

Alumni Notes

Class of 1998(PCC)

Francis Kintaro Silk -



1998 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement in Secretarial Science. Kintaro Silk works as Assistant Administrator at the Marshall Islands Hospital.

Attended from 1989-92 (MOC)

Rojen Aninond -



Enrolled in 1989-92 in the field of Electrical Technology. He is now employed by the biggest hardware establishment (Ace Hardware) in the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Class of 1979 (MOC)

Tommy Arelong -



1979 MOC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement in Automotive Mechanics Technology. He is a retired R.M.I government employee and now works for the biggest hardware establishment (Ace Hardware) in the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Marshall Islands.

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*.

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Celebrating Birthdays

Melphy Kazue April 25
Franson Oiterong April 26
Virginia Ikeya April 27

Happy Birthday To You!

New Staff at UB Office

Upward Bound (UB) program welcomes Fredrick Abraham as the new Administrative Assistant. Abraham takes over from Akiko Udui who has taken on the role of Tracking Coordinator.

Abraham is no stranger to the UB program as he used to work as an office clerk back in 1986.

Abraham's key responsibility will be to manage previous and current student records.



Abraham

Bilung Gives 45+ Pounds of Lemon to Cafeteria



Bilung Gloria G. Saliu who is also the Chairperson of the PCC Board of Trustees stands in front of the baskets of lemon she harvested from her trees at the family estate in Koror. Her donations were taken in by the Cafeteria and will be used to prepare student meals and drinks, especially for those living on campus. Thank you Bilung!

Vacancy Announcement

- (1) Dean, Academic Affairs
Salary range: \$21,000-\$33,730 per annum
- (1) Assistant Director, Educational Talent Search
Salary range: \$18,000-\$22,000 per annum
- (1) Accountant/Supervisor, Business Office
Salary range: \$12,049-\$20,607 per annum

For application forms and information, please contact Karen Mobil at the PCC Human Resources Office at 488-2470/71, ext. 227.

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Students Take 2nd & 3rd Places in V'ball Tourney



PCC students took part in a local volleyball tournament fundraiser sponsored by Mindszenty High School students last weekend. The PCC students took second and third places in separate categories.

Internship Application for Summer 2010

written by: Vincent Ito, Internship Coordinator

In preparation for Internship placement for Summer Semester 2010, we need to know the number of students who will be participating in the internship training and their respective trade areas at this time. This will allow us time to identify and secure commitments from appropriate employers who will be providing training to our students.

To assist in this effort, Academic Advisors are requested to review their advisees' folders and to advise those who will be eligible to participate in internship training to come to WCCC Office and see the Extension Program Coordinator, Mr. Vincent Ito, and fill out required application forms. Application forms are now ready for pick up anytime during working hours from Monday to Friday. Deadline for submission of completed application forms is Wednesday May 26, 2010 in order for student to be considered for internship placement.

Internship is provided as a final requirement for students who have completed all their course requirements or at most have one remaining to be taken concurrently with the training. It allows students to be placed on the job in their respective field of training working on a full time basis as intern trainee for the semester. The practical experience gained from the training will be counted as credits required for them to graduate.

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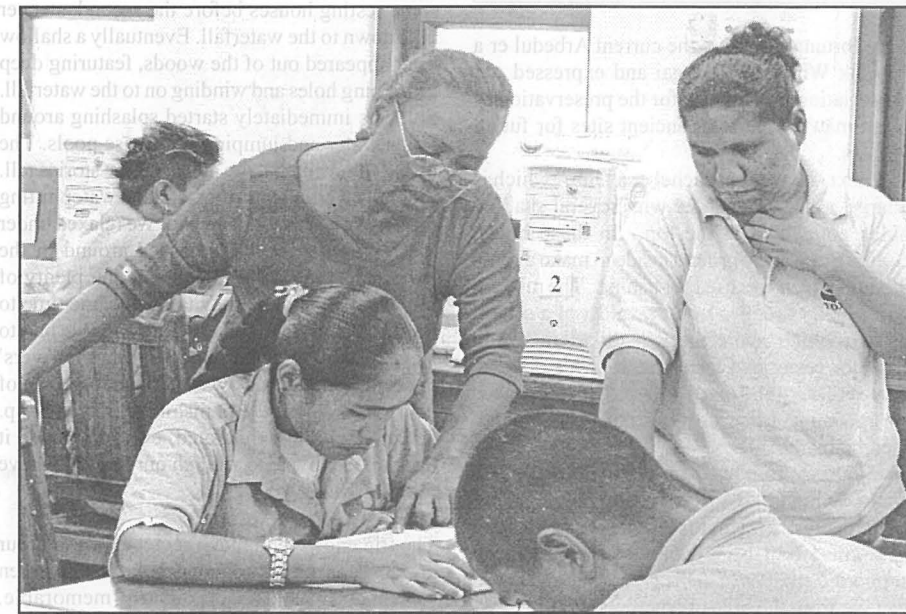


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Weekly Newsletter

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Library & Informations Services (LS) Students Learn by Volunteering



LS students Elizabeth Isamu and Ilong Roduk help a couple of students from Palau High School find information for their research papers.

