

# 17 New Members Join Endowment Fund

Those who have been reading this newsletter in the past may understand why Palau Community College (PCC) keeps thanking the local community for their support for the PCC Endowment Fund. For the past year, we have been receiving a steady stream of new bi-weekly donors with each weekly edition of this paper. This week we are excited to see employees from various areas of the private sector and the national government join us in supporting Palau's only college, PCC.

From the Ministry of Resource and Development, we welcome two (2) new members, **Jason Tewid** and **Gloria Idesiar**. At the House of Delegates, we welcome one (1) new member, **Kate D. Salvador**. From the **Surangel & Sons Company** we welcome fourteen (14) new members and they are **Deborah Niro, Morgan Mira, Harold Douglas, Alfred Usaki, Sheldon Siksei, Jasper Salvador, Theo Niro, Oteloech Mad, Raina Anthonio, Yvonne Niro, Francisco Abraham, Abbiegaile Sullivan, Sherwood Siskind, and Mesungil Baulis**. PCC welcomes everyone to the PCC Endowment Fund Contributors' Club. Thank you for showcasing your commitment to the continued existence of Palau's only college. Together, let us ensure that future generations have the same opportunity and access to higher learning as presently provided by our college, Palau Community College!




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During this year's conference, UB Program Director Belelai was also honored for over twenty years of dedicated service to the TRIO and the Upward Bound Program. The PCC Upward Bound Program is one of the hundreds of federally funded TRIO programs spanning the U.S. Pacific territories, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, and the U.S. mainland. Divided into individual chapters, the PCC UB Program is one of the many programs that make up the Pacific Island Chapter (PIC). PIC is one of the chapters that comprise WESTOP.

Upward Bound Program Director Kuye Belelai, thanks PCC President Patrick U. Tellei's whose support throughout the years has been a key reason for the program success. Director Belelai would also like to express her appreciation to her staff for their hard work, dedication and commitment.

## Celebrating Birthdays


 Joel Miles April-17  
 Charley Lonno April-24  
 LeoBen Teriong April-27  
**Happy Birthday To You!!!**


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### Senshu-Gakko Student (Professional Training Course)

#### Field of Study:

Civil Engineering, Architecture, Electrical Engineering, Electronics, Telecommunication, Nutrition, Infant Education, Secretarial Studies, Hotel Management, Tourism, Fashion and Dress Making, Design, and Photography

**Eligibility:** Born between April 2, 1983 and April 1, 1988, a High School Graduate and willing to study Japanese language

**Term:** Three years from April 2005 (Including 1st yr. Japanese language training)

**Deadline:** May 31, 2004

*For more information on these scholarship, please contact the PCC Dean of Students at 488-2470/2471 at ext 249.*

### University of Guam Scholarships

Two (2) Scholarships of \$5,250 per Academic Year for Pacific Islanders to Study General Food and Agricultural Sciences

#### Criteria For Application:

U.S. Citizens and Residents of the Republic of Palau, FSM and the Marshall Islands, full-Time UOG student with minimum overall GPA of 2.8 and demonstrated proficiency in Science Courses

**Deadline:** June 15, 2004

*For more information on these scholarships please contact the Development Office at 488-2470/2471, ext. 253.*



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## Cohen and Tellei Hold Meeting

David Cohen, deputy assistant Secretary of the Interior for insular affairs, arrived earlier this week for formal meetings with national leaders. Mr. Cohen took time from his busy schedule to meet with PCC President Patrick U. Tellei. President Tellei gave Mr. Cohen a tour of the campus while bringing him up to date on the latest happenings of the college.



During an informal meeting, President Tellei and Mr. Cohen discussed grant opportunities and the use of PCC as a center for training for the region. Mr. Cohen is the first American of Samoan decent to be appointed to head DOI's Office of Insular Affairs (OIA). Mr. Cohen is married and holds the chiefly title of Papaliitele from Sapapalii, Savaii.

Mr. Cohen stated on Pacific Island Report website, "I want to do my best at the new position. I want to do a good job for the U.S. territories, I really hope that I can make life better for the insular areas."

