

Message of Appreciation

To PCC Friends and Colleagues:

Thank you for your gift of friendship and warm expression of sympathy upon the death of my son. My family and I "Thank You Very Much" for your thoughtfulness in the form of "badek", beautiful wreath, group and individual visits, and other assistance. My family and I deeply appreciate your caring and kind support.



Very Sincerely,
Madrine Sato-Udui

THANK YOU EUGENE!!!

On behalf of the Kosraean students and the Yapese Student Organization, I would like to profoundly thank Mr. Eugene Uehara and his family for putting together one of the greatest Christmas parties ever for us.

Christmas morning, Eugene sent his son to pick us up at the dorms. Once we arrived at his house, Eugene welcomed us and told everyone to make themselves comfortable as it was our party. We were told that it was our party and were allowed to cook the food in the way we wanted. The Kosraean students prepared the breadfruit in the traditional Kosraean style while the Yapese students barbecued the chicken and prepared the clam sashimi with distinct Yapese flavor.

John Jr., a Palauan friend of the family brought a pot of clam cooked in coconut milk that was deliciously served with the potato salad prepared by Eugene's wife, Hinia. Fried rice was prepared by Eugene's neighbor and Eugene's brother, Tero Uehara donated a cooler full of soft drinks.

Before everybody ate, Eugene gave a brief remark for the special day and wished the students a very happy Christmas and wished everyone all the best for the new year. John Jr. said grace for the special day and the bountiful food. Everyone ate and drank while entertained by the Kosraean girls who sang Christmas carols and later did a Kosraean hula dance.

Everyone had a great time, thanks again to Mr. Uehara and his family for their most kind effort and consideration to make our Christmas away from home just as special.

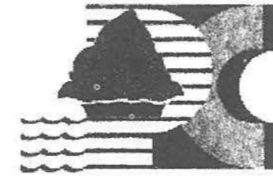
Additional thanks goes to Hinia Uehara, Tero Uehara, Gov. Ben Roberto, Clement Kazuma, Ngerbeched Youth, John Jr., Shelton Mengloi, Bevan and Aiken Uehara for sharing the very special Christmas day with us.



Charley S. Lonno
Kosrae



Hinia & Eugene Uehara



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Weekly Newsletter

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Palau Community College - Continuing Education

The Palau Community College Continuing Education announces to the public that it will be offering the following short-term training classes for Spring 2001.

- Basic Accounting
- Basic Plumbing
- Basic Small Engine Repair
- Conversational Japanese
- GPS Training
- Marmar & Lei Weaving
- Palauan Conversation



For details call or email Lorraine Rdiall at Ph.#: 488-2471 ext. 270
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Celebrating Birthdays



Imengel Mad	January 8
Willy Wally	January 11
Senna Azuma	January 15
Teory Idechong	January 16
Sue Ngirngbedangel	January 16

Happy Birthday to you !!!

TOEFL Information for School Year 2000-01

Test Dates	Registration deadline	Scores mailed
Jan. 20, 2001	Dec. 4, 2000	Feb. 28, 2001
May 12, 2001	Mar. 26, 2001	June 20, 2001

* Registration fee is \$110 and you may contact the PCC Counseling Office at 488-3036 for more information.

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Palau Community College
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Koror, Palau 96940

PCC Board of Trustees: Bilung Gloria G. Salii New Chairperson

The Board held its annual organizational meeting on January 1, 2001. The law mandates that the Board elects its officers and establishes its regular meetings schedule during the annual organizational meeting. During the meeting new officers were elected and they are as follows:

Regular Meetings Schedule:

- Bilung Gloria G. Salii, Chairperson
- Masa-Aki N. Emesiochl, Vice Chair
- Dr. Emais Roberts, Secretary/ Treasurer
- Masa-Aki N. Emesiochl, Representative to COM Board of Regents

May 18, 2001
June 15, 2001
July 20, 2001
September 21, 2001
October 19, 2001
November 16, 2001
December 14, 2001

All other monthly meetings are held every third Friday of the month.

STUDENTS: FYI

Placement Tests:

Placement Tests of English, math, and science need to be taken by all new students before Registration. See the School Counselor during Orientation Week for test schedules.

Business Services:

A down payment of \$50.00 for tuition and fees must be paid by students to the Business Office. Present the receipt(s) to the Office of Admissions & Financial Aid and pick up your official student class schedule.

