

SBA Work on Yearbook Almost Complete

The PCC Student Body Association has announced that work on their yearbook for school year 2000-2001 is nearing completion. Under the leadership of SBA President Ms. Analiza Ililau, they have partnered with the Development Office in ensuring that all needed photographs will be taken. They are currently doing layout and request all staff whom they've contacted to submit their messages to the SBA Office within the requested timeframe. According to Ms. Ililau, the yearbook should be ready for printing in mid April. Thus, they expect the yearbook to be available in time for this year's graduation ceremony. For more information on the PCC Student Body Association, contact Ms. Analiza Ililau at telephone #488-2461.

Celebrating Birthdays



Jose R. Manabat March 29th
Lorraine Rdiall March 30th

Happy Birthday to you all!!!

TOEFL Information for School Year 2000-01

Test Dates	Registration deadline	Scores mailed
May 12, 2001	Mar. 26, 2001	June 20, 2001

* Registration fee is \$110 and you may contact the PCC Counseling Office at 488-3036 for more information.

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Palau Community College - Continuing Education

Short-term training classes for Spring 2001

- Basic Accounting
- Basic Plumbing
- Basic Small Engine
- Japanese Conversation
- Global Positioning System Training
- English Conversation
- English Writing
- English Reading

For more details, call/email Lorraine Rdiall at: 488-2471 ext. 270, lorrainr@belau.org

Appointment of PCC Graduation Committee

The following faculty and staff have been appointed by President Tellei to serve on the Planning and Implementation Committee for the 38th MOC/PCC Commencement Exercise scheduled to be held on Friday, May 18, 2001:

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| 1. Presley Etibek | 10. Ezra Takeo |
| 2. Lesley Adachi | 11. Alvina Timarong |
| 3. Imengel Mad | 12. Sherman Daniel |
| 4. Analiza Ililau | 13. Marensia Edward |
| 5. Maureen Alexander | 14. Dahlia Katosang |
| 6. Joan Philip | 15. Vernice Rechebei |
| 7. Edolm Ikerdeu | 16. Clement Kazuma |
| 8. Ismael Anastacio | 17. Vincent Ito |
| 9. Tchuzie Tadao | 18. Debra Ngiraingas |



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Weekly Newsletter

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IT'S CHARTER DAY!!!

Reflections on the Past Year

As PCC celebrates its 8th Charter Day today, we took some time to sit and list some of the activities have taken place at the College over the past year. What we found gives us much to be proud of and motivation to continue forging ahead. Below is a summary of College activities/undertakings on the past year:

- PCC increased its program offerings to fifteen with the launching of the Environmental/ Marine Science Program starting fall 2000.
- Implemented Long Distance education with San Diego State University with students taking courses toward a bachelor's degree in Vocational Education or a master's degree on Educational Leadership.
- Provided expertise to assist the national government's Division of Agriculture and Forestry Projects and the Ministry of Education's Elementary Music Projects.
- Provided numerous training to more than 260 employees of the Palau government as well as employees of the Federated States of Micronesia through Operations & Maintenance Improvement Program.
- Increased student enrollment to exceed 600.
- Completed the PCC Research and Development Station in Ngermeskang, Ngaremlengui.
- Graduated some 79 students last year.
- PCC Library was designated as a depository for all materials published by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, United Nations (UN), United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), as well as Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) materials.
- PCC now houses WIA (former JTPA), PREL, and Palau Red Cross Society.
- Held Thanksgiving Fund Raising Dinner as well as Softball Tournament for the PCC Endowment Fund.
- Enlisted state and national government employees to become active donors to the PCC Endowment Fund.
- Through our Cooperative Research and Extension Department, provided extension services to over 2,000 clients.

And the list continues. Indeed, we at PCC have good reason to celebrate today. HAPPY CHARTER DAY, PCC!!!

