

## PCC-CE Offers Training

The PCC-Continuing Education Office would like to announce the following classes to the public:

**Secretarial Training** - Understanding of the importance of proper work attitudes, office management, and word processing and how it relates to daily work.

**How To Take Minutes** - Take effective meeting minutes. The course will cover formats, styles and techniques.

**Clerical Training** - Learn to answer the telephone properly, file, operate office equipment and understand proper office procedures.

**Office Management** - Improve skills and knowledge for office management, human relations, time and task management, records management, communications and technology, travel arrangements, word processing, work ethics and professional growth and development.

**Customer Service** - Understanding the importance of the customer: their needs, expectations and how to solve the customer's problems.

For more information please call or e-mail our office at Palau Community College:

Telephone number 488-2470 ext. 270  
E-mail to [lorrainr@belau.org](mailto:lorrainr@belau.org)

## Celebrating Birthdays



Virginia Ikeya April 27  
Yimnang Golbuu April 28

Happy Birthday to you !!!



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## 2001-2002 TOEFL TESTING DATES

Test Date	Registration Deadline Date	Approximate Score Report Mailing Date
Oct. 20, 2001	Sept. 03, 2001	Nov. 28, 2001
Jan. 19, 2002	Nov. 30, 2001	Feb. 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 the 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 - \$110
  - b. Information Bulletin and Registration Form will be available in late June, 2001.

## Agriculture Club Celebrate Earth Day with "Green Fair"

Earth Day! A day to honor and celebrate the gifts of our "Mother Earth." Palau observed Earth Day with a "Green Fair" on Sunday, April 22nd. The fair was held in the PCC parking lot, with displays of beautiful ornamental plants by several local growers.

The PCC Agriculture Club was also part of the Green Fair. Club members displayed specimens of native Palauan plants which can be used for landscaping or as indoor plants for offices and homes. The purpose of the display was to show that it is not necessary to import plants from outside Palau along with threats of pests and diseases. The Club also displayed educational materials on some of the invasive plants which are threatening Palau's environment. Many visitors to the fair were surprised to learn that some very beautiful plants can be very destructive to the environment.

The club also sold seedlings of tomato and bell pepper, as well as fresh eggs and bananas. Our sale was very successful: we earned a total of \$131.30. These funds will go into the Club's bank account, as usual and will be used to strengthen the Agriculture Science Program.



Agriculture faculty and club members, left to right: Reiko, DJ, Eileen, Tripler, Gabby, Presley, Hartman, Joel.



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# MESEKIU'S NEWS

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## PCC To Host U.S. DOE Financial Aid Workshop

PCC President Patrick Tellei is pleased to announce that Palau Community College will host the Spring 2001 Financial Aid Training sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education from May 21-25, 2001. According to the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid the tentative agenda is as follows:

1. **Monday-Tuesday:** Fiscal Management Training - will discuss Fiscal and Cash Management issues involved with managing Title IV funds. Useful for both Fiscal and Financial aid staff.
2. **Wednesday:** A policy and initiative update and office management session.
3. **Thursday:** Free Application For Federal Student Application (FAFSA) and Delivery System Overview for 2001-2002 plus other topics as needed.
4. **Friday AM:** Open question and answer session.

Approximately thirty (30) participants are from off-island and we expect that number to increase. The Delegations from each entity throughout Micronesia include financial aid administrators, fiscal officers, state scholarship coordinators, student services coordinators, and high school counselors. We also extended invitations to all high school counselors and Upward Bound staff throughout the Micronesian region, including Palau, to attend the session on Thursday: FAFSA and Delivery system overview for 2001-2002. During this session, participants will learn the new federal updates and the changes on the new Free Application For Federal Student Application (FAFSA) for 2001-2002 School Year and how to assist the students in completing the form.

For more information regarding the training, please contact Ms. Dahlia M. Katosang, PCC Director of Admissions & Financial Aid at (680) 488-2471 or E-mail: [dahliapcc@palaunet.com](mailto:dahliapcc@palaunet.com).

