

ALUMNI NOTES:

Class of 1994

* Clint Mersai (A.S. Police Science Summer 96). Clint is currently the Officer in Charge of the Detector Dog Unit. It is a special K-9 unit under the Ministry of Finance's Division of Customs. This special unit through the use of detector dogs is tasked with the responsibility of detecting and screening for the import of illicit and illegal drugs.



Clint Mersai was an excellent student who averaged a 4.0 throughout his educational career here at PCC and was one of the first students to graduate from the College when it officially changed its name from the Micronesian Occupational College (MOC) to the Palau Community College. Congratulations Clint. You are a great example for all our students to emulate.


Class of 2002

* Debbie Ngiraibai (A.S. Business Accounting Spring 02). She is the recipient of the prestigious Outstanding Student Award and PCC Alumni Award for her dedication to academic excellence and her work in the community. Debbie is currently working at the accounting firm of J. Scott Magliari & Co, CPA, as a Junior Accountant. Great Job Debbie! You make us all proud!



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

 Kazue Melphy April-25
Virginia Ikeya April-27

Happy Birthday To You!!!

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PCC Hosts EQPB's Earth Day Event

Today, April 22, Palau will be celebrating Earth Day along with the rest of the world. This year's Earth Day theme is "Healthy Environments for our Children" or "Ungil Lukel a Klengar el mora Rengeleked". The theme refers to the value of maintaining environmental quality for both the health of the environment as well as for the health of our children, who are especially vulnerable to environmental contaminants. One of the main events for this year's Earth Day will be an Earth Day Fair, which will take place at the Palau Community College parking lot and across the street at the Mobil Gas Station from 9am to 3pm on Friday, April 22.

The fair will feature environmental booths and displays for the students and the public to learn about the environment in Palau, games and contests, an aluminum can and car battery recycling drive, a tree planting ceremony with Palau's national leaders, and award ceremony for the recipients of the 2005 Environmental Excellence Awards and winners of the 2005 Earth Day Poster.

Earth Day Events Today, April 2005 at PCC's Main Parking Lot

Time	What
9:00 am	Fair starts! Aluminum/battery drive goes on all-day. Win t-shirt by bringing in 3 car batteries or 2 <i>garbage</i> bags of aluminum cans.
9:30 am	Tree planting ceremony w/ President, Ibedul, and Reklai at Meyuns Elementary School. Live radio broadcast.
12:00-1:00 pm	Award ceremony for poster/essay contest and Environmental Excellence Awards. (Mobil side of fair)
1:30-2:30pm	Dirty Sock Contest (car emissions test) at Mobil side of fair.
3:00 pm	Fair ends.



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PCC Concludes Library Week with a Bang!



Happy children pose during a story telling session during PCC's Library Week.

The PCC Library concluded its Library Week event with a bang as PCC students, children and adults of all ages took part in weeklong activities aimed at promoting public awareness on one of Palau's most extensive libraries. The theme for Library Week 2005 is "Something for Everyone @ PCC Library." This year's celebration, from April 18-22 hosted a series of special activities such as an Open House, Movie Night, Kid's Story Time and conducted an introductory course on the Internet for Adult Learners.

In addition, all patrons who had library fines had their fines waived just by visiting PCC Library and participating in any one of the events. PCC's Library Week is intended to promote the library as a learning resource and demonstrate the unique and vital role the library plays as a place for education, self-help and lifelong learning.

PCC Librarian Gretchen Reynolds said, "PCC's Library Week gives us the opportunity to reach out to the community and encourage people to use the many wonderful services the library offers. Because like our theme: "Something for Everyone", our library is more than just a place to read books, it is a valuable community resource for people of all ages to find the information

they need, when they need it. Whether its learning how to cook through a cook book, using the internet to conduct research, studying for an exam or spending family time reading with your children, the PCC Library has a wealth of information just waiting for you to tap into." The PCC Library serves as a community resource, open to everyone in Palau, and we make every effort to ensure that the patron's needs in regards to their research or their reading enjoyment are fulfilled. For more information please call PCC Library at 488-3450 ext # 261.

