

ALUMNI NOTES:

Class of 2004

* Lekelong Secharraimul (A.S. 04) Liberal Arts was the valedictorian and speaker for the 2004 commencement exercises. Mr. Secharraimul was awarded the first President Remengesau Scholarship to attend the Grand Valley State University (GVSU) where he is pursuing his bachelors degree.



Class of 2003

* Angie Fuentes (OA-CA) 2003 Tourism & Hospitality. Currently pursuing bachelors degree at Pennsylvania State University.



* Akilina Maech (A.A. 03) Education (Special Ed.) Early Childhood. She is currently employed at the PCC Educational Talent Search Program.

Alumni Notes offers 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 something about the alumni you know.

Celebrating Birthdays

Gaylord Rdechor April 12

Happy Birthday To You!!!

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Charter Day Softball Tournament Results

Eleven (11) teams participated in the open division Charter Day Softball Tournament while six (6) teams participated in the Master's Division. This year the championship trophy went to the Meyuns team who battled all the way from the loser's bracket to defeat the upstart PNCC team to win the championship. In the Masters division, the Meruruu Team knocked off Ngaremlengui State in a tightly contested final by upsetting the powerful Ngaremlengui team for the championship. The College would like to thank the following teams and their respective sponsors for helping raise \$3,400 for the PCC Endowment Fund this past weekend:

Open Division Teams

Meyuns (Tournament Champs!)
PNCC (2nd Place)
Despedall (3rd Place)
KSG
Angaur Naramakaeb
Prince Off Site
You Never Know
Con Con II
Blue Shark
Sarah's Yum Yum
Palau Community College

Master Division Teams

Meruruu (Tournament Champs!)
Ngaremlengui State (2nd Place)
Blue Shark (3rd Place)
Olidiil
PCC
JICA/JOCV

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Elvira Franz
Sandra Pierantozzi
Mark Rudimch-KR Radio Station
Sarah's Yum Yum
PCC-Student Body Association

SPONSORS

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Family Surgical Clinic
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JICA Palau Office

CE Offers Training

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

History of Palau
Palauan Historical Sites
Palauan Proverbs
Palauan Leadership Structure
Palauan Leadership Strategies

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.



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PCC's 12th Charter Day A Huge Success



PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei (3rd left) poses with PCC students from the Federated States of Micronesia Student Organization. The PCC FSM Student Organization served cool drinks and great food during the PCC Charter Day fair

It was on March 19, 1993 (twelve years ago) that then ROP President Kuniwo Nakamura signed Republic of Palau Public Law 4-2, which established PCC. Since then, the College has celebrated this special day each April as the birth of Palau's first and only post-secondary institution of higher learning. Charter Day is one day out of the year where PCC hosts a series of events that brings the community closer to the College through activities such as the President's Run/Walk, the Charter Day Softball Tournament and for the first time ever, a mini-fair. This was one of the most successful Charter Days yet as it drew hundreds of people from all ages and all walks of life to share in the development and success of PCC.

The College would like to express a special thanks to the Belau Softball Umpires Association for officiating the softball tournament and to the students, and volunteers who helped organize the mini-fair and Run/Walk. To everyone else who came and celebrated with us on this special day, we thank you for making this year's Charter Day a success. Kom kmal mlo mesaul!

Micronesian Seminar to Conduct Presentation on "Good Governance" Through out Micronesia and Palau

Father Francis X. Hezel, Director and Jason Aubuchon Assistant Director from the Micronesian Seminar are touring Micronesia with a presentation on good government. The presentation, which runs about an hour, looks at different aspects of good government. Beginning with the founding of the new nations in Micronesia and the ideals that inspired them, it goes on to examine some of the issues in good government today. Video mini-dramas introduce each segment, with a brief powerpoint presentation and discussion following. The presentations will be offered to high school and community college students, with an evening presentation offered for educators and the general public. Micronesian Seminar (MicSem) is a research-pastoral institute founded by the Catholic Church in 1972. Its main mission is community education, although it has engaged in social and historical research. MicSem's goal is to assist the people of Micronesia in reflecting on life in their islands under the impact of change in recent years. As it does this, MicSem reflects the church's desire to serve society even as it works to help islanders integrate their faith and culture.

RUN/WALK EVENT RESULTS

Last Friday saw the jubilant celebration of the College's Charter Day activities kick off with the Annual PCC President's Run/Walk. Almost 300 people put on their running shoes and participated in the five-kilometer event. The crowd was a mixture of athletes, students, children, families and PCC staff. Everyone who participated got to receive a commemorative towel and enjoy a healthy breakfast. Results of the the top three finishers in Run/Walk are as follows:

Runners (Men):	Runners (Women):
Hideki Yukihira - 1st	Megan Poyant - 1st
Jo Jo Labro - 2nd	Diljune Etpison - 2nd
Markus Hangarapii - 3rd	Annabelle Lyman - 3rd
Walkers (Men):	Walkers (Women):
Shiro Kesol - 1st	Nancy Chism - 1st
Roman Yano - 2nd	Maria Arsegã - 2nd
Louis Tellames - 3rd	Clara Rechebei - 3rd

Results of the Charter Day Softball Tournament and list of sponsors are on page 4.....

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Tourism Club Makes \$100 Donation to PCC



PCC Tourism Club members pose with donated money for the PCC Endowment Fund

The PCC Tourism Club donated \$100 to the PCC Endowment Fund. The donation was part of the proceeds the club earned during the PCC Charter Day mini-fair. The Tourism club had food stand to raise funds for the club's activities. During the mini-fair the club sold delicious beef kebabs, barbecue chicken, fresh coconuts, slush ice and a wide variety of Palauan foods. The College would like to thank the PCC Tourism club for making a contribution to the PCC Endowment Fund. Such a kind donation will go a long way in helping the College secure its financial viability for the future generations of students.

