

ALUMNI NOTES:

The PCC Mesekiu Newsletter is introducing a new section called Alumni Notes. This section will offer short highlights on the many PCC/MOC alumni who have made a difference in Palau and in the region. If you are an alumni or know someone that is, just email Temmy Temengil from the PCC Development Office at temmyt@palau.edu and send us a few lines about yourself or the something about the alumni you know.

Here are few of our recent Alumni:

Class of 2004

- * Alfred C. Pedro (A.S. 04) Nursing, currently working at the Belau National Hospital, Ministry of Health as a nurse.

Class of 2002

- * Mayda Iyechad (A.S. 02) Tourism & Hospitality. Currently pursuing Bachelor's degree at the University of Hawaii, Hilo.

Class of 1993

- * Fabian Iyar (A.S. 93) Business Accounting. Fabian went on to receive Bachelor in Accounting and a Masters Degree in Marketing from the University of Guam. Iyar is currently the Chief Executive Officer of the Palau International Coral Reef Center.



Celebrating Birthdays

Palau Community College April 2
Richard Saburo April 3
Happy Birthday To You!!!

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DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF ITONG TELTULL

The Palau Community College would like to express its deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Itong Teltull on her recent passing. She was a former PCC alumni and endowment donor who was a dedicated supporter of the College. We will all miss her and our prayers and best wishes are with her husband, her children and her family in their time of bereavement.

CE Offers Training

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

Basics in Improving Memory	Real Estate Appraisal
Small Project Development	Parental Training
Banking for Children	

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 sechou el suebk e mekebekabes ochil: Like a heron that flies with legs hanging down. Literal Meaning: This saying applies to a person who does sloppy work or one who carelessly leaves a task unfinished.



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PCC Celebrates 12th Charter Day with a Bang!

Today, the Palau Community College (PCC) celebrates 12 years of existence with the College's annual President's Run/Walk early this morning. The annual celebration of the founding of the College features a Run/Walk and mini-fair that is free and open to the public, the campus community, faculty, staff and students. The Run/walk, which started at 5:30 am in the morning and encompasses 5 kilometers, takes the runners through the town culminating in a finish at the Palau National Track & Field. Last year there were over 300 entrants with the top runners coming in at just under 20 minutes.

The purpose of the event is to focus on family type entertainment with something for every age group. All the participants of the Run/Walk are treated to a healthy breakfast and given a free towel at the finish line. This annual event has always drawn hundreds of people from all ages to join PCC as it celebrates its special day. Such an occasion gives the College the opportunity to get together with community to support education while promoting good exercise and healthy living. In addition to the Run/Walk, for the first time ever, the College commemorates the event by hosting a mini-fair where community organizations and student groups put up information booths and food stands on campus. This event brought together organizations and community groups together to raise awareness on issues facing the community as well as provide a venue for many PCC student clubs to fundraise for their school activities. Let us not forget, the Charter Day Softball Tournament, one of the biggest softball tournaments on the island. The tournament began this past Wednesday and will continue on till Sunday, April 3, 2005. The tournament features sixteen (16) co-ed teams battling it out in a double elimination format. This year, a special seniors division was added to encourage all those 40 and over athletes to come out and join the fun. All the proceeds garnered from the tournament will go directly into the PCC Endowment Fund. The type of events vary from year to year, ensuring that different and new attractions keep a fresh feeling to the day and complement the traditional and much loved and supported activities such as the annual Run/Walk and the Charter Day Softball Tournament. This year PCC's Charter Day events are truly a memorable occasion for everyone. Happy Charter Day PCC!

Charter Day Events

Run/Walk:

From the Koror-Side of the Japan-Palau Friendship Bridge to the Palau National Track and Field

Time: 5:30 am

Date: Friday, April 1, 2005

Mini-Fair:

Food stands and informational booths by community organizations and student groups

Time: 8:00-12:00pm

Date: Friday, April 1, 2005

Soft Ball Tournament:

Wenesday, March 30-April 3, 2005

Time: 5:00 pm

Place: Meyuns Ballfield

PCC Agriculture Club Elects New Club Officials

The PCC Agriculture Club is up and running as the club has recently elected its new officers. The Club President is Dalton Thomas, Vice President Gregory Meyar and the Treasurer-Secretary is Keib Delemel. Traditionally one of PCC's most active student organizations the club now has a new advisor and member of the PCC faculty Mr. Alex Gachalian Agricultural Instructor who looks to give the club a fresh start. Mr. Gachalian has just been recently hired as the College's new instructor of agricultural science. Club President Dalton Thomas said Instructor Gachalian is a great teacher who is very experienced and full of energy. We really enjoy learning from him because he makes the topic of agricultural science interesting and fun. Already you can see the effects of the hard work of Gachalian and his students as the College's farm field is blooming with corn, beans, pumpkins and an assortment of fresh fruits and vegetables which will be ready to harvest in a few months. Congratulations to the new officers of the Agriculture Club and welcome to the PCC family Mr. Gachalian!