Charter Day 2001 ACTIVITIES

Today witnesses the College celebrate its 8th Charter Day. Below is a schedule of today's activities:

PCC President's Run & Walk
5:30 am

PCC President's Remarks
8:00 am

PCC Board Chair's Remarks
8:15 am

Performances by Island States
8:30 am

Charter Day Lunch
12 noon

Softball Tournament Fund Raiser
6:00 pm

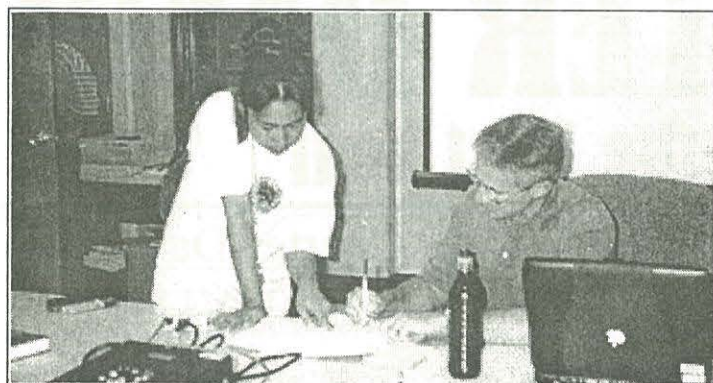
Call Eileen at tel. 488-2471,
ext. 237 for more information.

Mesekiu's News Challenge #2:

The first person to correctly name BOTH the winning men and women's teams for the Charter Day 2000 Softball Tournament Fund Raiser will win a free bento at the PCC Bookstore. Interested Entrants may submit their responses to Armstrong Debelbot at the PCC Development Office or call him at PCC telephone number 488-2471, extension 250 no later than Wednesday April 4, 2001.

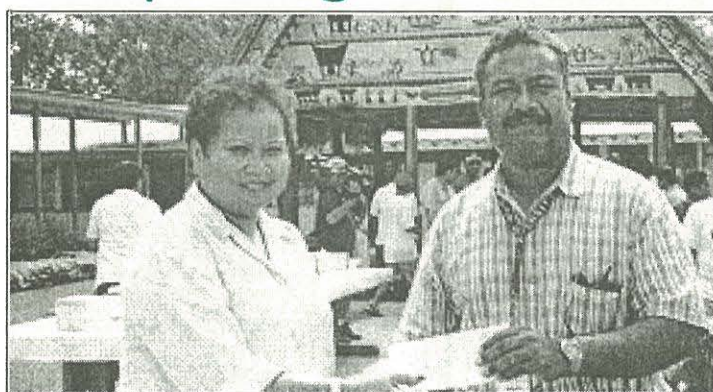
SDSU Professor on Campus

Palau Community College would like to welcome Dr. Ron Jacobs and his wife, Conie, to the campus. Dr. Jacobs is here from San Diego State University. He is one of the instructors for the Masters Program and is now teaching the ED 690 course, Procedures of Investigation and Report, which began on January 18, 2001 and will end on April 2nd and then continue on to ED 791A, Evaluation Techniques. While on Island, Dr. Jacobs is holding evening classes from 6-9 p.m. Being His first time to visit Palau, the college will be taking him and his wife on tour of the rock islands on Sunday, April 4, 2001. Dr. Jacobs will be leaving on Thursday, April 5th.



Dr. Jacobs (r) reviews forms with Eileen during a class break

Madam Vice President Toured Campus During Awareness Week



President Tellei receiving \$1,000 from Vice President Pierantozzi for the Endowment Fund

Vice President Sandra Pierantozzi visited the college during the Education Awareness Week. The college thanks madam vice president for taking time from her busy schedule to visit us. Vice president Pierantozzi was also shown some of the activities that took place on our campus during the awareness week.

The college thanks the vice president for personally delivering the \$1,000 donation from Mr. C. Bradley Mulholland, President and CEO of Matson Navigation Company, which has been deposited into the college Endowment Fund. Mr. Mulholland is also working to secure another \$1,000 grant from Alexander Baldwin Foundation.

March 26, 2001

Mr. C. Bradley Mulholland
President and CEO
Matson Navigation Company
333 Market Street
P.O. Box 7452
San Francisco, CA 94120

Dear Mr. Mulholland:

On behalf of the College, May I thank you for your generous donation of \$1,000 to the Palau Community College Endowment Fund. Your donation will surely contribute to the future financial viability of Palau's only college. The Honorable Sandra S. Pierantozzi, Vice President and Minister of Health for the Republic of Palau, personally delivered your donation to my office. She informed me that you would be securing a separate \$1,000 grant, this time from Alexander Baldwin Foundation. We do look forward to receiving it!

