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Social Security Administration

- About 63 percent of respondents reported problems in dealing with the Social Security Administration, generally resulting in increased delays in securing Social Security numbers for their international students and faculty. This in turn created complications for institutions' payroll offices as well as for international students and faculty needing to rent apartments, obtain driver's licenses, and carry out other routine tasks requiring a Social Security number.

Survey Methods

- Surveys were distributed electronically in September 2002 to all 214 NASULGC members. A total of 61 responses were received and factored into calculations.

For information about the survey or its results, contact Christina West of NASULGC at cwest@nasulgc.org or (202) 478-6021.

Message of Sincere Appreciation

I am very fortunate to have friends and colleagues here at PCC and elsewhere, who showered me with prayers and kind thoughts, assistance and comfort on the passing of my father Kaleb Olegeriil. To all of you, Kom Kmal Mlo Mesaul, Thank You Very Much, Maraming Salamet Po, Kalahngan, Kirisou Chabur, Kulo, Kam Magar, Komol Tata.

Klumech ra Omereng El Saul

Ak ngeltengat rar sechelik ma kim dak el oureor er tial PCC me tirkel kim kaodengei loku a bebil ra rael ma ureor, el tir a tilchelbak lolab a nglunguchir ma ungil uldesuir, ngeheu ma ongelaod er tial dirke mlo merek el secherel a demak el Kaleb Olegeriil. Kemi u el roku i, Kom Kmal Mlo Mesaul, Thank You Very Much, Maraming Salamet Po, Kalahngan, Kirisou Chabur, Kulo, Kam Magar, Komol Tata.

/s/ Jay Olegeriil



- William O. Wally January 11
- Secundina O. Azuma January 15
- Teory S. Idechong January 16
- Jushida Bedangel January 16

Happy Birthday To You!!!



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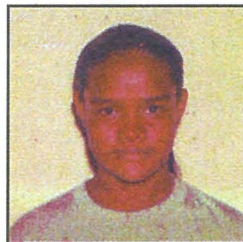
AIMELIIK TEACHERS, ROP OFFICIALS CONTINUE COMMITMENT TO PCC

Another year has come and gone and PCC is still the grateful recipient of generous contributions from some very committed people. The many teachers and employees at Aimeliik Elementary School, Aimeliik State Government, and the national government continue to donate every payday to the PCC Endowment Fund, year in and year out. We also have some very committed ROP employees who do the same thing. These people include:

NAME	OFFICE
President Tommy Remengesau, Jr.	ROP President's Office
Annemary Jackson	Aimeliik Elementary Sch.
Constantino Ngiraked	Aimeliik Elementary Sch.
Derbei Arurang	Aimeliik Elementary Sch.
Elbuchel Sadang	Ministry of Finance
Gamberlyn Ngirmeriil	Palau Int'l. Coral Reef Ctr.
Gloria Oseked	Ministry of Education
Idub Etpison	Aimeliik Elementary Sch.
Itong Teltull	Aimeliik Elementary Sch.
Janice Yukiwo	Aimeliik Elementary Sch.
Joncy Tkel	Aimeliik Elementary Sch.
Lelly E. Obakerbau	Aimeliik State Government
Marcella April	Palau National Judiciary
Maria A. Ldesel	Aimeliik Elementary Sch.
Martin Blodak	Aimeliik Elementary Sch.
Mildred Ngirturong	Aimeliik Elementary Sch.
Rena Iluches	Ministry of Education
Ruthie Aitaro	ROP President's Office
Sabino Kyota	Ministry of Finance
Serenia D. Mamis	Aimeliik Elementary Sch.
Wilhelm B. Rechelluul	Ngchesar Elementary Sch.
Yimnang Golbuu	Palau Int'l. Coral Reef Ctr.

Congratulations Maybelle!

