

ALUMNI NOTES:

Class of 2004

* Mark Nestor (C.A. 04) General Electric Technology. Currently working at the Malakal Port Terminal.

* Alan T. Marbou (C.A. 04) Criminal Justice. Alan is currently working at the Koror State Government Office.

* Vernice Andrew (A.S. 2004) Business Management and Office Administration. She is currently working for PCC as the new secretary for the Project Beacon Office. Ms. Andrew is a PCC alumni who graduated last year with a double major degree in Business Management and Office Administration. She also received the Outstanding Student Award and the PCC Alumni Award for her excellent grades, community service and dedication.



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.

Ollachitnger (Palauan Proverbs)

Ngkora omenga el raus: It's like they way they eat in the village of Ngeraus—As soon as they begin to enjoy their food, it is gone (Literal Translation). Meaning: When something becomes popular, it soon becomes unavailable.

Celebrating Birthdays



Charley Lonno April-20
Rodney Kazuma April-22

Happy Birthday To You!!!



Mesekiu's News

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PCC welcomes newest Endowment Donor from the Head Start Program

This week we proudly add a new member, Ms. Keiky Obekelou to our growing PCC Endowment Fund Contributors' Club. She hails from the Palau Community Action Agency (PCAA) Head Start Program. By joining the club, the individual donates a certain sum directly out of her paycheck to the PCC Endowment Fund. At the end of the year, PCC will help her apply for and receive a full refund for her bi-weekly donation! In other words, she donates to a very good cause and in the end, gets her money back.

Once again, we welcome Ms. Keiky Obekelou as the newest member to the club as she showcases her commitment to support PCC's continued efforts to providing quality educational and training opportunities to Palau's and the Micronesian region's students. If you would like to join the PCC Endowment Fund Contributors' Club, please call Hulda, Dilubch, or Temmy at PCC telephone number 488-2470/2471, extension 253. **As always, they will be very happy to assist you!**



Keiky Obekelou

DEEPEST CONDOLENCES

The College would like to express its deepest condolences to the family of the late Rechedesomel Jonathan Olsingch Emul. We at the College are deeply saddened by the loss of Jonathan Emul who had an extensive public service career discharging his duties at various important levels in the community.

He was also an astute businessman who excelled in the private sector operating a restaurant, motel and beauty shop. But most of all Rechedesomel Jonathan Olsingch Emul was a caring husband, father and uncle and member of the community who will be greatly missed by everyone. Our prayers and warm wishes are with his family in their hour of grief.

PCC EXPRESSES BEST WISHES FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY

The Palau Community College wishes a speedy recovery for the Honorable Horace Raphael, Governor of Angaur State and the Honorable Harris Kambalang of Kayangel State as they are hospitalized due to ill health. Our best wishes and prayers are with you as you recuperate from your illness.

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Faculty Senate Honors PCC President with Luncheon



Inset: PCC President Patrick U. Tellei addressing PCC Faculty. PCC faculty enjoying a light lunch prepared by the PCC Tourism Club in honor of the PCC President.

The PCC Faculty Senate hosted a luncheon in honor of PCC President Patrick U. Tellei on receiving his Doctorate Degree in Education from San Diego State University. The luncheon was held at the Diangel (Canoe House) at the *Btelul a chang era Idererach*, located at the lower PCC Campus. The luncheon was organized by the PCC Tourism Club who did a wonderful job in decorating the facility and preparing the delicious food.

The entire PCC faculty was in attendance and joined together in unison as they congratulated the College President on the successful completion and defense of his doctoral dissertation. PCC President Tellei thanked the faculty members and affirmed his commitment to work closely with the instructors to give them the resources they need to provide quality instruction here at PCC. Tellei said, "I am truly touched by your gesture and thank all of you for your kindness and support. But most of all I thank you for your continued hard-work, dedication and perseverance in your work as teachers for the College!"

Embassy of China (Taiwan) Donates to PCC



Inset: Ming-Lii Hseu, Leader of the Taiwan Technical Agricultural Mission to Palau. In the background is the 240lbs. of cucumber donated to PCC.

Republic of China's (Taiwan) Embassy through the Taiwan Technical Agricultural Mission donated 240 lbs. of cucumber to the PCC cafeteria. Presenting the donation on behalf of the Taiwan Embassy was Ming-Lii Hseu, Leader of the Mission. These healthy vegetables will be used by the college's cafeteria to feed PCC's students. The donation was made possible by the charitable support of the Republic of China's (Taiwan) Embassy to Palau. On behalf of the College, PCC President Patrick U. Tellei wishes to extend his gratitude to the Honorable Clark H. Chen, Republic of China's Ambassador to the Republic of Palau and Ming-Lii Hseu of the Agricultural Mission for the generous and kind donation of produce.

