

Alumni Notes

Class of 1997 PCC



Burton Wong - 1997 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement in General Office Clerk. He is currently working as a Cartographer Technician for the Bureau of Lands & Surveys.

Class of 1984 (MOC)



Thomas Bechab - 1984 MOC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement in Electronic Technology. He is currently working as a Foreign Service Officer for the Bureau of Foreign Affairs.

Class of 1978(MOC)



Wright Kuartei - 1978 MOC graduate with a Vocational Diploma in Small Engine Repair. He is currently working as a Supervisor for the WETE West Appliance Store.

Alumni Notes showcases MOC/PCC alumni who contribute to the quality of life in their local community and are positive role models for other PCC students to emulate. If you are that alumni or know someone who is, please contact the PCC Development Office at telephone number 488-2471. We would like to feature you in future issues of the *Mesekiu's News*.

Celebrating Birthdays

Rodney Kazuma April 22
Virginia Ikeya April 27

Happy Birthday To You!!!

Mesekiu's News
Palau Community College
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Koror, Palau 96940

Vacancy Announcement

Position: Student Account Supervisor
Salary: PL-9/1 - \$12,049 PL-9/2 - \$20,607/per annum
(Depending on qualifications)

Examples of Duties

- Ensures the maintenance of accurate and complete Student Account records by effective liaison and recording of financial aid and other awards, scholarships, grants, work study and other credits against the College fees and charges.

- Contributes to the continued financial viability of the College by ensuring that all students are made aware of their account payment obligations, preparing and distributing invoices, statements and by conducting financial counseling to ensure timely settlement of accounts.

- Expected to use initiative, sound judgment and a firm but helpful approach in timely achievement of collections.

- Will monitor payments and follow-up on delinquent accounts and promissory notes and advise any potential for default to Vice President of Administration & Finance.

- Ability to utilize his/her interpersonal skills in the development of a relationship with the student which will enable open and frank communication of personal financial matters and provide the opportunity to seek ways and means to accomplish payments by due date.

- Will maintain close liaison with the Financial Aid Office particularly with respect to financial aid awards and in the reconciliation of accounts on a monthly basis.

- Control and supervise student financial account with the College.

- Maintain full and accurate records of all charges and payments as well as prepare all statements and reconciliation.

- Act as College representative in collection of student accounts.

Minimum Qualifications Requirements

BA in Business Administration with a minimum of two years previous experience in accounting or similar line of work. Student counseling experience is desired. Essential qualities include strong interpersonal skills including proficiencies in written and verbal English language, must be self-motivated and results oriented.

General Information

Application forms can be obtained from Human Resources Division at the above or our website at www.palau.edu. Send completed application with transcripts, resume, and verification of previous employment(s), if any, to PCC at P.O. 9, Koror, Palau 96940. For further information, call telephone number 488-2470.



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Weekly Newsletter

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PCC Alumni Shines at Grand Valley State University

PCC alumni Laureen Joseph who is in her last semester at Grand Valley State University was nominated for the Accounting Alumni Scholarship of \$1,000 from the Seidman College of Business of GVSU. Ms. Joseph was also invited to the recognition dinner for the entire Seidman School of Business on April 21st as she's also a member of Beta Alpha Psi, the accounting honor society which she was inducted to on December 2005. The award dinner is held annually for the alumni homecoming.

Ms. Joseph is also a member of Beta Gamma Sigma which is also a Business Honor Society that only for business programs accredited by an AACSB International - The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. Membership in Beta Gamma Sigma is the highest recognition a business student anywhere in the world can receive in a business program accredited by AACSB International. There are only five hundred fifteen (515) AACSB accredited business schools in the world. One hundred sixty seven (167) of them have separate, specialized accreditations for accounting programs. GVSU is accredited by both.

Ms. Joseph is also a member of the Honor Society, Phi Kappa Phi which she was inducted into in March of 2005. In 2005-2006 she was a recipient of a \$3000 scholarship from AICPA for minority students, especially those in the accounting field. Ms. Joseph has never failed to make the Deans List during the course of her study at the Grand Valley State University.



Laureen Joseph with friends and classmates at Grand Valley State University.