On Tuesday morning, students from the LS110: Research Methods & Reference Assistance course had the opportunity to put their skills to the test during a three

US-DOI Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs to Visit



Tony Babauta

Tony Babauta, the Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs-United States Department of Interior, is in Palau and will meet with Palau government officials and traditional leaders.

He will also visit the campus and meet with President Tellei at 2:00 pm. today. PCC welcomes Assistant Secretary Babauta to Palau and Palau Community College.

hour reference practicum at Palau Public Library. During the practicum, a class of Palau High School students visited the library to do research on a variety of topics

Specialist from TRIO Regional Center in Hawaii Trains UB Staff



Rhonda Rivera

Rhonda Rivera from Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math & Science Regional Center at Leeward Community College -Hawaii, provided a five-day database (Filemaker Pro) in-service training to

PCC-UB staff from April 15-19, 2010. The database training was an advance level exercise aimed at assisting the UB program network and centralize its data collecting and storing capabilities.

for an upcoming paper. The students from the LS course assisted the PHS students in finding appropriate information for their research topics and provided instructions on how to effectively use the resources. One PHS student was very impressed with the experience and noted, "I thought I knew how to use the encyclopedia, but I wasn't using it right. It is so much easier the way she showed me!" Overall, the majority of library patrons were equally pleased with the reference services the LS students provided, and said that they would return to the library in the future.

Accreditation Officials to Visit, Conduct Workshop

The Chairperson of the Accrediting Commission for Community & Junior Colleges (ACCJC) Lurelean Gaines and ACCJC President Barbara Beno are scheduled to visit PCC next Thursday, April 29, 2010. The two are coming to Palau directly after attending a Pacific Postsecondary Educational Council (PPEC) meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii. Chairwoman Gaines, who is visiting Palau for the first time is from East Los Angeles College and has also served as Accreditation Liaison Officer at her school.

The President of the Commission Dr. Beno has offered to conduct a one hour workshop for PCC staff and students. The workshop entitled "Institutional Quality and Accreditation: A Workshop on the Basics" will be held on Friday, April 30th at 10:30 am in the PCC Assembly Hall. All staff and students directly involved with the student learning and overall student success are not only invited but encouraged to attend.

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Ngardmau State Hosts PCC-SSS Cultural Site Visit

Submitted by: Student Support Services Students & Staff



SSS participants at Orsachel er a Dub.

On Friday, April 9, 2010, thirty-nine (39) Student Support Services Participants and Staff from PCC took a trip to Ngardmau for a day of cultural site visits and activities. The day began with everyone excitedly boarding a luxury bus from Impac Tours at the Track & Field parking lot. Many of the students had never been to the State of Ngardmau and happily looked forward to the adventure.

In Ngardmau, our first stop was at the top of Ngardmau Waterfalls, where we met State Governor Akiko Sugiyama, Rodney Esebei who was to be our guide to the cultural sites, and Blesoch Aderkeroi who is in charge of the sites' upkeep. Governor Sugiyama gave us a happy send off and we were on our way. We were also accompanied by Melson Miko of Palau Visitors' Authority, Sylvia Kloulubak, Filly Carabit, and Tema el Kloulechad of the Bureau of Arts and Culture.

Our cultural site trek began in Urdmang to see "Ikeam el Diong," a water spring that saved the lives of Ngardmau people a long time ago during wars and droughts. Our next site took us over ancient pathways of smoothed stones through densely wooded jungles of greenery. As we walked through the stillness of the jungle, the fact that we were retracing the steps of people from hundreds of years before was quite a humbling experience. We could almost see the people of long ago laboriously piling stone after stone to make these beautiful pathways that have lasted centuries. We stopped at "Dub er a Telech," a site next to channels in the mangroves, which was an initial landing place of some of the first people to populate Ngardmau. There, a rectangular platform of river stones had been constructed to represent the two high chiefs of Ngardmau, Beouch er a Ngedengoll and Ngerkebai, and Arurang er a Ngedengoll and Ngerkebai.

We continued our cultural trek to Ngerutoi to see an ancient stone platform called, "Olketokel er a Udoud el Bad." This stone platform was constructed for people from Ngerutoi to showcase their Palauan money in order to select a chief. The person who had the most Palauan money would then become the chief, "Arbedul er a Tebelak." Today, this ritual of selecting the chief is no longer practiced, but the chiefly title of "Arbedul er a Tebelak" remains. We

workshop was to show us how to take control of our lives by using humor. Being able to laugh at ourselves or our situations shows that we're in control of our lives and we're not letting anyone or anything bring us down. To emphasize the use of humor, students were grouped and instructed to create dialogues for humorous cartoons depicting everyday situations. Students had a wonderful time creating and sharing the hilarious dialogues, inciting laughter and giggles all around.

