

Alumni Notes

Class of 2005 PCC



for the PCC Administration Office.

Ality Inawo - 2005 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement in Business Administration. She is currently working as an Administrative Assistant

Class of 19965(PCC)



Education's GEAR UP Program.

Diljune Etpison - 1995 PCC graduate with an Associate of Arts Degree in Liberal Arts. She is currently working as a Program Specialist for the Ministry of

Class of 1989 (PCC)



Hospital, Ministry of Health.

Great Job, you make us proud!

Darren Skilang - 1989 PCC graduate with a BA in Office Administration. He is currently working as the Medical Referral Coordinator for the Belau National

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



Palau Community College April 2
Richard Saburo April 3

Happy Birthday To You!!!



Mesekiu's News

Palau Community College
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Business Planning and Development Workshops
Presented by the Palau Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

"Customer Service Workshop"

Date : March 28, 2006
Time : 6:00 pm
Place : PCC - Sebus Building, Room 50
Fee : \$25 per person (non-refundable)

The purpose of this workshop is to enhance knowledge in communication skills, telephone etiquette, customer expectations, and issues in the workplace. The workshop is presented by: PSBDC and Global Resources. For more information or to register for any of these workshops, please contact the Palau SBDC at 680-488-6004.

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 Taruu Nakamura or Sharon Elbelau at PCC telephone number 488-2471/6223. Or, you may visit the PCC Continuing Education Office every weekday from 8:00am - 5:00pm.



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Weekly Newsletter

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PCC Students Inducted into International Honor Society



Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, PCC President (back row to the left), Dean Presley Etibek and Dean Alvina Timarong (back row to the right) pose with PCC Honor Society students.

Thirty Palau Community students made history yesterday, March 22, 2006 for been inducted members of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. Phi Theta Kappa is an honor society of two year colleges. On March 22, a Phi Theta Kappa Head Quarter representative, Mr. Eric Chong presented the Palau Community College president Dr. Patrick Tellei the PCC official charter and a commemorative plaque that officially established Phi Theta Kappa chapter at PCC called Beta Omicron Zeta chapter. The chartering and induction ceremony was held at PCC Cafeteria on March 22 at 9:00 a.m. The ceremony was attended by parents and relatives of the inductees, college official, students, staff and faculty. During the ceremony, Phi Theta Kappa representative Eric Chong read a message from the executive director of Phi Theta Kappa, Rod A. Risley and the message from the Pacific regional coordinator Ms. Charlotte Toguchi to the inductees. The Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society first and foremost recognizes two year college students who excel academically. The Society also provides greater opportunities for two year college students to access financial resources to attend four year degree granting institutions. Members of Phi Theta Kappa must achieve an acceptable grade point average and continue to maintain their grade point average to retain their membership.



PCC President, Dr. Tellei, swearing in Honor Society Officers.

PCC Charter Day is This Week!

The Twelfth Annual PCC Charter Day activities are set and ready to go. This year's Charter Day Organizing committee has been working diligently to ensure that PCC will have the best Charter Day ever. The public is encouraged to join the College as it celebrates its anniversary through a series of well known special events such as the Charter Day Run/Walk and the Softball Fundraising Tourney. The Annual PCC Charter Day Softball Fundraiser for the College's Endowment Fund is scheduled to be played at the Meyuns Ball field. The tournament will be held from Friday, March 31 to Sunday, April 2, 2006. As in the tournament's tradition, the games will feature co-ed teams playing in a double elimination format. In addition, there will also be a master's division for players who are at least 40 years old or older. The master's division will have six teams while, the co-ed division will have a total of 16 teams. A \$200 registration fee will go to the PCC Endowment Fund.

This year, some of the best softball teams on the island will be vying for the Charter Day championship trophy, so everyone in the community is cordially invited to come to the Meyuns Ball field from March 31 to April 2, 2006 and cheer for your favorite team. For more information about the PCC Charter Day Softball Tournament, please contact Armstrong Debelbot or Eugene Uehara at PCC telephone number 488-2470/2471.