## PCC-UB Student Wins WHO Contest; Alumnus Excell College



Travis Singeo



Bibbie Kumangai

Upward Bound Palau congratulates Mr. Travis Singeo and Ms. Bibbie Kumangai for their outstanding academic achievements.

Mr. Travis Singeo is an Upward Bound alumni and a graduate of Mindzenty High School, class of 1997, and was the recipient of the Cardinal Award, the highest honor award given by Mindzenty High School. He is currently attending the College of Notre Dame and will be graduating in May 05, 2001 with a Baccalaureate Degree in Educational Psychology and Art. Mr. Singeo is selected to represent his class as the valedictorian on their graduation day, an honor that was bestowed upon him by the institute of Notre Dame.

Ms. Bibbie Kumangai, a 17 year old outstanding student attending Mindzenty High School, currently enrolled in Upward Bound Program, entered the World Health Organization's (WHO) school mental health contest held in conjunction with World Health Day, April 7, 2001. Mental health was the theme of the day as well as the focus of a year-long campaign by WHO. The categories for the contest were: a Drawing Contest for ages 6-9, an Essay Contest of 250 word for ages 10-14, and a 500 word Essay Contest for ages 15-18. Ms. Kumangai entered in the 500 word Essay Contest along with the participation of an estimated 500,000 students from 60 countries around the world and won 1st place. Ms. Bibbie Kumangai and the winners of the other two categories will be receiving their award at an all expense-paid special ceremony to be held during the World Health Assembly on May 17, 2001 in Geneva, Switzerland. Ms. Kumangai will read her essay to the World Health Assembly, an annual gathering of the world's health ministers.

Once again, the Upward Bound Director, Ms. Kuye Belelai, and her staff CONGRATULATES both Mr. Travis Singeo and Ms. Bibbie Kumangai for their outstanding achievements.

## Mesekiu's News Challenge #6:

The first person to correctly name the first PCC Valedictorian graduate wins 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 May 2, 2001.

## Japanese Scholarship Offered To Palauans

The Government of Japan is offering three scholarships this year to Palauan citizens, they are, undergraduate and Senshu-Gakko Scholarships for high school graduates, and post-graduate scholarship for university degree holders. A Preliminary Application Form can be obtained from the Embassy of Japan in Koror at telephone number 488-6455 or Palau National Scholarship Office at telephone number 488-3608. Completed Preliminary Application Forms should be delivered to the Embassy by May 31, 2001. Late applications will not be considered. All documents submitted will not be returned. For further information about the eligibilities and guidelines for the three scholarships, contact the Japanese Embassy.

## Entry Visa Application Being Submitted Late

The Australia Embassy presents its compliments to the Ministry of State of the Republic of Palau and has the honor to advise that the Embassy is concerned that applications for visas for officials and others to travel to Australia are increasingly being submitted at the last minute. Late applications cause unnecessary work, inconvenience and cost.

The Embassy requires 5 working days to process a visa request for tourism, business or transit. Longer may be needed if forms are completed incorrectly. As soon as a person becomes aware of the need to travel to or transit Australia, a correctly completed form should be submitted to the Australia Embassy in Pohnpei together with a current passport with at least 6 months validity, documentation regarding the visit, copy of itinerary, and the correct visa fee. Visa forms can be obtained from the Australian Embassy or downloaded from the Australian Department of Immigration's website [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au).

When applications are sent by mail from outside Pohnpei, 10 days should be allowed for return by Express Mail or courier service. Up to four weeks should be allowed for return by certified or Registered Mail. Normal delivery may take several weeks.

The Australian Embassy wishes to stress the importance of submitting requests for visa issue as early as possible prior to travel. The Embassy would appreciate if the above information could be passed to all relevant offices.

The Australian Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of State of the Republic of Palau, the assurances of its highest consideration.