The entire Palau Community College family of students, faculty and staff congratulate yet another alumna Maybelle Ultirakl as she has been newly hired by Ngarchelong Elementary School as a classroom teacher. Mayblee completed her internship with the school last semester and because of her dedication, hard work, and commitment to her job, she has been immediately hired. Mayblee has completed all the requirements to obtain her associate degree in elementary education here at PCC, after enrolling here in the summer 2000 term. Congratulations Mayblee on a job well begun!



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MESEKIU'S NEWS

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Friday, January 10, 2003 Weekly Newsletter Volume 5, Issue 2

PCC Staff Give \$10,000+ to Endowment Fund

Last Friday January 3, 2003 saw the College holding its annual Holiday luncheon for PCC personnel, recognizing them all for a year of hard work and dedication to Palau's only institution of higher learning. The luncheon was hosted by PCC President and gave the College an opportunity to announce that for the year 2002, members of the PCC Endowment Contributors' Club collectively donated over \$10,000 to the PCC endowment fund. In appreciation for individual employees who donate to the fund directly out of their paychecks, and for the efforts of every employee who are committed to helping PCC, the College raffled off over twenty prize giveaways at the luncheon, culminating in an overall grand prize which was a round trip ticket to Taipei along with \$250 cash prize. While many employees won prizes, only one Marcus Hangaripaii (Instructor) won the coveted grand prize.

With over \$10,000 raised for the PCC Endowment Fund for 2002, it is less than the amount raised by PCC staff the year before. Thus, College Development Officer Jay Olegeriil took the opportunity to encourage all PCC staff to contribute what they can to the PCC Endowment Fund. He emphasized that while we will probably not be using the interests earned from the PCC Endowment Fund, future students will benefit from the services and educational training opportunities available at PCC because of the generosity and commitment of those who opt to support PCC's continued existence. Finally, College President Patrick U. Tellei personally thanked all PCC faculty and staff for their contributions and encouraged them to give another year of dedicated services for students at Palau Community College.



PCC students and staff get together at the annual Holiday Luncheon hosted by PCC President Patrick U. Tellei

'Senna' to Retire after 16 Years

Everyone at PCC would say that it is not true; however, Mrs. Secundina O. Azuma will be retiring next week Wednesday after 16 years of dedicated service at Palau's only institution of higher learning. 'Senna' first came to PCC in 1986 as Executive Secretary to the President. On July 4, 1993 she was appointed to become Palau Community College's first Personnel Manager, a position that she would hold until September 4, 2000.



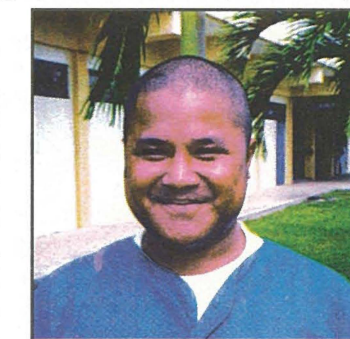
Secundina O. Azuma, a model advocate of higher learning

In September 2000, she then became a Learning Specialist with the newly established PCC Adult High School, and would continue to hold this position until her retirement next week. While serving in her various capacities at PCC, Senna has managed to make a difference in the lives of the people she's come across. Many PCC staff and students have also come to count on her wisdom in giving advice to help them deal with varying issues. Thus, while we are happy to see that Senna will finally enjoy the fruits of her hard work as she retires, we will surely miss her so. Happy retirement, Senna!

5 Palauans Get Australian Scholarships

(Below is a news release that is being reprinted for readership information)

Five young Palauans: Froline Ann Bultedaob, Frolley Ann Bultedaob, Ralph Moses, Llemalt Ngirailemesang, and Alban Ongino have been awarded Australian Development Scholarships for study at five different universities in New South Wales, Victoria and Western Australia. These full scholarships were given based on satisfactory completion of eligibility requirements and competitive merit.



