

ALUMNI NOTES:

Class of 1994

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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.

Spring Semester 2005

December	27-30 (M-TH)	Placement Testing
January	3-5 (M-W)	Freshman Orientation & Advising
January	6 (TH)	Registration
January	10 (M)	First Day of Instruction
January	10-14 (M-F)	Late Registration/Drop & Add Period
February	18 (F)	Last Day to Remove Incomplete Grades for Fall Semester
March	7-11 (M-F)	Mid-Term Period
March	14-18 (M-F)	Students' Spring Break
March	15 (T)	Holiday: Youth Day
March	25 (F)	Last Day For All Withdrawals
April	1 (F)	PCC Charter Day Celebration
April	2(S)	PCC Charter Day
May	5 (TH)	Holiday: Senior Citizens' Day
May	6 (F)	Last Day of Instruction
May	9-11 (M-W)	Final Examination Period
May	11 (W)	Graduates' Grades Due
May	16(M)	Grades Due
May	20 (F)	Commencement Exercises End of Spring Semester Students' Spring Recess



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PCC Personnel Attend Seminar and Workshops



The Art of Management seminar conducted by Meg Maxwell, who is standing in the center.

This past week was a busy week for PCC personnel as many of them participated in various workshops and training seminars aimed at improving their office skills, increasing confidence and developing their leadership abilities. A seminar offered by the Palau Community College Continuing Education Office and the Palau Pacific Resort (PPR) provided secretarial training to over fifty administrative personnel from PCC, public intuitions and the private sector. This one-day training seminar provided tips on multi-tasking, office supervision, increasing productivity, time management, and delegation of authority. The training was conducted by former Vice President Sandra Pierantozzi who used her extensive experience as a secretary, businesswoman, Senator and Vice President to emphasize the skills necessary for administrative professionals to succeed in the office today. After the seminar, the participants were treated to elegant lunch and given certificates of completion.

In addition, PCC administration personnel also attended workshops sponsored by the Palau Chapter of the Society for Human Resources Management. This series of workshops focused on effective management strategies such as team building, capacity development, and improving leadership skills. This was three day event that was attended by over a hundred people from various professions from throughout the public and private sector. The workshops were held at the Ngarachamayong Cultural Center from April 25-27, 2005. The College would like to congratulate and thank all the PCC staff who participated in the training seminar and workshops. Your success and professional growth is a key factor in the success of the College!

Change of Command Ceremony Held for Air Force Team



(l-r) Francis Matsutaro, VP Chief of Staff, High Chief Reklai Raphael B. Ngirmang, 1st Lt. Megan Poyant of the Air Force Civic Action Team and PCC President Patrick U. Tellei, E.d.D. In the background are members of the U.S. Air Force Civic Action team.

PCC President Patrick U. Tellei, E.d.D., attended the change of command ceremony between 1st Lt. Megan Poyant of the Air Force Civic Action Team 05-01 and Lt Raymond Oviedo, of Navy Civic Action Team 05-33. The ceremony was held at Camp Katuu in Airai last Friday, April 15. Other distinguished guests who attended the ceremony were High Chief Reklai Raphael B. Ngirmang, Mr. Joseph Novak, Charge d' Affairs representative, and Francis Matsutaro, Chief of Staff for the Office of the Vice President. This marks the return of the Seabees to Palau as part of a six-month tri-service rotation between the Navy, Air Force, and Army.

PCC Commencement Exercise Scheduled for May 20, 2005

Palau Community College will be celebrating its 42nd Commencement Exercises on Friday, May 20, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at the PCC Cafeterium. Over 90 graduates will participate in this year's exercises, 17 from Adult High School, 70 from the College, and 5 from San Diego State University.

On behalf of the Graduates, the faculty, and the entire College community, we cordially invite the public to join us to commemorate and congratulate the graduates for their success.

Celebrating Birthdays

Neri Alcantara	May-1
Benjamin Ueda	May-4
Maurine Alexander	May-6
Soledad Garcia	May-6
Jessica Hickey	May-6

Happy Birthday To You!!!

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.



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PCC-CRE Booth Rocks Earth Day Events!

To celebrate Earth Day this year, CRE conducted a number of programs during the week of April 18-22. On Wednesday, thirteen seniors, the principal, and one instructor from Bethania High School came to visit the PCC-CRE Research and Development Station at Ngermeskang. The seniors toured the different departments and even got to do a little work with the researchers. They got a close look at different biological controls used for harmful weeds and insects; saw how taro is made into breads, cookies, and ice cream; and propagated orchid plants in the tissue culture lab, which they later took back with them. In keeping with the Earth Day tree planting tradition, CRE donated four lemon and eight banana trees to Koror Elementary School. The school planted the trees around the campus on Friday to commemorate Earth Day and to beautify their school.

The theme for Earth Day this year was "Healthy Environment for our Children" and CRE incorporated this theme into their booth. Visitors looked at biological control insects used to kill harmful insects and weeds; examined a display on composting, viewed an example of the taro tissue culture process, and got to snack on some delicious taro cookies and ice cream. There was also a dart game where participants could answer questions about the environment and CRE programs for a chance to throw darts at balloons for prizes. Over 130 students participated in the game and most of them were able to answer more of the questions and had better aim than the adults that played. CRE gave away free publications on root crops of Palau such as cassava, taro and sweet potatoes and other topics and over 200 tissue cultured taro plants, 23 cultured banana, and 25 "kingkang" seedlings to the public. We would like to thank all the visitors who came to the Earth Day fair this year and especially to the Earth Day committee and EQPB staff who did such a great job of putting it all together. For more information regarding CRE programs and visits to the R & D Station, contact Thomas Taro at 488-2746. Now let's all try to celebrate Earth Day, everyday!