### CORRECTION

We Apologize for the incorrect TOEFL fee published in the last Mesekiu's News, issue #16. The correct TOEFL fee is \$110.00 instead of \$10.00.

## PHS Students' Chicks Hatch!

"A Ngisiu a mla omeu!" This announcement may have been a little embarrassing, but it was also very exciting for the Palau High School Agriculture students. The eggs they collected three weeks ago, and which they have been incubating, have hatched! Out of 30 eggs collected, 20 have hatched into active little chicks. The students came today and transferred their chicks from the hatcher into the brooder. Now they will continue to care for them until they are big and strong enough to take home. Each student will have a chick to take home at the end of the school year in May.



PHS students show off their chicks with PCC Instructor, Reiko Kawamura.

## Jessita Wins Mesekiu Challenge #5

Congratulations to Jessita Pedro for winning Mesekiu's News Challenge #5. Jessita was the first person to submit the correct number of programs offered at PCC, which is 15. As a prize for her correct answer to the challenge, Jessita receives a free lunch bento at the PCC Bookstore courtesy of the PCC Development Office. Again, congratulations, Jessita!

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

## School Year 2000-01 Graduates

Fall 2000	-	14 Graduates
Spring 2001	-	25 Prospective Graduates
Summer 2001	-	67 Prospective Graduates

# RETENTION WEB PAGE

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

## Spring Final Exams Only (1) Week Away

According to our Academic Calendar, we only have a week left before the scheduled spring final examination period. Your success or failure may well be dependent on how you spend your time between now and the finals. To skip classes at this point in the semester will be a terrible mistake. You need to ask yourself these questions: Where do I stand in my class(es)? What do I need to do to receive the next higher grade for this course? What are my chances to pass the course if I miss one more class time? The best person to see about your progress in class is your instructor. Your instructors are always glad to help but they won't know, unless you ask them. Good luck!

## How To Do Your Best & Survive

Just a few words of wisdom on how to get through your final exams by some faculty members:

- When you review from your notes or book, repeat the ideas to yourself in different words. Explain it to yourself in your head. Then you will be sure you really understand what you learned in class.
- You cannot learn unless you spend time with your notes and books!
- Form a study group with your classmates/friends. Two heads are better than one, how about 4 heads? Help each other down the road to success!
- Set a time to study AND STICK TO THAT TIME! Still, be realistic. If you set 90 minutes aside to study for one exam, then be sure to schedule one or two short breaks to prevent boredom. And when you have a large amount of time for studying facing you, have a reward at the end of that time waiting for you, a snicker bar, half hour of T.V. or something to treat yourself for working hard.
- Never show up for a test HUNGRY or TIRED. EVER!
- Relax: Be prepared - know a head of time when the test will be. Know ahead of time what the test is - if you have prepared, don't worry.
- If you want to make good grades, you have to be willing to put in studying time.

•Highlight the important things, and then study them with a fellow classmate. Studying with someone will benefit both scholars. To really learn, you must 1. hear 2. read 3. write 4. review 5. speak the material. That's where studying with another fixes the content firmly in your mind. Achieving a good grade is NOT a matter of good luck!!!

•Never think of failing when you study. If you study and think about failing, you will fail. Study hard, try your best and you will pass.

•You have the power to tell yourself that you will study and you will get the kind of grades that you want. You will not succeed unless you take charge of yourself and your life.

## SPECIAL BULLETIN

To: All Students, Staff, and Faculty Members

RE: Farewell & Get-Together Special Luncheon

The College SBA Student Senate is sponsoring a Special Luncheon for all students, staff, and faculty members to take place on Thursday, May 03, 2001 at PCC Mesekiu Bai from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The main purpose of this luncheon is to thank everyone for their efforts this past school year and to bid farewell to the graduating class of 2001.

Therefore, all students, staff, & faculty members are requested to attend this special program event.

Thank you very much!

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Patrick U. Tellei  
PCC Presiden

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SBA President

## 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