

## ALUMNI NOTES:

### Class of 2001

\* Kekrelchad Kloulchad (A.S. Business Accounting Fall 01). Kekrelchad is working as a Collection Officer for the Palau Social Security Administration Office.



### Class of 2004

\* Shonya Kadoi Tarmau (A.S. Business Accounting Spring 04). Shonya as a Compliance Audit Clerk for the Palau Social Security Administration Office.



\* Marla Zenia Rimirch (A.S. Business Accounting Spring 04). Marla also works at the Palau Social Security Administration Office as an Accounting Clerk.



Congratulations to Kekrelchad, Shonya and Marla for doing a great job over there at the Social Security Office. You make a difference in our community and represent the College with pride.

## Celebrating Birthdays

Damiana Kunihiro May 18  
Akiko Beketaut May 20  
*Happy Birthday To You!!!*

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## New Library Hours for Semester Break

Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm  
Saturday 9am - 6pm  
Sunday 12noon - 6pm  
Closed Friday, May 27, 2005

## 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.*

## CE Offers Training

The PCC Continuing Education Office would like to announce the following training opportunities:

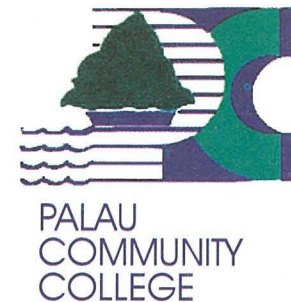
Basics in Improving Memory      Real Estate Appraisal  
Small Project Development      Parental Training  
Banking for Children

Anyone who would like to learn more about these training programs offered by PCC is encouraged to contact Eileen Babauta or Taruu Nakamura at PCC telephone number 488-2471/6223. Or, you may visit the PCC Continuing Education Office every weekday from 8:00am - 5:00pm.

## Attention Graduating PCC Students-Invitations now ready

Graduating students are reminded that **graduation invitations are now available** and they are encouraged to pick up their invitations at the Retention Office. Don't delay as you will have less time to invite your family and friends. Do it now.

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# Palau Community College MESEKIU'S NEWS

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## PCC Commencement Exercise is Next Week

PCC will be celebrating its 42<sup>nd</sup> Commencement Exercise on Friday, May 20, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at the PCC Cafeteria. The total number of prospective graduates is one hundred sixty (160) for the 2004-2005 school year. The prospective PCC graduates include one (1) from Pohnpei, four (4) from the Republic of the Marshall Islands, five (5) from Chuuk, ten (10) from Kosrae, eighteen (18) from Yap and one hundred twenty-two (122) from Palau. Along with the PCC graduates are nineteen (19) from the Adult High School and five (5) from SDSU of which four (4) will be earning their Bachelors Degrees, while (1) will be receiving a Masters Degree. Dialogues with the prospective graduates are on-going to confirm their participation in the graduation ceremony. The college invites the local community to witness our students as they receive their diplomas, certificates, and/or degrees.

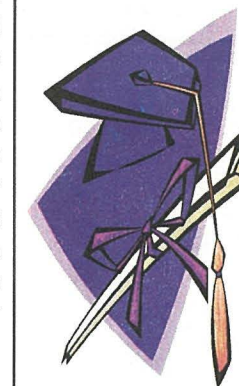
## Student Support Services-Project Beacon Revs Up for Finals



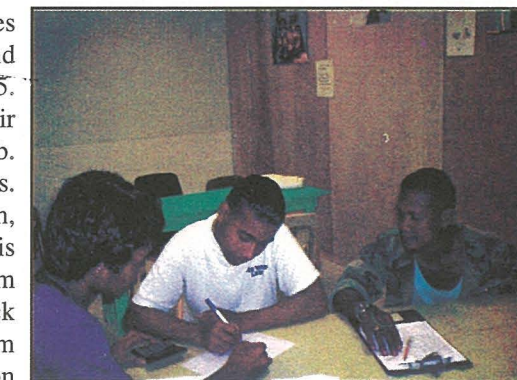
*Project Beacon Tutors assisting Project Beacon participant.*

May 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup> was the last week before final exams; hence Project Beacon conducted study marathons for PCC students. The study marathons are conducted to provide students an opportunity to organize and review their study materials so they can be better prepared for their final exams. Monday and Tuesday evenings, May 2 & 3 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm, study marathons were conducted for all dorm residents. On Wednesday and Friday, May 4 & 6 from 8:00am to 5:00pm, study marathons were held at Project Beacon lab. A total of 117 students participated in both of the study marathons that were conducted. Program staffs, as well as peer tutors/counselors were on hand to assist the students. Snacks and drinks were provided by the Office of the Dean of Students.