The 13th PCC President's Run & Walk is scheduled to take place this week on Friday, March 31, 2006, from the Airai side of the Japan-Palau Friendship Bridge to the Palau National Track located. In recognition of the event, PCC will provide light snacks, cool refreshments and a commemorative towel. Transportation to the starting line will be available at the PCC Parking Lot, from 4:00am to 5:15am. For more information about the PCC Charter Day or the Run/Walk, contact Helene Moros or Tchuzie Tadao at PCC telephone number 488-2470/2471.

PCC Charter Day President's Run/Walk

WHEN: Friday March 31, 2006

TIME: 5:30 a.m.

WHERE: Starts at the Airai Side of the Japan-Palau Friendship Bridge and ends at the Palau National Track & Field. For more information about the PCC Charter Day event or this year's Run/Walk, please contact Helene Moros or Tchuzie Tadao at PCC telephone number 488-2470/2471.

PCC Charter Day Softball Tourney

WHEN: March 31--April 2, 2006

TIME: Starts at 6:00 pm March 31

WHERE: Meyun's Ball Field

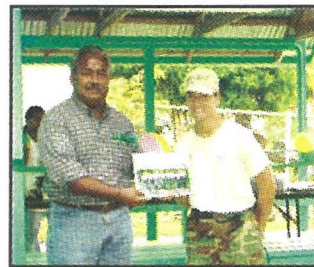
For more information, please call Armstrong Debelbot or Eugene Uehara, at 488-2470/2471.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Held for New Pavilion



Back row: L-R; TSgt Frank Strong, SMSgt Frank Sandoval, SSgt Kevin Babers, TSgt Bryce Gandy, Captain Kristen Bakotic, TSgt Matt Schott, MSgt Wes Mathews, TSgt John Pahukoa and MSgt Loren Rose. Middle Row: L-R; Oscar Antonio, George Sungino, Petra Tkel, Sullivan Skebong, Romel Milay, Singichi Etipison, Foster Ngirturong, Jays Riungel, and Junior Benjamin. Front Row: L-R; Emerson Obak, Ryochi Alfonsius, and Fonda Ngirmidol.

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the College's new pavilion. The construction of the new pavilion was built by the United States Air Force Civic Action Team (CAT). The ceremony was held at the newly built pavilion located behind the PCC Cafeteria on March 21, 2006. The pavilion will be used as a gathering place for PCC students and staff alike and will be also used as an outside cooking facility for the PCC Cafeteria. During the ceremony, Dr. Patrick U. Tellei thanked Captain the Civic Action Team for constructing the new facility and for providing training and valuable skills for the Palauans who are currently enrolled in the Apprenticeship Program. After the ribbon cutting ceremony, students, staff, Civic Action Team members and their apprentices were treated to a wonderful luncheon provided by the PCC Cafeteria.



Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, PCC President receiving an Official Photo of the Air Force CAT Team from Captain Kristen Bakotic.

World TB Day and Alcohol Prevention Month!

All PCC students, faculty and staff are duly informed that today Friday, March 24, 2006 is World Tuberculosis (TB) day. In observance of this day, the College Mesekiu Bai was designated as the venue for activities and games conducted by the Ministry of Health (MOH). The College will also be the venue for the MOH-Division of Behavioral Health's Alcohol Prevention Month activities that will take place from April 4-7, 2006. Therefore, a section of the parking lot adjoining the main highway will be closed from April 4th thru the 7th, from 8:00am to 3:00pm to accommodate these functions. Everyone is requested to utilize all other available parking spaces on the campus during this period. The College would like to invite all PCC students, faculty, staff, as well as the general public to participate in these two events that have been scheduled to take place right on our campus for our convenience!