The day concluded with a much anticipated trek to the famous Ngardmau Waterfalls. The first long stairway led to an old railroad track, another Japanese bauxite mining remnant, which led to some resting houses before the second, steeper hike down to the waterfall. Eventually a shallow river appeared out of the woods, featuring deep swimming holes and winding on to the waterfall. Students immediately started splashing around in the water and jumping into these pools. The huge falls seemed to be at least three stories tall. The falls were spectacular, and the water hitting the rocks created a misty wind. We relaxed under the falling waters and splashed around in the pool underneath, all the while taking plenty of memorable pictures. Inevitably, it came time to head back, and with much reluctance we had to leave. A stop to swim once more in the rivers' pools on the way back was unavoidable, then of course we started the punishing climb back up. Triumphant and exhilarated, everyone made it back up in one piece, though our legs may have felt like falling off.

The trip ended with much regret as we said our goodbyes to the Ngardmau people who had been so wonderful and made our trip memorable. Our sincerest gratitude goes to Governor Akiko Sugiyama, Rodney Esei, Blesoch Aderkeroi, Peggy Hanser, Terry Aderkeroi, Arbedul er a Teblak Willard Kumangai, and those behind the scenes for making us feel extremely welcome and making the cultural trip one of the best ever. We'd also like to thank Melson Miko from PVA and Bureau of Arts and Culture's Sylvia Kloulubak, Filly Carabit, and Tema el Kloulechad for their company and support.



Ngardmau Tour Guide Rodney Esebei at Dub er a Telech.



Terry Aderkeroi demonstrating Eluit el Nguul.

were fortunate to meet the current Arbedul er a Tebelak Willard Kumangai and expressed our appreciation and support for the preservation of Ngardmau's wonderful ancient sites for future visitors.

The next site was "Orsachel er a Dub," which is a large, rectangular stone with several shallow holes gouged from the top. In these holes, certain plants were ground inside to make a pasty mixture which was used for fishing. The mixture was usually dropped into the midst of a school of fish which made the fish disoriented and slow for easier and faster catch. This practice was reserved and used only when there was an upcoming feast, or a custom that involved feeding many.

The journey continued on to Ngardmau Dock where humongous historical sites of Japanese constructed platforms still stand. These platforms are all that is left from structures which supported engines of cable cars that transported bauxite from the hills of Ngardmau to the dock, then onto ships sailing to Japan. To complete our cultural exploration, a presentation of a famous local dish awaited us. In one of the huts, atop the Ngardmau waterfalls, a table had been beautifully decorated with leaves and flowers of local plants. A delicious smell drifted all around us as everyone gathered to observe Terry Aderkeroi and Peggy Hanser demonstrate the makings of their very own "Cheluit el Nguul," mangrove clams cooked in coconut milk. It was like watching a cooking show on TV. All ingredients had been prepared and displayed, and as Terry and Peggy walked us through the process of making the dish, an already prepared one awaited tasting. The mangrove clams, "ngduul," were fresh and while some had been used for the dish, others sat waiting for those brave enough to eat raw clams. "Ebingel," which are bowl-shaped leaves of local plants were used as bowls to sample the "cheluit el nguul". For the raw clams, no bowls were needed as nothing beats the taste of squeezing lemon juice on the clam meat and slurping the meat right off the shell...mmmmmm! The sumptuous clams made way for a hearty lunch.

In the afternoon, Adora and Midori presented a Life Skill Workshop entitled "Seven Ways to Improve Your Laugh-Life." The purpose of the

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GRADUATION

Date set for Spring Commencement...