"I want to do my best to improve the economic status of the territories. All of the territories suffer a lack of resources, geographic isolation, weather problems — and it's very difficult for the territories to be self sufficient under these conditions," he added.

The Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) is the Executive Branch's liaison organization with the four U.S. Islands or insular areas, which include Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the US Virgin Islands and American Samoa. OIA also works with the three Freely Associated States: the Federated

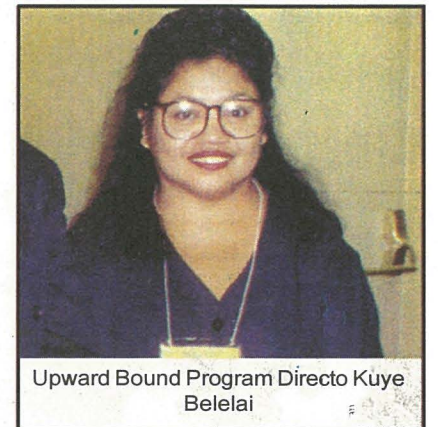
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## UB Program Gets Nod From Washington

Earlier this week, the revised annual budget for the PCC Upward Bound Program (PCC-UB) received final approval from its program officer, Mr. Carlos Stewart at the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Federal TRIO Programs in Washington D.C. In a faxed letter of approval to Upward Bound Program Director Kuye Belelai, Stewart approved the revised program's budget, thereby increasing its current budget from \$274,000 to \$500,000 annually.

The UB project is a federally funded program that has been an integral part of the college for over 20 years, and has helped many high school students finish high school and continue on to successfully complete college. The UB program has also been active in bringing additional federal programs to the College such as the Educational Talent Search (ETS) and the Upward Bound Math and Science (UBMS) programs to the Palau Community College. During the same period, the UB program was able to gain additional grant funding for another four-year cycle.

In related news, Kuye Belelai, Upward Bound Program Director was elected to serve on the Western Association of Educational Opportunity Personnel (WESTOP) Board of Directors, while counselor Armstrong Debelbot was elected treasurer for the Pacific Island Chapter (PIC) during the annual WESTOP conference that was held in Tuscon, Arizona from April 2-9, 2004.



Upward Bound Program Director Kuye Belelai

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## Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan) Donates Produce to PCC

Republic of China's (Taiwan) Embassy through the Taiwan Technical Agricultural Mission donated 95lbs of Guava, 60 lbs of Bananas, 55 lbs of Papaya and 135 lbs of Taro to the PCC cafeteria. These delicious fruits and 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 appreciation to Honorable Clark H. Chen, Republic of China's Ambassador to the Republic of Palau for the generous and kind donation of produce.

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States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau.

As deputy assistant secretary, Cohen advises the DOI secretary on operational and administrative matters involving federal policy in the insular areas.

Mr. Cohen is a Joint J.D.-MBA graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School and the Wharton School and holds an M.A.-B.A. in Regional Science, University of Pennsylvania College of Arts and Sciences. He also holds a Bachelor of Applied Science degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Engineering and Applied Science, with concentration in Transportation Engineering. (Bio-source: Samoa News, Apr. 23, 2002)

## MOJ Conducts Emergency Training



MOJ participants pose for group photo

A seminar on Fire Fighting and Emergency Management was conducted for public safety officials to enhance their emergency preparation skills. The US Forestry Service conducted the training at the Palau Community College from April 5-9, 2004. During the seminar, participants were taught how to effectively manage the effects of typhoons, landslides and other natural disasters. The participants included a delegation from Yap State of the FSM.