(l-r) Instructor Alex Gachalian, Club VP Gregory Meyar, Club President Dalton Thomas and Treasurer-Secretary Keib Delemel

PPR Executives Interview PCC Students for Employment



(l-r) PPR Resident Manager, Lucy Sugiyama, PCC Student Kesol Shiro, and PPR General Manager Manabu Komatsu

The Palau Pacific Resort General Manager, Manabu Komatsu and Resident Manager Ms. Lucy Sugiyama recently visited the College to conduct the final interview for the fourteen PCC students who applied to work as waiters and waitresses for the PPR's Food & Beverage Division. The final screening of applicants was the result of the job fair PPR conducted on campus last week where over fifty PCC students attended.

Although, only 14 student were selected for the final screening process, all PCC students who filled out an application form will be placed on PPR's employee file for future vacancies. Lucy Sugiyama, Resident Manager said, "We really want to tap into the young talent PCC students have to offer. They are generally well trained, and have the proper set of skills necessary to work in the tourism and hospitality industry."

Sugiyama added that PCC students who applied but were not selected for the final interview should not be discouraged because there will be more opportunities to join the PPR team in the future. If you wish to inquire about other job opportunities please contact Marleen Ngrametuker, PPR Human Resource Manger at 488-2600.

What's New in your PCC Micronesia Pacific Collection...

Submitted by Imengel Mad, PCC Library Technician

Book: Black, Peter Weston. *Neo-Tobian Culture: Modern Life on a Micronesian Atoll*. A dissertation for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (University of California, San Diego) in Anthropology, 1977.

Video: *Can We Talk, Mom?* Modern families in town can be very busy, with the parents rushing home from work and out again to attend community meetings or social events. Meanwhile, the teenage kids have lives of their own, sometimes living far from the scrutiny of their parents. The modern home can be a lot like a bus station or airport-kids and parents rushing in and out. This video drama looks inside one such home where parents and children have become strangers to one another. When a teenage daughter, Susan, is caught sneaking off with a boy in a car with tinted windows, it's showdown time between Susan and her mother.

The drama presents the contrast between families' lives in the past, when members of the family were constantly working together and learning from one another, with the individualistic "gotta-run" lifestyle found in many homes today. How can a mother guide her daughter if she spends almost no time at all with her? This drama, based on four months of extensive interviews of teenage pregnancy, suggests that the best way to prevent this from happening is to keep lines of communication open between mother and daughter.

George Washington High School, Guam: Does anyone know someone who attended the George Washington High School, Mongmong, Guam during the last few years? The **58 Gecko, 59 Gecko, and 60 Gecko** yearbooks are now available for patrons. The Micro-P section wants to invite anyone who attended the **GW HIGH SCHOOL** to stop by and check out the yearbooks!!!

BITS AND PIECES...

PCC Tourism Club Caters Photography

Contest Saturday, March 19, 2005, the PCC Tourism & Hospitality Club catered buffet dinner for the Belau Tourism Association Underwater Palau International Photography Contest Gala Night that was held at Hokkons Baules's Short Island. The tourism club made splendid and creative decorations with delicious local dishes that were also served by club members.

Despite the few showers that came and went, the club managed to succeed in hosting the event. The Tourism & Hospitality Club wishes to thank the people who assisted us as follows: the Belau Tourism Association-for giving us the opportunity to display our club skills and customer services-PCC for their support and assistance.

SPG Looking for a Few Good Volunteers.....

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 3. Preparations are well underway, 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 Ngrausui or Baklai Temengil the Palau National Olympic Committee Office at 488-6562.

Attention UBMS Students

..... Attention all Upward Bound Math and Science students, there will be a workshop on Palauan traditional customs. The workshop will focus on the proper traditional method of preparing and serving the *babii* or pig. The presentation will be conducted by Meked Besebes, historical preservation specialist from the Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs's Bureau of Arts and Culture. The workshop will be held this Saturday, April 2, 2005 at 9:00 am at the Continuing Education office's training room. Don't miss this important and worthwhile opportunity to familiarize yourself with Palau's traditions and cultural heritage.