Lemalt Ngirailemesang graduated from PCC in the fall 2000 semester with a Certificate of Achievement in Electrical Technology

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5 Get Scholarships, from front page

The five recipients will commence studies in January and February of 2003, leading to the following respective degrees and fields: Froline--Bachelor of International Studies (Globalization) at University of New South Wales; Frolley--Bachelor of Accounting (Commercial Law) at Victoria University; Ralph--Master of Applied Finance at University of Newcastle; Llemalt--Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical) at University of Technology-Sydney; Alban--Bachelor of Surveying at Curtin University of Technology.

The AusAID Senior Program Officer, Mr. Gary Bloom, recently visited Koror to deliver a pre-departure brief to the awardees and their families. Mr. Bloom remarked "The Australian Government is extremely proud to award Australian Development Scholarships to these five outstanding young women and men.

We wish them all success in pursuing their academic goals and professional objectives. Upon completion of their degree programs each can look forward to returning to Palau and contributing significantly to continuing growth and progress in their home country."

Australian Development Scholarship (ADS, for study in Australia) and the companion Australian Regional Development Scholarships (ARDS, for study in Fiji, Samoa and Vanuatu) are awarded each year to a few selected applicants from the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia. Information and applications are available from the Palau National Scholarship Board in Koror and the Australian Embassy in Kolonia, Pohnpei, FSM.

Palau Softball Federation Elects New Officers

New officers of the Palau Softball Federation are:

Mr. Moses Alonz - President
Ms. Susan Ngirausui - Vice President
Mr. Ricky Mechol - Treasurer
Ms. Grace Ongalibang - Secretary

PCC's LeoBen Teriong serves as a member of the board of this federation. Any individual who wishes to become a member of the federation may contact Ms. Susan Ngirausui at the Palau National Olympic Committee office at telephone number 488-4127/4128, or Mr. LeoBen Teriong at 488-2471.

BITS AND PIECES...

Filing Application for your tax refund

All PCC personnel who donated to the PCC Endowment Fund last year (2002) may stop by the Development Office to have your Application for Refund completed. We should be submitting our applications next week; thus, ensuring that we can get our refunds before the end of the month. If you have any questions, please contact Jay or Hulda at extension 253.

R&D Station Open to Tours

The Palau Community College Research and Development Station in Ngermeskang, Ngaremlengui state continues to entertain visits from interested individuals and groups. Anyone, group or organization that wishes to tour or visit the R&D station may contact PCC Cooperative Research and Extension at telephone number 488-2746 or 488-4983.

Library Computers to Require PCC ID

Beginning Monday January 13, 2003, all students who wish to use the computers in the library for e-mail and research purposes will have to show a valid PCC school ID. There will be no exceptions for anyone. So, a reminder to all students to make sure your school ID is not expired. The Library hours will also be as follows: Monday - Friday 8 am-8pm; Saturday 9 am-6pm; Sunday 12 noon-6pm

MORE PCC STAFF Enroll in Endowment Contributors' Club

The College is indeed proud to announce that additional PCC staff have recently enrolled in the PCC Endowment Contributors' Club. The newest members include:

Ms. Akilina Maech of the PCC Adult High School
Mr. Leonard Ngiramengior, Physical Plant Division
Veronica Kloulechad, Talent Search
Angelio Anthonio, Talent Search
Huan Hosei, Project Beacon
Merelyn Omelau, Business Office
Midori Mersai, Project Beacon
Geraldine Renguil, Project Beacon
One PCC Staff who wishes to remain anonymous

As members, they donate a certain sum out of their paychecks (up to 10% of their taxable income) directly to the PCC Endowment Fund. Then, at the end of the year, the College issues a receipt for the total of their donations which will be filed at the ROP Tax office for a full 100% refund. This is possible because the College is a non-profit organization. Thus, anyone who donates to the PCC Endowment Fund is actually donating to a worthy cause and then gets his or her money back! If you would like to join us, do not hesitate to contact PCC telephone number 488-2471 extension 253 for information and details. We are waiting for your call and will be very happy to assist you!

