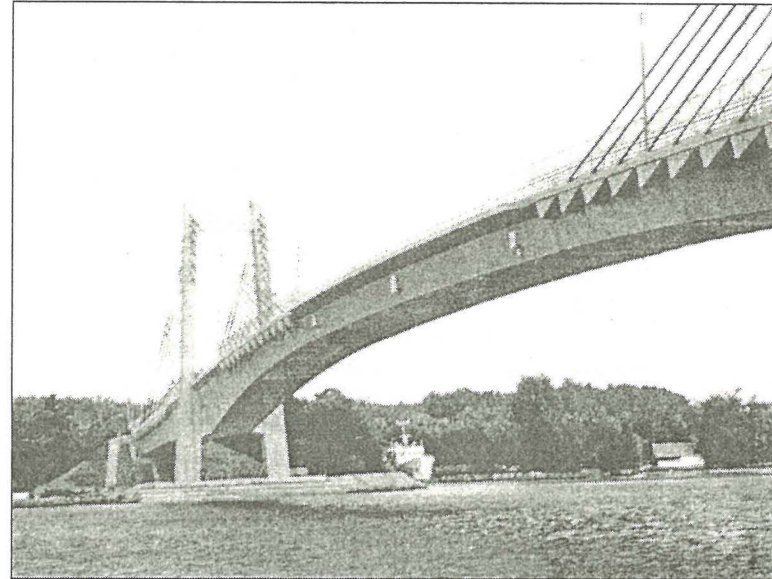


Domo Arigato Gozaimasu To Japan and Congratulations Palau!

President Patrick U. Tellei, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, Administration, Faculty, Staff, and the Students of Palau Community College (PCC), congratulates the Government of Japan & the Republic of Palau on the successful completion of the Japan-Palau Friendship Bridge, a monumental symbol of a wonderful relationship between both countries and their citizens!

Like almost everybody in Palau, PCC depends on a secure and stable bridge connecting Koror and Babeldaob. Not only do some PCC staff live on Babeldaob and commute to Koror, College business often takes staff to Babeldaob. In fact, the College's Research and Development Station is located on Babeldaob in the state of Ngaremlengui. This station plays a big role in the overall agricultural development of the nation.

For example, the station has provided useful and important information on planting and producing better root crops. The station has also expanded into aquaculture even as it performs scientific research in other crucial areas. Therefore, the daily commute to Babeldaob from Koror by PCC staff has been made more secure with the completion of the Japan-Palau Friendship Bridge. Because of this and other just as important reasons, the College is truly grateful to both Japan and Palau for completing this truly magnificent bridge!



Newly completed Japan-Palau Friendship Bridge

Celebrating Birthdays



Secundina Azuma	January 15
Teory S. Idechong	January 16
Jushida Ngirngedangel	January 16

Happy Birthday To You!!!

Christina Michelsen Gives To PCC

Once again, PCC has been the fortunate recipient of book donations to the PCC Library from Mrs. Christina Michelsen. This time Michelsen, who has been a regular book donor to PCC, donated eleven "how to" and regulation books on the sport of lawn tennis, covering just about any topic under this very popular sport. Michelsen is also President of the Palau Tennis Federation and says the Association has recently visited local elementary schools promoting the game. She invites everyone to try the game of tennis as it not only improves ones coordination, it provides a great opportunity for some healthy exercise.

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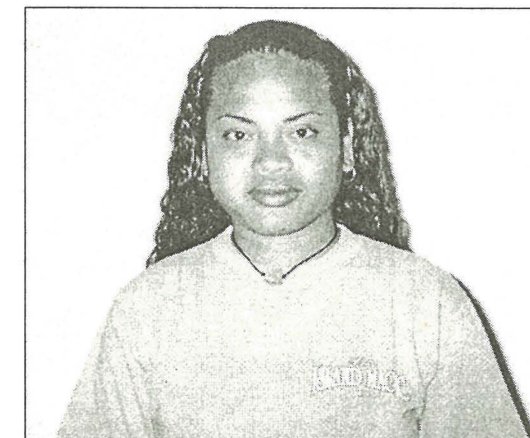
2002 Spring Semester Begins

This week the Palau Community College campus started to fill up as students returned from their Christmas break to get ready for a new semester. From Monday January 7th thru the 9th, continuing students preregistered for their classes. Meanwhile, new students had the opportunity to take placement exams so that they could register for their classes today. The new students were also provided academic advising and other related information as part of the College's Orientation program to help the students get familiar with the various services available to them.

