty, and staff. Submission deadline is Monday at 4:30 p.m. in hard and electronic copies to adoraa@palau.edu, dilubchs@palau.edu and alvinam@palau.edu.

Please call ext. 250/252/253 if you intend to submit your article after Monday or for more information.

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struction shop to view demonstrations from Construction Technology students, the auto shop for Automotive Mechanics Technology, the welding shop and Palau Tourism & Hospitality School of Excellence (PTHSE) for the Tourism & Hospitality Program.

One hundred thirty students from Belau Modekngai School, Ngaremlengui, Airai, and Melekeok/Ngiwal/Ngchesar elementary schools and the participants of

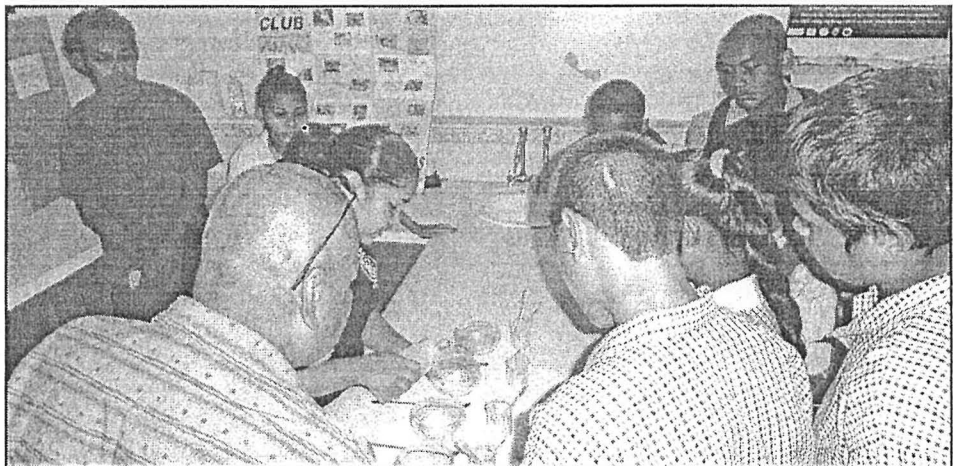
the youth delegation participated in the awareness program.

The Career/Tech Education Awareness Week provides the community the opportunity to see what programs are available at PCC and showcases samples of students learning outcomes.

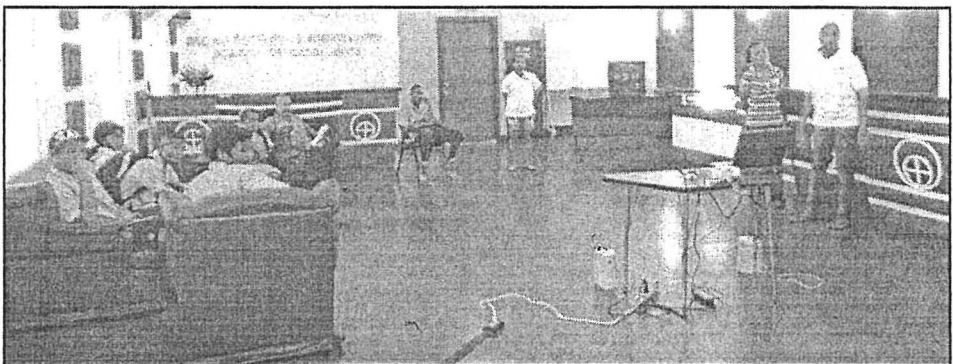
Information about the programs available at PCC can be obtained through the Dean of Academic Affairs by contacting Dean Tutii Chilton at 488-2470 ext. 246.



BMS students participating in Welding shop demonstrations.



ES student demonstrate chemistry (reactions of chemicals) to Ngaremlengui Elementary students.



Elementary students watch a presentation before taking a tour of the PTHSE, led by Tourism & Hospitality student.