NASULGC SURVEY RESULTS

The National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges' (NASULGC) Commission on International Programs has published findings from a survey conducted of its membership on international student enrollment for the 2002 fall semester. The survey was conducted as many in higher education had indicated concern that international students, faculty and non-teaching scholars would experience 'indiscriminate denial of visas' resulting from tighter immigration policies established in the wake of the September 2001 terror attacks in the United States. While the survey found that visa delays were common, international student enrollment at public universities generally increased. Below are the survey findings as featured in NASULGC's CIP report:

Overall Enrollment

- Undergraduate enrollment of international students increased 2.8 percent.
- Graduate enrollment of international students increased 6.8 percent.
- Overall total enrollment of international students increased 5.5 percent.

Doctoral/Research Extensive Universities

- Doctoral/Research Extensive institutions accounted for most of the international students.
- On average, the international undergraduate enrollment increased by about 2.2 percent at the Research Extensive Universities and graduate enrollment increased by about 7.5 percent.
- Doctoral/Research Extensive Universities saw an average increase of 7 percent in the number of international scholars on campus and an average increase of 4.3 percent in the number of international faculty.

Short-Term International Visitors

- The vast majority --69 percent-- of respondents reported that they offered non-degree short programs for professionals, such as English as a Second Language courses. Of these respondents, 36 percent reported problems in securing visas for participants, particularly for Middle Eastern, Asian, Muslim, and/or male students.

Regional Trends

- About 43 percent of respondents reported that they were able to identify regional trends in their international student enrollments, although much of their information was anecdotal.
- Common trends included a decrease in Middle Eastern and Asian students, particularly those from predominately Muslim countries, as well as a decline in Chinese students. This was largely attributed to severe visa processing delays and eventual denials of visas.
- As additional immigration delays and denials occur, some institutions have reported that prospective students have chosen to go elsewhere for their studies, for example, Canadian, British, Australian, or other English-speaking institutions outside of the U.S.

Gender Balance

- Only 23 percent of respondents reported a shift in gender balance among their international students.
- Those reporting a change overwhelmingly said it was a decrease in male students and subsequent increase in the percentage of female students. Respondents attributed the shift to the increased scrutiny given to male applicants for visas. In addition to being required to fill out an additional form, many male students have faced lengthier delays and more denials of visas than have female students.

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PCC Vacancy Announcement

ANNOUNCING

VA #: 02-005

Open: 11/13/02

Close: Until filled

Position: (1) Librarian

Salary : \$16,010 to \$18,730.00 per annum depending on qualification

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

Provide professional library services to the College and its clients including but not limited to, assisting individuals and groups in locating or obtaining library materials. Maintain and update the library circulation and reference collections of print resources such as general and technical books, serial publications, documents, and other material; maintain and revise, as required, index, control systems for general, technical books and other library printed materials; assist in selecting, ordering, cataloging, classifying, processing of information to students, faculties, public, regarding library activities such as services/facilities available, procedures and policies; develop and implement a variety of library orientation programs to a client; assist in the preparation of the library budget; assist faculty and other clients in developing bibliographies, promotion, outreach services and activities; and serve on the College committees as assigned; select, direct, train and supervise student library workers; and perform other related duties as assigned by supervisor.

Minimum Qualification Requirements

Master or Bachelor's degree from an accredited higher education institution in library science or, possess field experience, possess knowledge and skills required to perform the duties and responsibilities of a community college librarian. Previous successful librarian experience in higher education institution is preferable.

General Information

Application forms can be obtained from Human Resources Division at Palau Community College P.O. Box 9 Koror, Palau 96940, tel. no. (680) 488-2470/2471, fax no. (680) 488-2447. Send completed application with transcripts, resume, and verification of previous employment, if any, to above address. Please feel free to contact us at the above numbers should you have any questions or need further information.

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