Engineering Scholarship Available!

The Guam Post of the Society of American Military Engineers is offering scholarships for the 2005-2006 academic year. The purpose of this scholarship program is to assist in the development of engineering and architectural talent among permanent residents of Guam and those islands within the geographic area known as Micronesia, which have structured political associations and ties with the United States of America. The intent of the scholarship is to provide \$1000 to \$2000 per year in monetary assistance to committed students who wish to pursue a bachelor's degree in engineering. Amount of scholarship may vary on qualifications of the student.

The best qualified candidates will be selected by the Guam Post of the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) in May 2005. If you are interested please pick up an application form at the PCC Development Office. For further details or questions please contact Tor Gudmunsen, Scholarship Chairperson, TG Engineers at **Phone: 671-647-0808, Fax: 671-647-0886 or E-mail: tgeadmin@tg-engr.com**. The deadline for the scholarship is May 6, 2005.

TIPS TO SUCCEED IN THE CLASSROOM

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

As you go through school, you will need to use reference sources to find information about topics, locate facts, and answer questions. Here are five types of reference sources you should use. Each type is available in print forms, on CD-ROMs, and on the Internet.

1. Dictionary: A dictionary provides information about the meaning, pronunciation, and spelling of words. Unabridged dictionaries attempt to be complete by including all words currently in use in a language. They provide extensive information about the words included. Abridged dictionaries omit words that do not regularly appear in books, magazines, and newspapers. Specialized dictionaries provide detailed information about the words that apply to a particular subject such as space, math, biology, psychology, and many more. They include technical words that are rarely used outside of the subject.

2. Thesaurus: A thesaurus contains synonyms for commonly used words. A synonym is a word that has the same meaning or nearly the same meaning as another word. For example, "simple" is a synonym for "easy." A thesaurus contains many more synonyms for a word than does a dictionary. A thesaurus can help you precisely express your ideas when writing.

3. Encyclopedia: An encyclopedia contains articles on a variety of subjects. The articles are written by experts on each of the subjects. In addition to articles, encyclopedias may include illustrations and diagrams, definitions of some words, and references to additional information. A general encyclopedia includes overview articles on a wide range of topics. A subject encyclopedia contains longer and more detailed articles on specific topics, events, or fields of study.

4. Almanac: An almanac is an annual single-volume reference source that contains useful facts about a wide range of topics. You can learn about countries of the world, government, historical events, and many other topics. Because almanacs are revised each year, the information is current.

5. Atlas: An atlas is a collection of maps. The most common atlas contains maps that show the political and physical features of countries throughout the world. A political map shows government boundaries. A physical map shows the features of the earth's surface such as mountains, deserts, and bodies of water. You may also use a road map to learn how to get from place to place. There are also specialized atlases for such things as weather across the world, oceans of the world, and even the anatomy of the human body.

Wherever you study, be sure you have access to each of these important reference sources.

PCC Environmental Club Helps Protect the Ngerikiil River



The Ngerikiil River, Palau's major source of water supply.

Students from the PCC Environmental Club in collaboration with the Palau Conservation Society and the Airai State Working Group will again be planting trees along the banks of the Ngerikiil river this Saturday, April 2, 2005. The goal of the event is to plant trees to create a proper Riparian Zone—buffer of forestation along the banks of rivers. This will ensure that sedimentation due to development will not run into the river and contaminate Palau's major water source. In addition, the saplings of various trees such as *Toeichel*, *Ngel*, *Las* and *Rambotang* will provide a lush area for visitors to enjoy. The tree saplings were provided by the Bureau of Agriculture through the Airai State Nursery while the *Ngel* plants were provided by the Palau Organic Farm.

The Ngerikiil watershed is the water source for Koror and Airai, and serves nearly 80% of Palau's population. PCS is working with the Airai State Working Group and PCC students to protect and restore the Ngerikiil River watershed. The Ngerikiil river with an average daily flow of 20 million gallons serves a population of close to 16,000 people so it essential to help protect and conserve one of Palau's most important environmental resources. For details, call the PCC Environmental Club and ask for Janelle Iechad, Joanne Mikel, or Tyrone Etpison at 488-2470/71 ext. 248. Or call PCS at 488-3993 and ask for Yalap Yalap or Chris Kitalong.