UBMS Conducts Cultural Workshop for Students



Meked Besebes, Historical Preservationist (2nd-right) poses with UBMS Students

The Upward Bound Math and Science (UBMS) program conducted a Palauan Culture Workshop in early April. The guest-lecturer for the workshop was Meked Besebes, Historical Preservationist from the Bureau of Arts and Culture, Ministry of the Community and Cultural Affairs. The purpose of the workshop was to familiarize UBMS students with Palauan culture in relation to the *babii* or pig (*sus scrofa*), and its long-established cultural usage and distribution practices. During the workshop the students learned about the *babii's* cultural value, its importance in cultural exchange, and the *babii's* relation to social status in Palauan traditional culture. As a result of the workshop, UBMS students gained a greater sense of respect and knowledge of their traditional heritage.

PCC Library Week 2005 Kicks Off Next Week

Palau Community College Library will host PCC Library Week 2005 from April 18 – 22, 2005. Library Week is designed to promote the library as a learning resource to the college and the community and to encourage increased interaction between the library and community patrons. The theme for Library Week 2005 is “Something for Everyone @ PCC Library.” During the week, PCC Library will host a variety of programs and activities for all age groups, including college students, children, and adults. Major activities include Open House Night on Monday, Library Week Tent and Movie Nights on Tuesday and Thursday, Kid’s Story Time on Wednesday and Friday afternoons, Intro to the Internet for Adult Learners on Wednesday Night, Fine Amnesty from Monday through Friday and Free Library Cards all week long! Visit any Library Week activity and get a free library card or renew an expired card. Patrons with fines or overdue books are strongly encouraged to visit the library and return all overdue books. In exchange for returning books, the library will waive 99% of your overdue fines and reactivate your library account for free!

Schedule of Activities:

Monday, April 18--PCC will kick off the week with Library Open House on Monday, April 18 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Open House will feature snacks and refreshments, prizes, and informative displays. Whether you visit the library every day or you have not visited in years, please stop by on Monday night to socialize with library staff and patrons.

Tuesday, April 19--The Library will set up an outdoor tent from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM to display materials, gather feedback and book requests from patrons. Stop by on your lunch break and return your books to get 99% of overdue fines waived! Visit the library from 6:00 – 8:00 PM for Movie Night – free popcorn provided. Tuesday Night movies are “Mom, Can We Talk?” and “Suicide in Micronesia” produced by Micronesian Seminar.

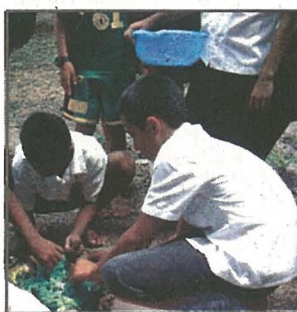
Wednesday, April 20--Story Time Read Aloud from 3:00 – 4:00 PM. All elementary School children are invited for snacks and stories at PCC Library. Free instructional course from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM – Introduction to the Internet for Adult Learners. Want to learn more? Sign up at PCC Library.

Thursday, April 21--The Library Week Tent will be open from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Stop by and visit with a librarian. Let us know how we can better serve your needs. Return overdue books to get 99% of overdue fines waived! Visit the library from 6:00 – 8:00 PM for Movie Night – free popcorn provided. Thursday night will feature a PG Comedy (to be determined).

Friday, April 22--Last Chance for Fine Amnesty – we will waive 99% of all overdue fines for any patron who returns books before Friday or visits the library to waive a fine. Story Time Read Aloud from 3:00 – 4:00 PM. All children are invited for snacks and stories.

PCC-CRE VISITS MORE SCHOOLS IN BABELDAOB

The CRE Babeldaob Science Program has traveled to another three schools over the past three weeks. This time visiting Ibobang, Ngchesar, and Airai Elementary schools. Students and teachers continue to show enthusiasm and interest learning science through fun hand-on activities. The CRE Staff have visited seventy percent of Babeldaob elementary schools, teaching one hundred thirty six students about environmental sciences. The remaining Babeldaob schools will be visited by the end of the month. This science program will be conducted at Peleliu, Kayangel and Angaur schools during the summer.



Ngchesar Elementary School students constructing volcanoes.



Ibobang Elementary students testing soil samples.

