 **Badek/Contributions**

To Ayano Baules
Veronica Kloulechad


Office CRE
Upward Bound

Thank you in advance for your contributions!

Spring 2001 Prospective Graduates

Fall 2001 - 14 Prospective Graduates
Spring 2001 - 25 Prospective Graduates
Summer 2001 - 67 Prospective Graduates

Celebrating Birthdays


 Charley Lonno April 20
Felix Domingo April 23
LeoBen Teriong April 24

Happy Birthday to you !!!

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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Vacancy Announcement

Position Title: Librarian
Salary: \$16,010.00 to \$18,730.00 per annum
Examples of Duties:

Provide professional library services to the College and its client, including, but not limited to assisting individuals and groups in locating or obtaining library materials. Maintain and update the library circulation and reference collections of print resources such as general and technical books, serial publications, documents and other material; maintain and revise, as require, index, control systems for general, technical books and other library printed material; assist in selecting, ordering, cataloging, classifying, processing of general/technical books, periodicals, and other printed materials; communicate information to students, faculties, public, regarding library activities such as services/facility's available, procedures and policies; develop and implement a variety of library orientation programs to a client; assist in the preparation of the library budget; assist faculty and other clients in developing bibliographies; promotion, outreach services and activities; and serve on College committees, as assigned; select, direct, train and supervise student library works; and perform other related duties as assigned by supervisor.

Minimum Qualification Requirements:
Master or Bachelors' degree from an accredited higher education institution in library science or related field, posses experiences, or knowledge and skills required to perform the duties and responsibilities of a community college librarian. Previous successful librarian experience in higher institution is preferable.


General Information:
Application forms can be obtained from the College's Human Resources Office. Send completed application, with transcripts, resume, and verification of previous employment, if any, to the above address. Please feel free to contact us at PCC telephone number 488-2471 should you have questions or need further information.

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Graduation Committee Organizes

The Palau Community College 2001 Graduation Committee has held its initial meeting and organized in preparation for this year's graduation to be held on Friday May 18, 2001 at the PCC Cafetorium. Results of the organization are the following sub-committees and their respective chairs and members:

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| Overall Chairperson
Marencia Edward | |
| Secretary
Imengel Mad | |
| Program & Script
Sherman Daniel, Chair
Dahlia Katosang
Incent Ito
Edolem Ikerdeu
Alvina Timarong | Awards/Publicity
Vernice Rebechei, Chair
Presley Etibek
Maurine Alexander
Tzuchie Tadao
Development Office Staff |
| Practice/Ushers
Lesley B. Adachi, Chair
Analiza Ililau
Imengel Mad
Debra Ngiraingas
Herson Soaladaob | Catering
Ezra Takeo, Chair
Cafeteria Staff |
| | Logistics
Clement Kazuma, Co-Chair
Ismael Anastacio, Co-Chair
Maintenance Staff
Recreation Staff |

The Committee, like the entire College, regards the graduation ceremony with highest importance, after all, this is the only time of the year where we witness the fruits of our labors showcased for all the world to see. Thus, considering that there is only four weeks remaining till graduation, the Committee will pick up its pace starting next week. In this regard, the Committee, while having already selected members for its sub-committees, has issued an announcement to the entire campus community inviting students and staff to volunteer on one of the sub-committees. If you are interested in helping out, please call Imengel Mad at the PCC Library extension #243. They will most certainly appreciate your offer of assistance!!!

ADULT HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE

The Adult High School had an excellent start this semester with 59 students enrolling in six different classes. Thirty-eight students continued from the fall semester and twenty-one new students started this spring semester. Five courses are being offered as follows: 1) Government and Law taught by Mr. Joe Pedro; 2 & 3) Two sections of Consumer Economics taught by Martina Basilius; 4) Community Services and Health taught by Mr. Basilio Deltang; 5) English I being taught by Laura Mangham. The courses are 1 and 1/2 hour long and are held daily, culminating on May 31, 2001.

In March, Laura Mangham traveled to Sonsorol to start the Adult High School program there, where 11 students enrolled in the program. Among these newest students are mothers and fathers, with some younger adults. They are all very excited about the program and look forward to the start of the classes.