Laureen (Ibuuch) Joseph graduated from PCC in April 2004. She enrolled at Grand Valley State University in Fall of 2004, majoring in accounting and minoring in finance. Ms. Joseph is in her last semester at Grand Valley State University and will be graduating this summer of 2006. She plans to enroll at Ohio State University in Fall 2006 to further pursue her master's degree in accounting.

Laureen Joseph is the daughter of Lorenza Joseph who is a PCC Business Department Staff. PCC is proud and congratulates Laureen (Ibuuch) for her many accomplishments and wish her continued success as she pursues her educational goals.

PCC Students participate In Earth Day Clean-Up

PCC students joined the "Dive-in" Earth Day & Coastal Clean up hosted by Fish 'n Fins on April 16, 2006. Thirteen (13) dorm students and four (4) tourism program students volunteered to collect trash from Fish 'n Fins in Madal'aii to Nikko Bay in Ngermid. They were divided into three teams - kayak, diving and boat teams. Kayak team members collected heaps of trash and even old tires around the mangrove areas and rock islands, putting trash on their kayaks and carrying it back to land. Diving team members used scuba to collect cans, bottles around M-Dock.



All participants received congratulations and a certificate of appreciation from the manager of Fish 'N Fins after the clean-up.

Eriko Yahagi, a PCC JICA volunteer who escorted the students said that she is happy see PCC students enthusiastically join such community programs, and encourages all students to also join future community-sponsored programs.

Guam Talent Search Program Participants Visited Palau

Scarlett Rechirei: Talent Search Staff

On April 7, 2006, four Guam Talent Search Participants and three Upward Bound Participants came to Palau. Every year chosen participants from the



Guam Talent Search and Kayangel JFK students

two TRIO programs from Guam come to Palau during their spring break to learn about the culture. Before the students arrived in Palau, arrangement was made between the two programs in Guam and Palau for the Palau participants to host the Guam participants from April 7th to 9th. The night of their arrival, the hosting participants and their families were at the airport anxiously waiting for the Guam participants. The following

Wednesday, April 12, the Talent Search hosting participants went with the Guam group to Kayangel and returned on Thursday, April 13th. At Kayangel the people were kind enough to provide dinner and the participants ate a variety of cooked bananas and drank a lot of coconut.



Seated (l-r): Leo Domingo, Aurealyn Doculan, Kamillynn Castro, Standing (l-r): PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, Arlan Aquino, Rachel Castro, Clarijane Ventura, and Jenny Liu.

After dinner, the participants had a chance to interact with the students of JFK Elementary School. They also had a chance to try their luck fishing at the dock. The next day before returning to Koror, the participants went to Ngeruangel. On Saturday, April 15th, the hosting

students plus the junior and senior participants of Mindszenty High School went with the Guam participants to the Rock Island. They spent half of the day at Kemurbeab and in the afternoon they went to Jellyfish Lake. The participants had a chance to swim with the jellyfish. On the way back to Koror, the participants stopped over at the Cemetary to feed and swim with the fish. That same night, the hosting participants and their



Mindszenty High School and Guam Talent Search Students in Rock Island

families had the chance to have dinner and spend some time with the Guam participants before seeing them off at the airport.

Japanese Language for Overseas Students

The Embassy of Japan is honored to inform that the Japan Foundation is offering a program to sponsor the opportunity for outstanding students of Japanese Language of universities, colleges, and other educational institutions around the world to visit Japan and deepen their knowledge and understanding of the Japanese Language, society and culture. The length of the program is 15 days from September 06 to September 20, 2006. All expenses regarding the training including airfare, accommodations and meals in Japan, transportation in Japan and basic incidentals will be provided by the Japan Foundation. The program will consist of the following: Lectures on Japanese Language, social and cultural aspects of Japan; Experience of

Japanese culture; Visit to cultural, industrial facilities and historical sites; and Home stay.

In this connection, I would like to request your kind assistance in informing and promoting this program to the current and former Japanese Language students who are considered outstanding in Japanese Language in your respective school. Please refer to the attached Program Announcement for the required qualifications. Because the application process requires a written examination of the Japanese Language, we request the assistance of the Japanese Language Instructors at your school to pre-evaluate applicants' level of proficiency in written and spoken Japanese. Please advise any student interested in the program to consult with Ms. Yuko Sawada for the pre-evaluation. Based on the results of the pre-evaluations, please submit the names of the nominees who

demonstrate high proficiency of Japanese to the Japan Embassy no later than May 10, 2006. The nominees will take the written examination in Japanese at the Embassy in the Middle of May.