Micronesian Seminar to Conduct Presentation on “Good Governance”

Father Francis X. Hezel, Director and Jason Aubuchon Assistant Director from the Micronesian Seminar will conduct a free public presentation on the Historical Development of Governments in Micronesia. The presentation will be on May 4-5, 2005, from 6:30-8:30 at the PCC Cafeteria. Father Francis Hezel is not only a priest but an educator, a public speaker, an author, as well as an instrumental leader in building Xavier High School in Chuuk. He is considered by many to have extensive knowledge on Micronesian issues.

The presentation will focus on the ideals, the journey, as well as the challenges that inspired the people of Micronesia to establish their own governments. The presentation is about 90 minutes depending on the discussion by the participants. It will include a mixed media with five short video segments, each followed by a PowerPoint presentation. 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.

This event is being coordinated by the Palau Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL). The Presentation is a great learning experience and we encourage PCC staff and students to attend the presentation on Thursday, May 4, 2005. For more information call Silves Mikel at 488-8130.

BITS AND PIECES...

The Tuesday Gathering Invites PCC Students...

Everyone is invited to Tuesday night’s Gathering this April 26, 2005 at the PCC Cafeteria. This is 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. 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.

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:** tgeadmin@tg-engr.com. The deadline for the scholarship is May 6, 2005.

Japan Embassy Offering Exchange Program

The Embassy of Japan is honored to inform outstanding students of the Japanese Language that the Japan Foundation is offering a program to students to visit Japan and gain a deeper understanding of the Japanese language, society, and culture. The program is set for 15 days from September 07 to September 21, 2005. All expenses regarding the training including airfare, accommodations in Japan, transportation in Japan and basic incidentals will be provided by the Japan Foundation. Students who are interested in the program are advised to consult with PCC Japanese Language Instructor Junko Kobayashi for the pre-evaluation.

Workshop for HRD Professionals

The Palau Chapter of the Society for Human Resources Management is sponsoring a rare training opportunity that will help improve your self-confidence and leadership skills. **Learning Acumen: Research and Practice of Our Time By Douglas Maxwell, MS.** This will be held at the Ngarachamayong Cultural Center on **April 25, 26, and 27. Sessions in the morning are from 8 am to 12 pm. Sessions in the afternoon are from 1 pm to 5 pm.** The duration of each session is approximately four hours. There is also a registration fee of \$100.00 per participant (refreshments included). For more information call Marleen Ngirametuker at 488-2600 or Secilil Eldebechel at 488-6200.

CE and PPR Conduct Administrative Training

The Palau Community College Continuing Education and the Palau Pacific Resort join together to offer an empowering 2 hour seminar including lunch and a complimentary corsage for secretaries, administrative assistants, and support staff. The training will highlight topics such as juggling multiple projects and priorities, maintaining efficiency when the boss is gone, task delegation, and many more. The training will be held at PPR on April 27, 2005 from 9 am to 11 am. The cost for each participant is \$25.00 and registration is based on a first come first serve basis. For more information call Palau Pacific Resort at 488-2600.

Office Administration Students Conduct Campus Survey

PCC’s “Office Administration 208” students conducted a campus survey on customer service as part of their class project. PCC Instructor Wilma Sukrad who teaches the class assigned her students to conduct a customer service project as part of the OA 208 class. Although the main focus of the class explores the nature and responsibilities of an individual in management role, Sukrad wanted her students to conduct the survey to understand the importance of customer service in an organization, and that as a supervisor it is essential to be sensitive to the needs of the customer. This project gave students the opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of customer service.

There were thirteen offices that were being observed as part of this project. These offices were the PCC Library, Cooperative Research and Extension (CRE), Upward Bound, Project Beacon Office and Lab, Academic Affairs, Student Body Association, Student Life, Continuing Education (CE), Adult High School, Business Office, Administration’s Reception Desk, and Registrar and Retention Office. The offices were rated on how they welcomed their customer, how they made the customer feel, was the customer comfortable, and how well the customer felt understood. The class consisted of 6 PCC students who were each assigned to survey three offices on campus. **The results of the survey concluded that PCC had an above average performance in customer service but acknowledged that some offices could still use some improvement in certain areas of customer service.**

Sukrad said, “This project was a way for our students to gain valuable lessons in customer service as well as learn how to implement those lessons as a supervisor in providing quality service possible for their employees. These lessons are not only important for the classroom but also for the future careers of our students as supervisors.” Sukrad said, “Quality customer service is essential to the survival of any business or organization and although attracting new customers is important, great customer service will insure that you will generate customer loyalty and your business will grow. Great customer service is the best marketing tool.”

Office Administration 208 Personnel Supervision is a course that explores the nature and responsibilities of the supervisor as a leader. It presents principles in handling personnel as individuals and as groups with emphasis on interpersonal and technical skills in supervising personnel.