With classes commencing on January 14th, the faculty have also returned to the campus in droves and are busy preparing course syllabi. Business Instructor Ms. Maurine Alexander looks forward to beginning a new semester and getting to know her students, even though she will carry a full load! It looks like a busy beginning of what is going to be another busy year at Palau Community College!



Tents were set up outside Admissions Office to expedite Registration



Valena Joseph, SBA President

SBA President Welcomes Students

The start of a new year and a new semester can be an apprehensive time for everyone, especially if you are a college student. Thus, the PCC Student Body Association (SBA) President Ms. Valena Joseph has taken this opportunity not just to welcome new and current students, she wants to share a few thoughts that could help her fellow students look forward to this semester, ready to fill it up with nothing but positive experiences.

Ms. Joseph laughs when she recalls her first few weeks as a college student here at PCC, especially when she later realized that almost everyone felt nervous and awkward just like her. She says "if we only knew how each of us felt, then we would have made friends much earlier and learned together instead of being somewhat shy and afraid to ask for help".

Ms. Joseph wants to make sure that her fellow students, especially the new students, do not have to experience the unnecessary anxiety she felt when she enrolled at PCC. As such, she encourages them to ask questions instead of remaining silent. Moreover, she invites everyone to stop by the SBA office anytime and ask for assistance from any of the students in the office. Ms. Joseph says that many of the College offices also have very friendly staff who will help students when they know the students need assistance. "The Retention Office is also one of the first places on campus to stop by if a student needs help. If they don't help you themselves, they will refer you to the right office, so stop by the Retention Office", says Joseph. Asked what advice she would like to give everyone for this semester, Ms. Joseph says, "school and study come first, everything else follows".

PCC Attends Felix's Funeral

Yesterday January 10, 2002 saw the funeral of 36 year old PCC student Felix Kyota. Felix was a Criminal Justice major at the time of his passing on December 28, 2001. At 7:30 am yesterday, College staff and students gathered at the Bai ra Lebuu and walked over to Felix's house to attend the funeral. For a relatively young man, Felix's funeral was quite crowded, indicating that in many ways, he touched a lot of people's lives. For PCC, there were his instructors, and there were his work-study supervisor and co-workers.

For students, many of his classmates came, and the entire PCC Baseball team came to bid farewell to their coach, trainer, and teammate. The PCC Student Body Association and even the President of the College, Patrick U. Tellei, accompanied the College family to the funeral. Then there were other people who came to bid their final goodbyes to Felix. The Aimeliik Youth Association, which was fortunate to have Felix as one of its star players in previous seasons, the Ngerbeched and Airai Baseball teams also were represented.

PCC President Tellei had the opportunity to give remarks on Felix's tenure with the College and his accomplishments as a PCC student. Even the Olbiil Era Kelulau presented a joint resolution expressing their condolences and grief on the loss of Felix, a national baseball hero. Indeed, it was a sad day, but a day that gave us all the chance to say goodbye to a good friend, a dear student who truly made a difference in each of the lives of the people who were fortunate to know him. So Felix leaves a legacy, one that we can all admire and benefit from in one way or another.



Felix Kyota (front right) with his son and PCC Baseball team

And we are all truly grateful that his legacy will always be there as a beacon shining for all us, guiding and encouraging us every step of the way. Felix, thank you for the opportunity to get to know you. Now, rest in peace our dear friend, lay your head on the rock of your land, may the rich soil comfort your body like a lovingly woven mat, may the green pastures blanket you with their warmth, and may God be with you till we meet again.

PCC CONTINUING EDUCATION

Will be offering the following classes beginning Spring 2002 Semester:

- *Basic Chinese Language Class
- *Basic Palauan Language Class
- *Woodcarving Classes
- *Secretarial Training
- *Office Management Training
- *Computer Training

For more information regarding these classes or other non-credit classes, please call 488-2470/2471, 237. Contact person: Ms. Eileen Babauta.

Or, if you have other interests you would like to receive training on, also contact Ms. Babauta and the Continuing Education office will try to make arrangements to offer such training. Remember, at PCC we always strive to meet your education and training needs.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Palau Community College Board of Trustees announces its Annual Organizational Meeting to be held on Monday January 14, 2002. The meeting will be held in the PCC Board Room, starting at 9:00 a.m.