Images of PCC- CRE Earth Day 2005:



Recipients of tissue cultured Taro plants.



Elementary students sample Taro ice cream and cookies.



Japanese Charge d' Affairs visits CRE Booth.



Koror Elementary School principal receiving "kingkang" from CRE staff for tree planting.



KSG's Solid Waste display and booth.



CRE has environmental science game.

Students Successfully Challenge Out of EN 93 Class!

PCC students Mike Aulerio and Helen Gag successfully challenged out of English Instructor Wilma Sukrad's EN 93 course and moved on to the next level of EN 95. This is a noteworthy accomplishment as these students needed to have a perfect attendance, a B average throughout the course and get a B grade on both the midterm and the final exam in order to challenge out of the class. Challenging a course gives exceptionally bright students the opportunity to skip the rest of the course and move on to the next English level.

This option allows students to accelerate academically while completing English course requirements for their major. Mike Aulerio is currently working for his Certificate in Construction Technology. Helen is pursuing is from Yap State of the Federated States of Micronesia and is working for her Certificate in Office Administration. Great job Mike and Helen, you are a positive example for your fellow PCC students to follow.



Helen Gag, PCC student from Yap majoring in Office Administration.



Mike Aulerio, PCC student majoring in Construction Technology.

BITS AND PIECES... PCC Thanks Founders, Sends Senior Citizens Day Message....

Being the only institution of higher learning in Palau, PCC takes its role in providing the educational and training opportunities for Palau's citizens very seriously. In recognition of this coming Senior Citizens' Day (May 5th), PCC staff and students take time to honor those who came before us to lay the foundations for this college. We also extend this recognition to all of Palau's senior citizens, as we continue to rely on their wisdom and the advice they render, which we value greatly. As May 5th is a national holiday held in honor of our beloved senior citizens, PCC will not be holding classes. All College offices will be closed and only essential services will be provided during that day.

**Happy Senior Citizens Day to all!
Interns Wanted.....**

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.

Tutoring is Available at Project Beacon...

All students who need tutoring in the subjects of Math, Science and English are encouraged to come to Project Beacon for tutoring. Tutoring is free to all students and is available throughout the day. For more information, please see Midori Mersai, Project Beacon Counselor. Project Beacon Counselors are open and ready to help you with your class work, homework, tests, quizzes and basic problem solving.

Reminder to all Faculty.....

PCC faculty members are reminded to turn in their grades for graduating students to the Retention and Registrars Office on Wednesday, May 11, 2005, while grades for regular students need to be submitted by Monday, May 16, 2005.

What's New in the PCC Library

1421, The Year China Discovered America
by Lorraine Tellei, Melekeok Community Library

This controversial non-fiction history by retired British submarine captain Gavin Menzies will revolutionize history as it is taught in every school. He asserts that Christopher Columbus, Ferdinand Magellan and the other famous European explores every child learns about were following in the wake of Chinese explorers and cartographers. Arguments readably presented in this 630-page thesis (including the synopsis of evidence but excluding the index) convince most of its readers as to the validity of the theory.

Every teacher and teenage or adult student should read it, or watch the movie that was shown on Discovery Channel. See the website: www.1421.tv for more current information. On April 12, 2005, twenty-five copies of the book were distributed in Palau libraries, including PCC Library. The books and the DVD were purchased with a grant from the Palau Association of Libraries.

TIPS TO SUCCEED IN THE CLASSROOM

Taken from Study Tips.com at <http://www.how-to-study.com>

To write a good research paper, you must be specific about your topic, know what you want to say, and say it effectively. Following these ten steps will help you write a good research paper.

Step 1. Choose Your Topic. When choosing a topic, choose one in which you are interested, and for which there is enough information. If your topic is too broad, you will have difficulty completing your paper. "The Effects of Pollution" is too broad because there are so many effects of pollution. "The Effects of Pollution on Geese in the Northeast Section of Duluth, Minnesota" is too narrow. You are not likely to find much information that is this specific. "The Effects of Pollution in Yosemite National Park" is just about right as a topic.

Step 2. Locate Information. Use information from a variety of reference sources. These sources include encyclopedias, almanacs, scholarly journals, books, magazines, and newspapers. Find these sources in print form, on CD-ROMS, and on the Internet.

Step 3. Prepare Bibliography Cards. Prepare bibliography cards to document the sources of information you use when writing your paper. Your library will have style manuals to illustrate how to prepare bibliography cards for various sources of information.

Step 5. Write A Rough Draft. Use your note cards and outline to write a rough draft of your paper. As you write your draft, use numbered footnotes to credit sources from which you take quotations or major ideas.

Step 6. Revise Your Rough Draft. Make any changes needed to be sure your ideas are clearly expressed and your writing has accurate spelling and grammar.

Step 7. Prepare a Title Page and Table of Contents. The title page is the first page of the paper. It should include the title of your paper, your name, and the date on which the paper is due. The table of contents is the second page. It should list the main topics, important subtopics, and the page on which each is introduced in your paper.

Step 8. Final Checklist. Before handing in your paper, be sure you can answer "Yes" to each of the following questions. Did I include a title page? Did I include a table of contents? Did I number all pages correctly? Did I provide footnotes for quotations and major sources of information? Did I include a bibliography? Did I keep a second copy for my files?

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