Australian Diplomat Visits PCC

The honorable Corrine Tomkinson, Consul-General for the Australian Embassy in the Federated States of Micronesia paid a courtesy call to the PCC campus. During her visit the Consul-General met with Dr. Patrick U. Tellei to discuss educational issues of mutual interest. The College would like to thank the honorable Corrine Tomkinson for taking time out of her busy schedule to visit us and we look forward to reaffirming the already warm and friendly relationship we share with our friends from the Australian Embassy. The honorable Corrine Tomkinson, Consul-General is stationed in the Australian Embassy in Kolonia, Pohnpei of the Federated States of Micronesia.



Dr. Patrick Tellei, PCC President poses with the honorable Corrine Tomkinson, Australian Consul-General

Have You Visited the PCC Library Yet?



PCC and local high school students enjoying the library facilities.

The library serves as a community resource, open to everyone in Palau. With this in mind, the library staff has made every effort to meet our patrons' needs with regard to their research or reading enjoyment. We encourage every patron to make use of the

available resources in our library and to ask any of our friendly staff for any assistance. PCC Library encourages all teachers to bring in their students for orientation and let us show them the resources we have available for your students' research needs. You may call 488-3540 or 488-2471 to set up a date for your visit. We highly recommend that teachers escort their students when visiting the library. PCC Library exists to serve and strive to meet the needs of our students, community and everyone. We welcome any suggestions and input on areas where we need to expand our resources or services and help us to keep improving our services.

The PCC Library would like to take this opportunity and commend all PCC students who are making use of PCC Library materials and resources for their research, reading enjoyment, study or emails. We would like to remind everyone to have their PCC student ID card or current class schedule available when signing up for Internet or email. Students and all patrons should have their library card when checking out materials.

Thank you so much for your patronage and continued support. If you have any questions, please stop by at the circulation desk and we will gladly assist you.

BITS AND PIECES...

Attention All PCC Staff...

All PCC staff are invited to the PCC Family Picnic at the Japan-Palau Friendship Bridge (Airai Side) for a fun filled day filled with entertainment, great food and good cheer. The picnic will be held right after the PCC President's Run/Walk on March 31, 2006 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. The event will include fun activities like swimming, kayaking, games, musical entertainment, dancing and more.

The invitation is extended to PCC employees and their families (spouse and children). So, take a much deserved day off from work, enjoy, mingle with your PCC family members and get to know one another. The celebration will not be complete without you, so come on down and help make this day a memorable one.

ETS Has Workshopt...

On Thursday, March 9, 2006, the Talent staff had a mini Staff Development workshop on Individual Education Plans. The workshop was held at Full Moon Café and was conducted by Ms. Sandra Pierantozzi. Ms. Pierantozzi went over the purpose and importance of Individual Education Plans. She showed the staff how to set both work and personal plans. She also discussed how to set and write daily plans and to set them in order of priority. She stressed that plans should be realistic and achievable.

GOT A STORY?...

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.

Message of Appreciation

I would like to extend my sincerest appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to all the PCC staff. Your support and generosity during this time of sorrow will not be forgotten.

Jolene Joseph

PCC Counselor to Attend Conference in Canada



Dei Olikong
Student Life
Counselor

Student Life Counselor Dei Olikong will be off-island from March 29th – April 7th attending American Counselor Association & College Counselors Association 2006 Annual Convention in Montreal Canada. The convention theme is "Culture-Centered and Diversity Counseling Empowers All Families", focusing on Public Awareness Ideas and Strategies for Professional Counselors, Cross-Cultural Competencies and Objectives, Dimensions of Personal Identities, Multicultural Competencies, Career Counseling Competencies, Alcohol & Offenders Counselors Training, college Retention, and more. It is an opportunity to learn more of today's issues and problems of college students and how to deal with them, an opportunity to hear and learn other ways to help our students solve their daily and major issues while attending Palau Community

College. This is an announcement to all students who need to see Counselor Dei Olikong from the week of March 27th – March 31st for Counseling Session II; she will be at work on Monday & Tuesday, March 27th & 28th. Please make time to see her on these 2 days, if your busy class schedule do not permit you to see her on the above dates, she will be back to Student Life Office on Monday, April 10th, 2006. Director Marenia Edward and Counselor Hilda Ngiralmu will continue to see students during her absence.

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.