Students in the Adult High School benefit from the services offered to Palau Community College students such as Library services, and also take part in the College's athletic programs and activities. The College is proud to see these students working very hard and will be offering more courses in the future for them. We are all looking forward to the spring of 2002 when we graduate the first group of our Adult High School students!!!

JICA Gives Funding Assistance to PCC

PCC has received a funding assistance in the amount of \$5,000 (US) from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for the purpose of funding improvement to PCC's Outdoor Volleyball Court Lighting System. With this funding, PCC will be able to organize intramural volleyball tournament to take place at night time. This is also needed so that students can play at night in order to avoid heat exhaustion and even dehydration. Special thanks to Mr. Hirotaro Yamada, Student Activities Specialist (JICA/JOCV) for his work on this funding proposal. Extended thanks to JICA/JOCV Palau Office for their assistance and support.

(This article was submitted by Gaylord Rdechor, Student Activities Specialist)

Mesekiu's News Challenge #5:
The first person to correctly state the number of programs offered at PCC 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 25, 2001.

NURSING PROGRAM IN PERSPECTIVE

By Terry Ngirmang

Where are they Now?

Last year the Nursing Program graduated thirteen (13) nursing students. All of them are now working as fully qualified registered nurses. One of the twelve (12) new RN's is a Palauan, who upon graduation went to work for Public Health, now is currently in California undergoing further training. The others are being employed by Ministry of Health in various areas of specialty as follows: Belau National Hospital employs seven (7) of them. They are in various areas of specialties such as emergency nursing, hemodialysis nursing, OB-GYN nursing and medical-surgical nursing. The other four (4) are now helping out at the Public Health department in out patient clinic with some deployed in the dispensaries in Babeldaob and Ioueldaob.

The Status of the Current Students:

There are four (4) nursing students who are finishing their first year of the program. If all goes well, these four students will be graduating in May 2002. They just finished their clinical training in the field of pre-natal and well-baby care nursing. This twelve-week hands-on training was conducted at Public Health (Maternal-Child Health) MCH Clinic. The training involved working alongside MCH doctors and nurses. Presently, they are at BNH OB-GYN area.

Pre-nursing Students:

At the present there are ten (10) pre-nursing students who are still taking various courses that are Nursing Program prerequisites.

Promoting the PCC Nursing Program and the Nursing Profession in General:

It is no secret that there is a shortage of nurses in Palau. Realizing this problem, we have been actively promoting and advertising our nursing program to prospective students. Our efforts have included talking to high school students and elementary school eight graders in order to help them to start thinking about nursing as a possible career option. Other efforts have included a dialogue with officials in the Ministry of Health in order to share ideas as to how to promote and

enhance nursing as a profession, including testing and licensing, salary levels, etc.

In addition, we have undertaken various community services, such as giving free blood pressure checks to the public, giving CE Classes to the BNH medical staff. We've also been actively involved in the Tobacco Free Coalition, a Federal Government program, by going to various high schools and elementary schools giving lectures about the dangers of using tobacco product.

There are other items of interests and programs at we are currently doing or planning that will be discussed at a later date. However, we gladly invite anyone who wishes to learn more about the PCC Nursing Program to call telephone number 488-2470/2471, extension 272 and speak with Terry Ngirmang. She will be most happy to help you.

20th PIBBA Conference to be Held in Guam

The 20th Annual Pacific Islands Bilingual-Bicultural Association (PIBBA) Conference has been announced to take place in Guam from June 26-29th this year. The conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Resort Guam with the theme, "The Challenges Bilingual-Bicultural Peoples in the Pacific Face in the Millennium.

PIBBA has extended an invitation soliciting presentations that are related to research as well as practice in bilingual education. People who would like to share their knowledge, expertise, and experience with conference attendees are encouraged to register for the conference. The six presentation strands for this year's conference are: 1) Academic Practices; 2) Environment; 3) Society; 4) Language; 5) Family; and, 6) Traditional knowledge. The deadline for submission of presentation proposals is Friday April 27, 2001; therefore, all interested presenters are urged to submit their proposals as soon as possible. If you would like to find out more about the conference, e-mail Rosa Salas Palomo (Chair, PIBBA Conference Program Committee) at rpalomo@uog9.uog.edu and she will help you.