PCC Welcomes Five New Employees to the College



Deikola Olikong



Harlin Haruo



Indira Kazuma



Evelynn Demei



Lyndon Masami

The Palau Community College would like to introduce the following employees as the newest members of the PCC family. Returning home to Palau after 16 years of work in the field of education as a teacher and school principal at the Garapan Elementary School in the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas (CMNI), we welcome Deikola Olikong as the new Counselor for PCC's Student Services Division. Deikola brings her many years of experience as an educator and administrator to help counsel and guide our students here at PCC. In addition, we welcome Harlin Haruo, as the new secretary for the PCC Administration Office who also recently returned from living abroad to be closer to home. The college would also like to welcome two PCC Alumni, who are making a difference at the College. They are Indira Kazuma, former Miss Palau pageant winner who recently graduated from PCC with an Associate of Science degree in Criminal Justice and Evelyn Demei who graduated with a Certificate of Achievement in Tourism and Hospitality. Indira is working for the Retention and Registrars Office as an Administrative Assistant while Evelyn is the newest cook for the PCC Cafeteria. And finally, we welcome Lyndon Masami, a former flight attendant for Palau Micronesia Air (PMA) who has joined PCC's Cooperative Research and Extension (CRE) Division as an Administrative Assistant. PCC is proud and excited to have all of you working for the College and we welcome you to the family.

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ROP President Reaffirms Support for PCC During Annual Address



(l-r) PCC President Patrick U. Tellei, Ed. D., Honorable Tommy Remengesau Jr., President of the Republic of Palau, CRE Interim Vice President, Thomas Taro.

PCC President Patrick U. Tellei, Ed.D. and Thomas Taro CRE Interim Vice President, represented the College during the State of the Republic Address of the Honorable Tommy Remengesau Jr., President of the Republic of Palau. The address was held last Thursday, April 14, 2005 at the Olbiil Era Kelulau (OEK) Senate Chamber. The event was attended by Palau's national and traditional leaders, foreign dignitaries, and members of the community. During his speech, President Remengesau summarized the successes of the past four years of his administration as well as set the agenda for Palau's future development for the coming years. In addition President Tommy reaffirmed his commitment to PCC and the educational development of Palau's youth by saying he would introduce legislation in the coming months to encourage the local business community to hire PCC educated professionals and offer them competitive wages.

President Remengesau stated: "It is imperative that we support PCC in turning out more skilled workers in areas where we currently employ foreign labor. In order to address this effort, I have instructed my legal staff to develop legislation that will provide incentives for our private sector to employ skilled Palauans and pay them higher wages to ensure they remain in Palau." PCC President Patrick U. Tellei, thanked the President for his support and affirmed the College's commitment to work with the President, members of the OEK and the community in ensuring that students who attend PCC have a bright future in Palau's job market.

Project Beacon Office Conducts Jobsite Visit

Project Beacon students went on a Jobsite visit to the Palau Supreme Court on Thursday, April 14, 2005. The thirty (30) students were met by Ms. Alison Idip-Sengebau, Human Resource Specialist, who led the tour throughout the site. The first department that the students visited was the Clerk of Courts office where Ms. Jelga Emiwo described the various tasks and responsibilities for court clerks.

The students also met with Raymond Ongino in the Appellate division, where he too described his duties in preparing for appeals. After the Clerk of Courts, we visited the Singichi Ikesakes Memorial Law Library. Lori Isao, the Law Librarian, was kind enough to show the students the Library's layout and even taught the students how to search for a specific case using its number.

The students also had a chance to view an actual courtroom and study its layout, rules and regulations. They learned that every hearing is open to the public and can be observed. The only hearings that are closed for public are those for the juveniles, as to protect the children's rights.