May 9<sup>th</sup> marked the beginning of final exam week and students continued to stream into the Project Beacon lab to study, as well as to finalize reports and or assignments that were due. Project Beacon participants were requested to come in and do some individual and group writing activities, as well as to update the counselors on their plans for the summer. The writing activities included reaction papers on PCC Charter Day for those that participated, and internship experience for students that were doing their internship this spring 2005. Program participants that missed our movie week activities, and were done with their final exams, were given the opportunity to watch movies at the Project Beacon Lab. After each movie viewed, short writing activities were completed by the participants. This is to insure that along with fun and enjoyable activities, students get to learn, and/or brush up on their skills on comprehension and writing. Today, which is Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, program participants who completed 30 hours or more of program participation, along with the staff at Project Beacon, will have a retreat at the rock island, "Ngchus." Morning activities planned will center on the theme of Team Building and Cooperation, as well as recognizing outstanding Project Beacon students that actively participated in the program. The remainder of the day will be for swimming and relaxation, of course.



The Board of Trustees, President, Faculty, and Graduating Class of Palau Community College cordially request the honor of your presence at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Commencement Exercises Friday Morning May 20, 2005 10:00 O'Clock PCC Cafetorium



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## CE Conducts Computer Literacy Program For DFS Employees



Edwel Ongrung (center) poses with DFS employees.

The PCC-Continuing Education (CE) Office recently concluded a training seminar in Computer Literacy for employees from the Duty Free Shoppers (DFS) company. During the seminar, eleven DFS employees acquired basic knowledge on how to operate Windows 2000 while also being introduced to desktop publishing and MS-DOS programs. In addition, DFS employees received training in Microsoft Excel for spreadsheet applications such as problem solving, calculations, data entry, and interpreting feedback. The seminar was conducted by Edwel Ongrung and lasted two-weeks. The CE Office serves as an outreach arm of the College responsible for sponsoring non-credit educational programs and short-term training to meet the developmental needs of the community. The CE Office provides the programs and services that empower the community to meet its growing educational needs. By responding to the needs of the community, the CE Office encourages everyone to contact the CE Office about their interests and their needs. There are no specific requirements to participate in any of the wonderful programs that are specifically tailored to suit the educational and training needs of individuals throughout the community. For more information about any of the great programs CE offers, please call 488-6223.

## Former PCC Student is Valedictorian of Pacific Island Bible College



Hendrick Kual, PIBC Valedictorian Class 2005.

Former PCC Student Hendrick Kual was presented the Valedictorian award from the Pacific Island Bible College in Guam where he received a Bachelors Degree in Biblical Studies. The award was presented to Kual for his dedication, hard-work and commitment to academic excellence. Hendrick started his educational journey by pursuing his undergraduate studies here at PCC studying office administration. Yet after a few years, Hendrick felt a higher calling and wished to pursue a degree in biblical studies. He eventually moved with his wife, Prima Kual and son Michael to Guam so he could enter the PIBC Bachelors Degree program. After much sacrifice and hard-work he succeeded in achieving his goal and received his Bachelors Degree. Hendrick is the proud son of PCC's very own Miriam Kual who works as a Library Technician for the College. Hendrick Kual is a great example of how faith, hard-work and education can help you achieve your dreams. Congratulations Hendrick, we are all proud of you!

Pacific Islands Bible College (PIBC) is a Christian college offering certificates, diplomas, or degrees in biblical study. Working in collaboration with Palau Community College, PIBC's Palau Extension office is located on the PCC campus and uses PCC's facilities for its courses. Extension students in Palau can take their general education and elective requirements at PCC. PCC students can take certain PIBC courses to meet their program requirements.

PIBC is accredited by the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS), recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation as a national accrediting body for Christian institutions, colleges, universities and seminaries. PIBC has campuses on Guam and in Chuuk, and teaching facilities across Micronesia. PIBC has been training Christian leaders for Pacific Island communities and beyond since 1976.

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## UBMS Conducts Workshop



OERC's Andrew Bauman, (back-center) poses with UBMS students.

The Upward Bound Math and Science (UBMS) program conducted a workshop on careers in Marine Biology. The guest-lecturer for the workshop was Andrew Bauman, a Marine Biologist with Republic of Palau's Office of Environmental Response and Coordination. During the workshop Mr. Bauman introduced the students to the field of marine biology, marine life and their ecosystems.