Palau Community College also announces a Joint Meeting between the PCC Board of Trustees and the College of Micronesia Board of Regents to be held on Monday January 14, 2002. The meeting will take place in the PCC Continuing Education Training Room, starting at 1:00 p.m.

On Tuesday January 15th, these boards will visit the PCC Research and Development Station in Ngermeskang, Ngaremlengui State and continue their meeting as deemed necessary.

For information about these meetings, contact Todd Ngiramengior at PCC telephone number (680) 488-2470/2471, extension 225.

Retention Web Page

Please feel free to clip this page and post it on your wall or desk for easy reference.

College Welcomes All Students!

The Palau Community College administration, faculty, and staff, welcome all continuing students back from the Fall recess and extends a warm welcome to the returning, re-admitted, and new students who enrolled this Spring 2002. Best wishes to all for a successful year.

Stay Tuned to These Networks

School can be a frightening place for new students. People of diverse cultures, older students, commuters, and people with disabilities can feel excluded. Some people attend classes for years and still feel they're standing on the outside, looking in.

You don't have to be a stranger to school life. Networking is one way to break through the barriers that keep students isolated.

Students who overcome feelings of isolation increase their chances of staying in school and succeeding. Networks can also prepare students for the world of work, where most projects involve teamwork. You can begin networking immediately. Here are some techniques you can use.

Introduce yourself to classmates. Get to class early and break the ice by discussing the holidays.

Plan to meet people. Write an Intention Statement promising to meet three new people each week. Plan who these people will be and how and when you intend to meet them.

See your instructor. If you feel lost in a class, make an appointment to see your instructor outside class. You might discover a human being who wants you to succeed.

Join a club. A PSO Club, YSO Club, Agriculture Club and Student Body Association can put you in touch with potential friends.

Form a study group. Peer pressure can be positive. Study with students who excel and

also look for partners from different racial, ethnic, or religious backgrounds. Diversity will add depth to your group and stimulate everyone's thinking.

Playball! You don't have to be a world-class athlete to play sports. As a matter of fact, keeping fit is one of the marks of a master student. Most schools have intramural leagues, and PCC definitely has intramural sports for you to take advantage of!

Use school media. School newspapers can alert you to interesting activities and people. Bulletin boards can be sources of information about clubs and social activities. Also, check the school catalog.

Study at the library. It's quiet, it's comfortable, and it's a place to meet other serious students.

Use student services. These include career planning, testing services, counseling services, student health services, financial aid, student body association, student organizations and student activities. These services are free to students. Going to school puts you in contact with an extraordinary network of services. All that remains is for you to use them.

Academic Calendar Spring Semester 2002

- Jan. 10, 2002 (TH) - Freshman Orientation & Testing
- Jan. 10, 2002 (TH) - Academic Advising & Registration
- Jan. 11, 2002 (F) - Registration Day
- Jan. 14, 2002 (M) - First Day of Instruction
- Jan. 14-18, 2002(M-F) - Late Registration/ Drop & Add Period
- Feb. 15, 2002 (F) - Early Warning Progress Report
- Feb. 22, 2002 (F) - Last Day to Remove Fall 2002 Incomplete grades
- March 4-8, 2002 (M-F) - Mid-Term Period
- March 15, 2002 (F) - Holiday: Youth Day
- March 18-22, 2002(M-F) - Spring Break
- March 28, 2002(TH) - Last Day for all Withdrawals
- March 29, 2002 (F) - Holiday: Good Friday
- April 2, 2002 (T) - PCC Charter Day
- May 6, 2002 (M) - PCC Charter Day Celebration
- May 20, 2002 (F) - Last Day of Instruction
- May 13-15, 2002(M-W) - Final Examination Period
- May 17, 2002 (F) - Grades Due
- May 24, 2002 (F) - Commencement Exercise
- May 24, 2002 (F) - End of Spring Semester/ Students' Spring Recess

Phone Numbers to Keep Handy

- Retention Office - 488-2470/2471, extension 247 or 257
- Admissions - 488-2470/2471, extension 233-235, 265, and 273-274
- Business Office - 488-2470/2471, extension 231, 262-264, and 268
- Bookstore - 488-2470/2471, extension 236 and 275
- Library - 488-2470/2471, extension 230, 243, and 261 or 488-3540
- Cafeteria - 488-2357
- Student Life and Housing - 488-3036
- Student Services - 488-5122
- Recreation Office - 488-3885
- Dorm Office - 488-3074
- Project Beacon - 488-3073
- Student Body Association Office - 488-2461