PNCC DONATES FISH FROM KOBAYSHI FISHING DERBY TO PCC



PCC Dorm Manager Ephraim Ngirachitei (2nd from the left) poses with PCC dorm students and the freshly caught billfish.

The organizers of the Annual Kobayashi Cup Fishing Derby and the Palau National Communications Corporation (PNCC) donated two billfish weighing over three hundred pounds to the PCC Cafeteria. Since the inception of the fishing derby, this annual event has continuously provided fish caught during the tournament to the College. Ephraim Ngirachitei, PCC Dorm Manger who accepted the donation on behalf of the College said, "On behalf of PCC I would like to thank PNCC and the Kobayashi Cup for their generous and kind donation. This donation will help us provide many wonderful and healthy meals to our PCC students as well the students from Palau high school."

CRE Showcases Community Projects for PCC Charter Day

For Charter Day this year, CRE showcased a few of its current projects. For Biological Controls, visitors were able to look under a microscope at a live Predatory Spider Mite which is used to kill insects that harm cassava plants. This biological pest control is being reared at the R&D Station and has been distributed throughout Palau in attempt to minimize farmers' loss of cassava crops.

The Agriculture Division has developed a novel way of producing numerous taro planting materials through tissue culture techniques. This process involves selecting a very small growing point of taro and putting it in a selected culture medium to produce small adventitious shoots. This process of taro tissue culture was displayed at the booth through a poster presentation.

Throughout the day CRE gave away 263 tissue culture taro plants of nine different varieties in addition to 190 cassava plants of nineteen varieties. The aquaculture division had a large aquarium with small reef fish inside and posters about the upcoming rabbit fish aquaculture project. The Food and Technology Division was the tastiest part of the booth. Over one hundred people came and tasted the delicious taro ice cream and cookies, which are two of the many products that CRE has been able to develop from taro.



BITS AND PIECES...

Summer Interns Wanted...

Internship candidates for Summer Session 2005 are reminded that applications for Summer Internship placement are now being accepted at the Extension Program Office located in the Academic Affairs Office. The deadline for processing the applications is May 13, 2005. Please see Mr. Vincent Ito right away so that you may be able to complete your forms and submit them on time. The internship is provided as a final requirement for students who have completed all their course requirements. Internships allow students to be placed on the job in their respective field of training while working on a full-time basis as an intern or trainee. The practical experience gained from their internship will be counted as credits required for students to graduate.

Engineering Scholarships 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 students from Micronesia. 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: tgadmin@tg-engr.com**. The deadline for the scholarship is May 6, 2005.

Agriculture Club Recruits New Members.....

The PCC Agriculture Club is now recruiting new members to join their club. Membership is free for students who major in agriculture. For non-majors, there will be a fee of one dollar. The club is open to the public and non-PCC students as well. Anyone who is interested in learning the beauty of agriculture is welcome to apply. This year the project for the club will be to plant trees and flowers along the Compact Road. For more information please contact club Advisor Mr. Alex Gachalian at 488-2471.

The Tuesday Gathering Invites Students

Everyone is invited to Tuesday night's Gathering this April 26, 2005 at the PCC Cafeteria. This a monthly event sponsored by PCC Student Life and Behavioral Health Division of the Ministry of Health. This event offers PCC students the opportunity to speak, share and listen on issues that are relevant to their lives. It is a forum where students can actively participate in addressing social, political and interpersonal issues that many of the young people of the world face today. It is an opportunity to learn about yourself and others, make friends and build a valuable network of friends, professionals and teachers with whom you can draw strength, encouragement and support. The Gathering seeks to encourage students to reach out to one another and within themselves for help, support and friendship.

The event will be held at the PCC Cafeteria on Tuesday April 26, 2005. The Gathering is coordinated by PCC's Ephraim Ngirachitei with the assistance of Bedochel Director, Mike Ongalibang and PCC Instructors Vicky Maui and Joe Chilton. The event is free and open to the public. For more information on the Tuesday Night Gathering, please call Ephraim at 488-3036.

PCC's CE CONCLUDES ADDICTION COUNSELING TRAINING



Front 1st row (l-r) Skiller Joe, Adeline Franz, and Laura Ierago, 2nd row: Lory Arbedul, Dr. Victor Yano, Minister of Health, Mike Marinelli Trainer, and Alex Ngrairingas, 3rd row: Theo Kyota, Jocelyne Blelai, Natus Misech

The College congratulates the graduates of Palau's first ever Addiction Counseling training funded by the U.S. Department of the Interior in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and PCC. This rigorous training covers the key functions that are the global criteria used by Substance Abuse Counselors in providing effective therapy to those who have problems with chemical dependency. On hand to present the certificates of completion was the Minister of Health, Dr. Victor Yano. The Minister presented certificates to Adeline Franz, Dr. Sylvia Andres, Laura Ierago, Theo Kyota, Natus Misech, Jocelyne Blelai, Skiller, L. Joe, Lory Arbedul, and Alex Ngrairingas.

During the training the trainees were taught the "12 Core Functions" of the program that are essential for effective addiction treatment. These basic functions of the training program are screening, intake, orientation, assessment, treatment planning, counseling, case management, crisis intervention, family education, referral, recording and reporting and consultation. The training was conducted by Michael Marinelli from Bedochel who is an official trainer for addiction counselors. These new graduates who are now officially certified as Addiction Counselors will be in the forefront in meeting the challenges of chemical dependency in Palau.