Your assistance in directly promoting Japanese Language Programs to your students has ensured a higher participation in all of the past events. I sincerely hope that you will promote this wonderful opportunity for the outstanding students of Japanese Language in your school. Should you require further information on this wonderful opportunity for matter please feel free to contact Ms. Bernie Ngiralmu here at the Embassy. Thank you for your attention and assistance on this matter and I look forward to continuing our good working relationship.

BITS AND PIECES...

Billiard Tournament

Recreation Office is conducting a billiard tournament expected to take place on April 22-23, 2006. Any interested students who wishes to participate in this tournament may register on April 22, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at Recreation Pool Room. After the registration, ground rules will be reviewed and tournament will commence. Cash prizes available to the top three winners.

Want to become a member of Writers Club?

Writers Club is looking for interested students, faculty and staff who want to become members of the club and/or teach short term writing workshops. Individuals from the community are also welcome. Meetings are held every Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. at PCC Talent Search Office. For further information, contact Laura Mangham at telephone number 488-0826 or Dilubch Samil or Hulda Lukas at telephone number 488-2470/71

Scholarship Opportunities!

For those students who are interested in studying in Taiwan, Australia, or New Zealand, scholarship applications for schools in these areas are available and can be obtained from the Palau National Scholarship Board (PNSB) Office. Application forms for Japan Scholarship can be picked-up from the Embassy of Japan. For further information contact the telephone number 488-3608 (PNSB) or 488-6455 (Japan Embassy).

GOT A STORY?...

We want to know the scoop over at your office, what's new, what's being implemented, etc. Share your news with us by bringing your articles to the Development Office no later than Wednesdays at 12 noon each week.

EARTH'S EASIEST EXERCISE

From Top Health, The Health Promotion and Wellness Newsletter (May)

Walking can add years to your life and life to your years. And it couldn't be easier. You don't need to join a health club, wear special equipment or go into training to reap the rewards.

The Conditioner Walking conditions your heart and lungs and raises your body's ability to use oxygen more efficiently, fact: In one study, women who walked briskly (3-4 miles per hour) at least three hours a week cut their risk of heart attack and stroke by more than half.

The Protector Walking helps beat other health problems, too. It reduces your risk of some forms of cancer and osteoporosis. It fights the battle of the bulge, taking off fat and building muscle. Walking can even help people with diabetes reduce or eliminate their need for medication.

The Joint-Saver Walking can burn about as many calories per mile as jogging does. But it delivers only about a quarter of the jolt, so it's much easier on your joints and muscles.

The De-Stressor Walking's easy on your mind, too, since it lessens stress and lightens

depression. Beginning walkers usually report that they feel better and that their mental outlook improves.

The Winner Best of all, walking has the lowest dropout rate of any form of exercise. So you're more likely to stick with it and get all these benefits and more, like better digestion, improved regularity and lower blood pressure.

There's Nothing To It Just put on a sturdy, comfortable pair of shoes and go. Smart Moves: Walk to the store for the Sunday paper... park a few blocks from work or get off the bus or train one stop early and walk from there... use stairs instead of elevators or escalators... on bad weather days walk in a mall or on a gym treadmill.

How fast should you go? That's easy, too. Just use the "talk test." Move at a steady clip that makes your heart beat faster and causes you to breathe more deeply -- but doesn't leave you too breathless to carry on a conversation. You'll do yourself a world of good.

Teach in Japan

Wanted, English Teacher

Will teach 3-12 year old children, class size 6-12 students. We will provide working visa and training. One year renewable contract. Start June 1, 2006

Requirements: University degree; ESL and Education majors with teaching experience preferred.

Pay/Benefits: About \$2500 a month or more. Fully furnished apartment=depression. Beginning walkers- free rent, free transportation for one (1) year.

Please fax your resume before March 23, 2006 to Rick Taitano or Tammy Kobayashi, SF Interantion Ltd. Fax: +81-794-31-4786. Telephone: +81-794-31-4727. Qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview.

Location: Beautiful Kakogawa city in Hyogo Prefecture. We are 30-60 minutes (by train) from Kobe, Osaka, and Kyoto. E-mail rick@sfinternational.com