Disability Survey of Entire Palau Complete

Palau Community College has just completed conducting an extensive survey covering the entire Republic of Palau on people with disabilities. In anticipation of a planned convention for Palau's people with disabilities to be held this summer, PCC is conducting the survey to gather data to be presented. The convention will be co-sponsored by the Olbiil Era Kelulau, Palau Community College, Palau Parents Network, and the Ministry of Education's Special Education Office.

The PCC Office of Continuing Education, with the help of PCC student volunteers, started conducting the survey last month and completed the work this past weekend. They are now in the process of compiling the data and preparing the findings for this summer's convention. The College extends its gratitude to all the homes in Palau who obliged our students and staff by answering the survey questions. As soon as the results are compiled, we will be highlighting them in this newsletter.

Stone Wins Mesekiu Challenge #4

Congratulations to Houston "Stone" Mad for winning *Mesekiu's News* Challenge #4. Stone was the first person to submit the date of PCC President Tellei's Investiture Ceremony, April 2, 1999. As a prize for his correct answer to the challenge, Stone receives a free lunch bento at the PCC Bookstore courtesy of the PCC Development Office.

If the name of this week's winner sounds familiar, it's because Stone was also the winner of *Mesekiu's News* Challenge #2. It looks like Stone now has a record of 2 for 2, a record some of us would like to see on his softball stats. Anyway, congratulations to you Stone. You deserve your free bento!

The Mesekiu's News is encouraging everyone to share information with the rest of the College community. Please submit your articles to Development Office on Wednesdays each week. MESULANG!!

RETENTION WEB PAGE

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

2001-2002 TOEFL TESTING DATES

Test Date (1)	Registration Deadline Date (2)	Approximate Score Report Mailing Date (3)
October 20, 2001	September 03, 2001	November 28, 2001
January 19, 2002	November 30, 2001	February 27, 2002
May 11, 2002	March 25, 2002	June 19, 2002

- (1) The Test of Written English (TWE), a 30-minute test, will be given with TOEFL on all test dates.
- (2) This is the date when registration form must be received by the TOEFL Registration Office in Princeton, NJ.
- (3) Score Reports will be mailed approximately four weeks after the test date.
 - a. Testing & Service Fees - \$10
 - b. Information Bulletin and Registration Form will be available in late June 2001.

Intramural Co-Ed Billiard Tournament

By: Gaylord Rdechor, Student Activities Specialist

On the week of April 07 to April 14, 2001, sixteen (16) PCC students participated in the Intramural Co-Ed Billiard Tournament held at Q-Ball Bar. Result of the tournament is as follows:

- Culum Ulechong and Renette D. Meyar - 1st place
- Patrick Bells and Mayda Iyechad - 2nd place
- Roten R. Rudolph and Elfride Franz - 3rd place
- Gianotti Jiro and Andrea Vereen - 4th place

Congratulations to all winners and be prepared for the next tournament scheduled during summer session, 2001.

Academic Calendar Spring Semester 2001

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

PCC-CE Short Term Classes

The Palau Community College Continuing Education (PCC-CE) announces the following short-term classes:

Fixing Speargun -

Make your own speargun, understand the different types of woods used for spearguns and learn to make different speargun triggers and rods.



Fixing Spears -

Make your own spear, learn how to select better and stronger rods & handles and learn how to tie the spear properly.

Fish Trap Making - Learn how to make your own fish trap using both traditional and modern materials. Different techniques and applications to trap different fish will be covered.

Bottom Fishing - Learn the basics of bottom fishing techniques and styles. You will also learn different ways of bottom fishing both inside and outside the reef.

Shore/Offshore Casting - Learn various styles and techniques of shore and offshore casting.

Throw Net Casting - Learn different ways of throwing fishing nets. Understand the different styles that match the different behaviors of fish.

Weaving Fishing Nets - Learn the basics of weaving fishing nets and net repair.

For more information about these classes or any other concern relating to the short-term classes, please Contact PCC at 488-2470 or 488-2471 and ask to be connected to CE Office.