Mr. Francis Llecholch, Chief Probation Officer, also prepared a presentation for the students. He explained the system thoroughly and even did some recruiting for a "few good men or women". After the Probation office, we visited the Marshal's office. Mr. Johnny A. Sokau who is the Chief Marshal did a presentation for the Marshal office. The students had quite an experience in the 'holding cell' that they have in that office for the Arrestees. This was the last of the tour.

Overall, the Supreme Court was well prepared in receiving us. They were organized and informative in delivering their presentations. Ms. Alison informed us that students are welcome to visit the Supreme Court. It is way to educate young people about the system and make them better law abiding citizens. This truly was an educational experience. The Jobsite visit was followed by a **Career Workshop** entitled "Are You on the Right Path?" at the Project Beacon Lab. Mainly, the workshop was about college students *exploring, developing, and discovering* themselves to finding a career that is perfect, or near perfect, for them.



PCC Project Beacon students pose in the court room.



PCC Project Beacon students relax in the Court Marshals Office.

BITS AND PIECES... PVAS's Annual Green Fair This Saturday...

All students and staff are notified that the Fifth Annual Green Fair has been scheduled to be held on Saturday April 23, 2005 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.

KSG Gives PCC Dorms Thumbs Up!

The Koror State Government's Division of Sanitation has given the Palau Community College' Dorm facilities a 100 percent clean bill of health on the State's quarterly Environmental Survey. Every quarterly period, a Koror State sanitation official inspects the campus for sanitary conditions such as adequate waste management, unclean restrooms, kept lawns, leaky water and sewer pipes, solid waste, presence of vermin and pests, effective drainage, garbage disposal and overall hygiene of the campus.

The College thanks everyone for working together and keeping the campus clean and healthy. Let's keep up the good work and maintain our high standards!

BMS Thanks PCC For Donation of Cabinet.....

The Belau Modekngei School (BMS) expressed its appreciation to PCC for the donation of a cabinet. The cabinet will be used to file book cards and catalog literary volumes for their new library which was set up earlier this month.

In letter sent by Bedbii Chokai, BMS Principle to PCC President Patrick U. Tellei, she stated: "On behalf of the BMS and the staff I would like to extend our deepest gratitude to you and the PCC staff for the generous donation of a card catalog cabinet. The cabinet is beautiful and it was done so fast that we were also very surprised. You are really doing a superb job at PCC."

PCC Interns Wanted for Summer Placement

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.

Japanese Government Offers Scholarships



(l-r) Japan Embassy's Takashi Mita, Bernabett Besebes, PCC Instructor Junko Kobayashi pose with PCC Students.

Takashi Mita, Special Assistant and Bernabett Besebes, Public Relations Assistant from the Japan Embassy conducted a recruitment drive on campus to encourage PCC students to apply for Japanese government scholarships. The purpose of the drive was to encourage PCC students to earn a degree or professional diploma while gaining a deeper understanding of the rich culture and history of Japanese people. The recruitment drive was held at the Meskeiu Bai at the PCC courtyard this past Wednesday, April 20, 2005. Through the Japanese Embassy, the

government of Japan is now offering full scholarships covering tuition, fees, and a living allowance to Palauan citizens who wish to pursue a undergraduate degree at a Japanese University or professional degree from a Senshu-Gakko (Professional Training School). Both scholarships offer a wide range of career fields and are open to all qualified Palauan students. If you wish to apply for the scholarship, please come to the PCC Development Office and sign up for the next recruitment drive. The next recruitment session is scheduled to be held at the end of April and will be conducted by staff from the Japanese Embassy.

Japanese Government Scholarship for 2006:

Undergraduate Student (Degree)

Field of Study: Social Science, Humanities, Medicine, Engineering and Natural Science

Eligibility: Born Between April 2, 1984 and April 1, 1989, High School Graduate and must be willing to study Japanese

Term: Scholarship for 5 years

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, 1984 and April 1, 1989, a High School Graduate and willing to study Japanese language

Term: Three years from April 2006 (Including 1st yr. Japanese language training)

The deadline for both scholarships is May 27, 2005. For more information please contact the PCC Development Office at 488-2470/2471 at ext 253.