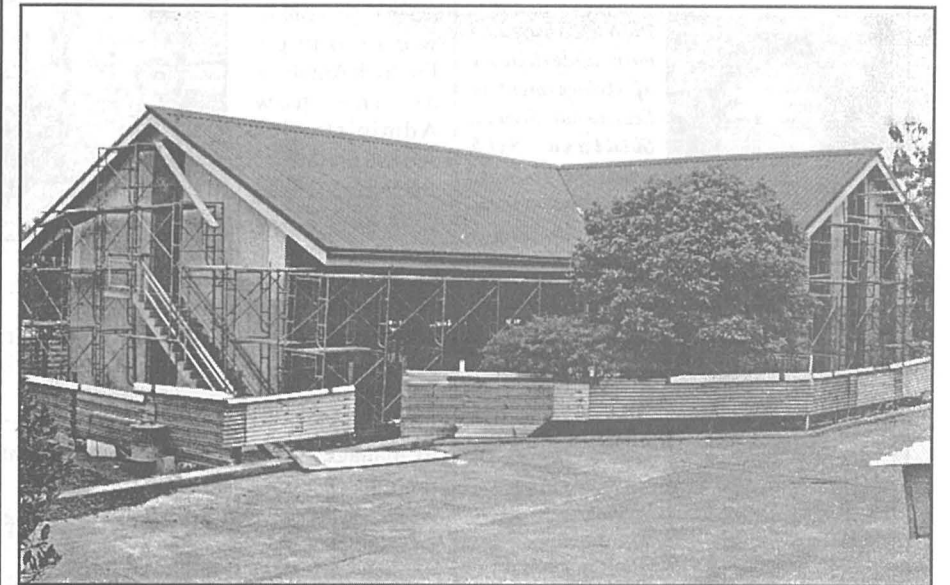
The 2010 PCC graduation ceremony has been scheduled to be held on Friday, May 28, 2010. The event will begin at 10:00 am at the PCC Cafeteria.

THANK YOU

Mesekiu's News staff thank instructor Danka Ledgerwood for her generosity in always contributing high resolution photos for use in this newsletter. Her latest contribution are the Gentlemen's Gourmet photos which appeared in last Friday's issue. Thank you Danka!

Dorm students thank former staff Ismael Anastacio for donating a \$10 Universal Remote control for the Dorm lounge TV set. Thank you Ismael. The students welcome more donations from you.

PTHSE Construction On Schedule



Construction work on the Palau Tourism & Hospitality School of Excellence is on track to finish in August 2010.

Scholarship & Internship Opportunities

The office of the Micronesia Challenge is offering thousands of dollars in scholarships as well as internship opportunities for qualified students and individuals. For details, stop by the PCC Development Office or contact: The Micronesia Challenge Regional Office, P.O. Box 4040, Koror, Republic of Palau 96940. Telephone: 680-488-8008; Fax: 680-488-8003

Continuing Education Classes

FREE Session on Constitutional Law

Instructor: Kevin Bennardo,
Court Counsel to the Supreme Court of Palau

Topics

Class 1:

Overview of Article IV (Fundamental Rights)
Article IV, Section 6: Takings Clause

Class 2:

Article IV, Section 5: Equal Protection Clause

Class 3:

Article IV, Section 6: Due Process Clause

Class 4:

Article IV, Section 4: Right of Security from Entry, Search, and Seizure
Article IV, Section 6: Warrant Requirement for Search and Seizure

Class 5:

Rights of the Accused
-Section 6: No Ex Post Facto Punishment
-Section 7: Presumption of Innocence
-Section 7: Right to Speedy Trial
-Section 7: Right to Examine Witnesses
-Section 7: Right Against Compelled Self-Incrimination
-Section 7: Right to Counsel

Class 6:

Article IV, Section 10: Freedom from Excessive Punishment

Wrap-up

Class Schedule: one hour every Wednesday night from 6 pm to 7 pm, for six weeks, at PCC Continuing Education Training Room, starting the week of May 24th and ending the week of June 28th.

If anyone is interested or if you want to know more information about these classes, please call Annalisa Ngiraklei or Leona Blaluk at telephone number 488-2470/6223.

Summer Kids Program

The following classes will be offered this summer. These classes are designed to provide educational activities for students, enhance their abilities to improve in the subject areas, and foster new skills.

Math (3rd - 8th Grade)
English Reading (3rd - 8th Grade)
English Writing (3rd - 8th Grade)
Palauan Writing (3rd - 8th Grade)
Palauan Reading (3rd - 8th Grade)
Keyboarding (5th - 8th)
Marine Science (6th - 8th)

Classes will begin on June 07, 2010
Classes will end on July 02, 2010
Last day of registration is June 04, 2010

These classes are on a first come first serve basis. Maximum number of students for each class is 25 except for the marine science class which is 20 students.

TRIO, from Front Page

According to PCC UB Program Director Kuye Belelai, a significant part of the training was spent on reviewing the database template specifically designed and customized by Rivera to address data management challenges with the UB program. The customized database will enable staff to comprehensively manage the UB program's administration and services in areas such as finance, alumni tracking, monitoring of students academic progress, and compilation of Annual Performance Report.

While on campus, Rivera had an opportunity to tour the campus and meet with various executive officers of the college as well as with staff of all the TRIO programs at PCC. The PCC-UB program extends gratitude to all staff and executive officers for their support during the training.



Rhonda Rivera (center-right) with Upward Bound program Director Kuye Belelai (r) and staff meet to discuss the one week workshop itinerary. (l-r) Debra Ngiraingas, Akiko Udui, Fredrick Abraham, Rivera, Hellen Imanuel, and Belelai.