Mr. Mulholland, your gesture of goodwill is proof that Matson Navigation Company not only has been an exemplary corporate citizen in the past, it continues today to be a good model for others to follow. It is our hope at PCC that it will continue to work with us as we strive to provide quality and excellence in delivering educational training opportunities to the people of Palau and the Pacific region for years to come.

Once again Mr. Mulholland, thank you very much for your donation. It was received with much gratitude and appreciation.

Sincerely yours,
/s/
Patrick U. Tellei
President

Xc: His Excellency Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr,
President, ROP
The Honorable Sandra S. Pierantozzi, Vice President &
Minister of Health, ROP
Members, PCC Board of Trustees

BSA Softball Tourney

Belias Softball Association will be sponsoring the Constitutional Day Softball Tourney to be held on April 6-8, at Yelch Field. Register your teams at Bem-Ermii now until March 29. There is a \$50 registration fee.

RETENTION WEB PAGE

PCC Retention Office, Tel.#: 488-2471, ext. 247

The National Italian American Foundation 2001 Scholarship Program

The National Italian American Foundation (NIAF) has an education budget of \$1,000,000. The NIAF will award scholarships and grants to outstanding students in the summer of 2001 for use during the following academic year. The awards will be made on the basis of academic merit.

Those students from any ethnic background majoring or minoring in Italian language, Italian studies, Italian American or a related field, who demonstrate outstanding potential and high academic achievements.

Each \$5,000 scholarship award can cover eligible academic expenses (tuition, books, fees, and university provided room and board.) Scholarship recipients are eligible for one year of scholarship support. Scholarship monies not used during one academic year are not transferable to the following academic year. Scholarship applicants and winners can and are encouraged to reapply in subsequent years.

Deadlines and Other Important Dates

January 2001 Scholarship information available on-line.

April 30, 2001 Complete on-line applications due.
Teacher Evaluation Form must be postmarked.
Transcripts by mail must be postmarked.

June 30, 2001 Announcement of NIAF Scholarship winners.

The application is available on web site: www.niaf.org/Scholarships. Applications for NIAF scholarships can only be submitted on-line.

Conditions of Scholarship Eligibility

To be considered for a NIAF scholarship, a student must meet the following criteria:

- Be enrolled in an accredited institution of higher education during the Fall 2001.
- Have a grade-point average of at least "3.25" (or the equivalent).
- Be a United States citizen or a permanent resident alien.
- Fit into one of the two NIAF scholarship categories.
- For the purposes of the NIAF scholarship Program, to be "Italian American" the student must have at least one ancestor who has immigrated from Italy.

Selection Criteria

NIAF Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic performance, field of study, career objectives, and the potential, commitment, and abilities applicants have demonstrated that would enable them to make significant contributions to their chosen field of study.

Applications will be "blindly" evaluated. That is, names, addresses, or distinguishing information that would reveal the applicant's identity on the application will not be made available to scholarship evaluators.

Questions? E-mail: scholarships@niaf.org

How are Our Students Doing?

Early this semester, we began tracking student academic performances in all classes. This is done with a locally designed instrument called Student Academic Tracking (SAT). Each instructor completes one instrument for each class that she/he teaches by evaluating the academic performance of each student from a low of 1 to a high of 5 and providing an estimated grade up to the time of the evaluation period. The evaluation instruments are inputted into the computer and reports are generated which identify students who are academically at-risk and in what subject area(s) so that efforts can be redirected to address those needs. This evaluation instrument is administered throughout the semester to track progress of at-risk students and test the effectiveness of our efforts, while at the same time address the needs of new group of at-risk students, if any.

We would like to thank all instructors who have responded to this effort by completing and submitting their evaluation instruments on time.

Results of the tracking are as follows:
9% are making good progress academically, while 18% needs extra help to succeed and 4% are either failing or have failed their class(es). We can also see that 9% have either withdrew their class(es) or were not evaluated at all.

Academic Calendar Spring Semester 2001

April	13	F	Holiday: Good Friday
May	3	TH	Last Day of Instruction
May	4	F	Holiday: Senior Citizen's Day
May	7-9	M-W	Final Examination Period
May	11	F	Grades Due/ End of Spring Semester
May	18	F	Commencement Exercise/ Graduation