Bauman also encouraged students to pursue a career in marine biology as it is both a rewarding and enjoyable profession. He said that as a marine biologist in Palau, you get to do something you love, learn something new everyday and you help preserve and protect Palau's rich marine environment. As a result of the workshop, UBMS students gained a greater sense of respect and knowledge of Palau's beautiful marine environment as well as learn more about career opportunities in marine biology. The primary responsibility of OERC is to support Palau's various ministries and agencies in identifying and promoting programs and activities that deal with environmental, social and economic pressures. In addition, the office is also mandated to address global warming, land degradation and these impacts on biodiversity. The basic objectives of OERC are to help implement environmentally responsible programs and activities and to generate awareness regarding the influences of climate change, biodiversity, and desertification on Palau's environment.

## BITS AND PIECES... Tuesday Nights Has Finale....

Everyone is invited to Tuesday night's Gathering this May 17, 2005 at the PCC Cafeteria. This will conclude this monthly event for the semester. There will be live music, food, raffle tickets with wonderful prizes. The event is sponsored by PCC Student Life and Behavioral Health Division of the Ministry of Health. This event offers PCC students the opportunity to speak, share and listen on issues that are relevant to their lives. The event is free and open to the public. For more information on the Tuesday Night Gathering, please call Ephraim at 488-3036.

## Reminders to Graduating PCC Students....

All PCC students who will be participating in the PCC's 42nd Commencement Exercise are hereby notified that on **May 16, 2005** - you may get caps, and tassels, from Instructor Victoria Maui at the Tourism and Hospitality Room (Cafeteria) from (9:00 am till 12:00 noon).

**Graduation practice** -Tuesday, May 17th to Thursday, May 19th, you will have your Graduation Practice at the PCC Cafetorium every morning from 10:00 am to 11:30 am: You will also need to pick up your Clearance Forms at the Office of Registrar and Records.

See reminder dates below:

**Friday, May 20, 2005** - Graduates should be at Dorm D by 8:45 am. PCC Cafetorium opens at 9:00 am for guests. PCC's 42nd Commencement Exercises begins at 10:00 am.

**Do not forget** to take care of that \$25 graduation fee at the Business Office. This fee needs to be cleared before you can pick up your certificate/degree, or transcript. A copy of your certificate/degree may also be ordered wallet size for a nominal fee of \$5.00. Please stop by the Registrar's Office if you are interested.

If you or a guest has a need that requires special services or other accommodation, please notify the Office of Student Services at tel. 488-2471 by noon on May 21st. You may also call this office if you have any questions about the graduation.

## TIPS TO SUCCEED IN A JOB INTERVIEW

For graduating PCC students who will be joining the workforce or those students who will be looking for part-time jobs this summer, here are a few tips to ensure you are successful when you are selected for a job interview. Remember, the best tool for you to succeed in the job market today is an education. It has been proven by many of our PCC alumni who now have great jobs in the community, *success in the classroom means success in the workplace*. The following tips have been taken from Monster.com at <http://www.monster.com>:

A survey of 250 hiring managers who were asked to rate traits and behaviors they consider the most and least appealing during a job interview cited confidence and being articulate as most appealing traits and a negative attitude and tardiness as the least appealing traits. Here's just a few of the key interview etiquette tips for your interview success:

### Before the Interview

- Arrive at least 10 minutes before your interview. The extra minutes will also give you time to fill out any forms or applications that might be required.
- Turn off your cell phone or pager.
- Don't assume that whoever greets you is the receptionist.

### Behavior

- Make a positive and professional first impression by being assertive and giving a firm handshake to each interviewer and addressing each interviewer by name as he or she is introduced.
- Reinforce your professionalism and your ability to communicate effectively by speaking clearly and avoiding "uhs", "you knows", and slang.
- Use appropriate words. You won't receive extra points for each fancy word that has more than 10 letters. Use technical terms only when appropriate to the question.

### Dress

- Your hair should be clean and combed.
- Nails should be clean and trimmed.
- Be conservative and err on the side of caution. If the company does not have a dress code, remember that it's better to overdress than to under dress.

### After the Interview

- Shake each interviewer's hand and thank each interviewer by name.
- Send a thank you note as soon after the interview as possible.

## PCC-Based Scholarships Available!

This is an announcement to all graduating high school seniors and current PCC students from Palau who will be attending PCC this coming school year 2005-2006 that applications for all PCC based scholarship programs are now available. These scholarship programs are:

Moylan's Insurance Underwriters, Inc. Scholarship  
 Prince Leeboo Scholarship  
 Shell Company (Pacific Islands) Limited Scholarship  
 Carita Asanuma Memorial Scholarship (New)  
 Pierantozzi Scholarship

All interested applicants may stop by at the PCC Development Office to pick up an application. Application packets are to be completed and submitted to the PCC Development Office no later than Friday August 12, 2005, the deadline date. For more information about these above mentioned scholarship programs, contact PCC Development Office at telephone number 488-2471, extension 253.