The participants were given practical training by using simulation tactics that would give public safety officials a hands on approach. In other words, participants took what they learned in the classroom and applied them in a real life case scenario. Participants were role-playing and actually going through the exercise as if they were real. This according to Terry Hueth, one of the trainers is vital in allowing emergency managers in various areas of public safety to work closely

## PCC Library Has New CD on Invasive Plants of the Pacific

The PCC's Micro-P Collection has recently received a CD, 4.0 version of "Invasive Plants of the Pacific". This CD contains information on 900 plus plant species that are invasive to the Pacific Islands or invasive in similar ecosystems. It also includes risk assessments for many species that are specific to Hawaii and the Pacific Islands in addition to those previously included from Australia. This database has over 2,000 photos that are included in aid identification, with 293 species having images of voucher specimens from the Bishop Museum in Hawaii. It also includes an island-by-island presence of the listed species that has been documented by reference to literature, on-site survey or specimens in a herbarium collection.

Ms. Imengel Mad, Library Technician on behalf of the PCC Library wishes to thank Ms. Julie S. Denslow, Invasive Species Unit, USDA Forest Service, Institute of the Pacific Island Forestry, and Mr. Jim Space, Pacific Island Ecosystems at Risk Project, USDA Pacific Island Forestry for donating this enlightening CD. Please stop by the PCC Library's Micro-P section and browse through the CD or check out their website at <http://www.hear.org/pier/>.

together to effectively coordinate an emergency response. The officials from the US Forest Service are Scott Vail, Terry Hueth, Don Studebaker, Dan White, Dennis Orbus and Fire Department Officials, Dennis Burns and Rich Olson.

Michael Rosenthal, Minister of Justice, in conclusion of the training exercise presented certificates of appreciation and commemorative storyboards as gifts for the occasion to the officials from the US Forestry.



PCC President Tellei poses with Public Safety Director Hazime Tellei, and the Yap Delegation

## FSM Club Visits Angaur State

PCC's Federated States of Micronesia Student Organization took their Spring Break Trip to the State of Angaur. The students spent a three-day weekend in the beginning of April with over 60 students who participated. The FSM Student Organization toured various scenic and historical sites on the island. The trip allowed the FSM students to gain a better understanding of Palau's people and their culture. The FSM Student Organization was

hosted by Angaur State Government, which provided free transportation and lodging. The organization consisting of 62 students raised funds for their trip by organizing trash clean ups throughout Koror State. Mr. Shiro Kesol, FSM Student Organization President said, "We thank Angaur State Governor, Horace Rafael for his kind and generous assistance and to the people of Angaur for their warm hospitality. I also wish to thank the Palau Community College and our sponsors for their support."

## Japanese Government Scholarship for 2005:

### Research Student (Post Graduate)

**Field of Study:** Related to undergraduate degree

### Eligibility:

Born After April 2, 1970, University graduate, willing to study Japanese language

**Term:** Two years from April 2005-March 2007

**Deadline:** July 01, 2004

### Undergraduate Student (Degree)

**Field of Study:** Any field

**Eligibility:** Born Between April 2, 1983 and April 1, 1998, High School Graduate and must be willing to study Japanese

**Term:** Scholarship for 5 years

**Deadline:** May 31, 2004

## BITS AND PIECES...

### Fishing Club Donate Sale of Fish Catch....

This past weekend the PCC Fishing Club, with their Advisor Ezra Takeo conducted a fishing trip that netted several hundred pounds of fish. The club members after sharing their catch sold the excess fish. As a result of their sales, the Club donated \$150 of the proceeds to the PCC Endowment Fund. The College thanks the Fishing Club members and their advisor for the cash donation and wishes them continued success with their fishy business.

### Reminder: Help Keep Campus Clean

Our Palau Community College campus grounds have been so well kept and the landscape so wonderfully maintained that many in the local community continue to compliment us for a beautiful campus. Thus, all PCC students and employees are encouraged to ensure that our campus grounds and facilities remain that way. Let us see to it that all our litter go into the trash bins and that each of us remind one another to do the same. Mesulang!

### Fourth Annual Green Fair

All students and staff are notified that the Fourth Annual Green Fair has been scheduled to be held on April 22-23, 2004 at the PCC Parking Lot across from the Palau National Gym. Thus, all students and College patrons who will be on the campus during these times are asked to park their vehicles on all other College designated parking lots except for the aforementioned one. In this regard, we ensure that space will be available for the Green Fair. Many thanks for everyone's cooperation and understanding.