ALUMNI NOTES

Class of 2003

Cheryl Adachi



Earned her Associate of Science (AS) degree in Education - Elementary Education. She is currently working at Meyuns Elementary School as 5th Grade homeroom teacher. *Message: Thanks to PCC faculty & staff for the quality education.*

Class of 2011

Nicole Maech



Earned her Associate of Science (AS) degree in Business Accounting. Upon graduating from PCC, she landed a job as an accountant at Eurasia Pacific Lines. *Message: Keep looking ahead!*

Class of 2011

Lohman Melayong



Earned his Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Construction Technology. Currently, he is working at the WTC warehouse. *Message: School is the way to a better life. Don't give up studying.*

Alumni Notes showcases MOC & PCC alumni who are positive role models and contribute to the quality of life in their local communities. If you are that alumnus/alumna 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

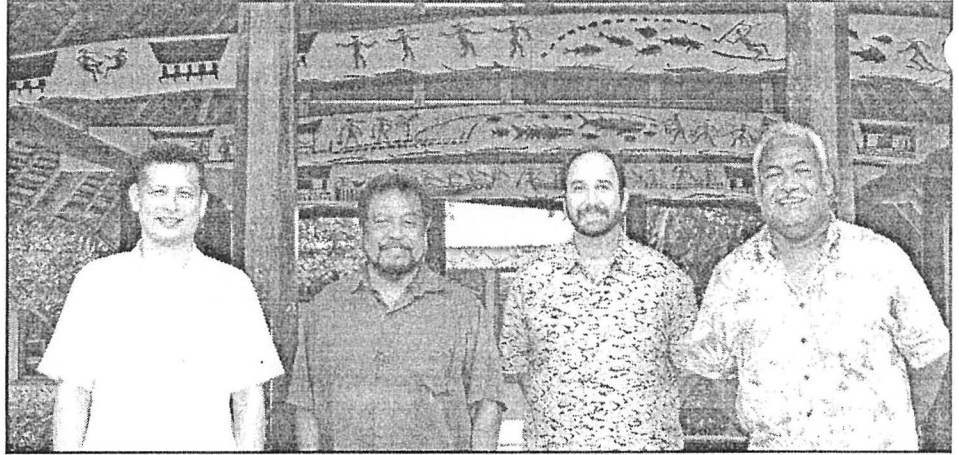
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Happy Birthday To You!

Capacity Building Success



L-R: Dr. Yimnang Golbuu, Chief Researcher at PICRC, Speaker Noah Idechong (House of Delegates), Dr. Bob Richmond (University of Hawaii) and Dr. Patrick U. Tellei (Chairman of PICRC).

More than a decade ago, in 1999, these four men stood in this same spot, for a photo op after discussion on the improvement of science programs in Palau. Thirteen years later, Dr. Yimnang Golbuu has completed his PhD and is the Chief Researcher at Palau International Coral Reef Center and the Co-Principal Investigator for the PICRC grant.

Many students who were in high schools at the time, through the efforts of these four men completed their education at PCC and transferred on to four year colleges where they completed undergraduate and master programs in the field of science and now have returned to Palau to work in science related fields.

NEW BOOK

Many Voices, One Dream
From Mokko to Palau Community College
By Floyd Takeuchi



Available at PCC Bookstore!

Retail Price: \$35.00

Call 680-488-2470 for more information.
Online information at: www.palau.edu

Vacancy Announcement

- (1) English Instructor, Learning Resource Center
Salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum
- (2) Math Instructor, Learning Resource Center
Salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum
- (3) Counselor, Student Life Office
Salary range: \$12,650 - \$19,479 per annum
- (4) CHL Palau Outreach Educator
Salary range: \$12,653 - \$19,479 per annum
- (5) Researcher/Aquaculturist
Salary: \$30,000 per annum
- (6) Assistant Director of Admissions & Financial Aid
Salary range: \$16,010 - \$24,647 per annum
- (7) Associate Professor, Tourism & Hospitality
Salary range: \$16,010 - \$24,647 per annum
- (8) Accounting Technician (Payroll)
Salary range: \$9,913.00 - \$16,954 per annum

For application forms and information, please contact Karen Moberl at PCC Human Resources Office at 488-2470/71, ext. 227, email hr@palau.edu or download form at www.palau.edu

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