### Mr. Ezra Takeo Donates Sugarcane

Mr. Ezra Takeo donated sugarcane to the PCC Bookstore, with all the proceeds from the sale of these delicious sugarcane going to the PCC Endowment Fund. The College expresses its sincere appreciation to Mr. Takeo for his generous and kind donation.

### To Err is Human.....

Correction on last week's Mesekiu, it was Ms. Miriam Kual, Library Technician, who gave the tour to Bethania High School Students and the correct name for last week's donor from the Ministry of Health is Lsau Masayuki. Our sincerest apologies!

## ROP President Donates to Mokedau.com

The Republic of Palau's President Tommy Remengesau Jr. made a cash donation of \$260 to the Mokedau.com Canoe Team whose members consist of over 30 PCC staff and students. The canoe team used the donation to purchase uniforms and pay for the registration fees for two coed canoe teams to compete in the upcoming Canoe Racing Tournament to be held on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Practice has been going on every Monday-Wednesday-Friday at 5:30 p.m.. If you want to join the team or just get some exercise and meet new people please contact Hulda or Dilubch at the Development Office, extension 253.

Joan Philip, Manager and coach stated: "On behalf of the team, I wish to thank the President Tommy Remengesau Jr. for his generous and charitable donation. Your donation gave the Mokedau.com Canoe Team the opportunity to participate in the canoe racing tournament and for this we are grateful." Ms. Philip added, "I invite everyone to come to the tournament and cheer the Mokedau.com canoe team on to victory."

## Environmental Club Conducts Survey

In line with this year's Earth Day theme, "Watch Your Waste," the PCC Environmental Club is currently coordinating a waste survey project for the PCC campus. The areas the students are focusing on are the PCC President's Office, Project Beacon and the Library. The students sift through the rubbish to record the types of waste materials each office produces such as plastics, glass, paper, aluminum cans and non-recyclable materials. Once sufficient data is collected the students will compile a report that will be submitted to PCC President and respective offices. Environmental Club members who participated in the waste survey are Calvin Sato, Ngrirachermang Polloi, Brent Ueki, Janelle Iechad, Melvin Gufnay, and Shanron Ngrirutang. The waste survey is a project coordinated by Joe Aitaro, from the Office of Environmental Response and Coordination

Ms Janelle Iechad, Environmental Club member feels that once a report is made, strategies for effective waste management will be discussed and implemented. According to her, the purpose of the Environmental Club is to raise public awareness on the issues of conservation and the protection of the environment. Ms. Iechad, "Digging through the rubbish is not fun, but you'd be surprised on the interesting things you find that people throw away."

The Palau Community College Environmental Club has become an official member of the 2004 Earth Day Committee. As a member of this committee, the PCC Environmental Club will donate their time to promote environmental issues as well as volunteer their energy and resources for the 2004 Earth Day Event. The Environmental Club has been tasked with this year's coordination of booth invitations for all participants.

The Environmental Club has conducted a series of clean-ups throughout Palau and in the future the club hopes to start additional environmental projects. If you are interested in joining the club and participating in these events, the club meets every Thursday at Room 53 at 12:00 p.m. Join us!

## EARTH DAY 2004 UPDATES:

**MEERT Earth Day Clean Ups:** Ngchesar State-April 17, Peleliu and Airai State-April 22, for more information contact MEERT at 488-2487

**PICRC Aquarium Event-April 22, for more information call 488-6950**

**Melekeok-April 21 and Rock Island Historical Excursion-April 23**

Coordinated by Ann Kitalong (587- 3451)

**Young Environmental Classes for Grades 5-7 call Cris from PCC-CRE at 488-2746**

**PVA Green Fair April 23 at PCC Parking Lot, for information call 488-2793**

**4th Annual Invasive Weeds Clean Up-April 24, for information call 488-8171**

(Coordinated by Bureau of Agriculture, PNRC and OERC)