Registration for Overload:

Students wishing to register for more than 16 credits will be permitted to do so only after they have received written approval from their advisors and the Director of Admissions & Financial Aid. Students must complete an Overload Form prior to the Registration period. The Overload Forms are available at the Office of Admissions & Financial Aid.

Admission to Class:

Instructors will not admit students to classes if students are not listed on the Official Class Lists from the Office of Admissions & Financial Aid. Otherwise, students will not receive grades and credits for the course. As a student, you are expected to make sure you are officially registered in all your classes at the beginning of each Semester.

Changing of Majors:

The Change of Major/Double Major requests can be processed at anytime except during the Registration Period. It is recommended that the requests are planned to be effective in the Fall Semester. Complete the appropriate section(s) of the form and submit it to the Office of Admissions & Financial Aid for final approval. A request to change major/program and/or to add a second major must be submitted at least five (5) working days before registration day in order for the request to be effective in the upcoming semester. Any request submitted after the five (5) working days will become effective the following semester. All Change of Major/Double Major requests must follow the steps outlined below:

- Step 1 Obtain the change of Major /Double Major Request Form from the Office of Admissions & Financial Aid.
- Step 2 ... Obtain signature from your current Academic Advisor.
- Step 3 Obtain approval of your new Academic Advisor.
- Step 4 Submit the request to the Office of Admissions & Financial Aid.

Closed Classes:

Check with your advisor or campus bulletins for a list of all closed classes. Consult with your advisor for any changes in your Official Student Class Schedule Form.

Repeating a Course(s):

Students will be permitted to repeat courses in which they have earned a grade of "D" or no credit. When a course is repeated, only the most recent grade will be used in computing the cumulative grade point average.

Auditing a Course(s):

Students may apply to audit one or more courses without credit. Refer to the PCC School Catalog for detailed cost information. Students wishing to audit courses must complete an application for Admissions as well as pay the required fees. Auditors should attend classes promptly and regularly. If it becomes necessary for an auditor to withdraw from the College, the same withdrawal procedures for regular students should be followed.

Cancelled Classes/Added Changes:

For information on Cancelled Classes, please check the cancelled and additional class lists posted on bulletin boards around campus or the Office of Admissions & Financial Aid before attending classes. Classes with low enrollment are cancelled two days before the last day to add/drop a course. For more information on classes and instructors, see your Academic Advisor or call the Academic Affairs, extensions #245 and 246 or Office of Admissions & Financial Aid, extensions #234 and #273.

Short Term Trainings or Workshops are offered through the Continuing Education (CE) Office for enrichment students. For more information, call CE telephone number 488-2471, ext. 238.

The College Catalog:

The Palau Community College General School Catalog for 2000 - 2004 has more detailed information about college policies, services, and programs. The General Catalog will be given out free of charge to First Time Students during the orientation period. Additional catalogs may be purchased in the campus Bookstore for \$2.00 each.

RETENTION WEB PAGE

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

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 2001. Best wishes to all for a successful year.

Why New Students Have To Take SS 100 - Introduction to College?

Most colleges and universities offer this class to all new students as a way to help them start off on the "right foot" in their college career. The course greatly aids in-coming freshmen too better understand and become acclimated to their new surroundings and environment. It also helps students who are, for the first time in their lives, living independently, to learn about such things as study skills, time management, and finance management. What the college expects of you as a new student and also available campus resources that you will need during your college years are also covered in this course.

SS 100 class is a very interactive class with its students eventually forming a supportive network of peers that help one another with college work. You will find that it is definitely worthy of your time and will make your college years easier and enjoyable. This class is the college's way of recognizing the important transition in your life and developing the plan to assist you - SS 100. Good luck and enjoy your college years.

The Role of an Advisor

The role of an advisor at Palau Community College is to advise and support new, returning, and continuing students with the all-important high school to college transition, adjustment to college life, and their educational and career goals. The advisor will serve as role model to students who might otherwise drop out of school due to feelings of confusion, isolation, or discouragement.

Advisors also serve as an information resource, helping answer student's questions with aid of the college catalog, class schedule, student handbook, financial aid handbook, etc. Students should also be referred to Retention, Counseling and other offices for additional assistance when needed.

Responsibilities of Students

- Give thoughtful consideration to personal, educational, and career goals.
- Become familiar with Palau Community College requirement and be knowledgeable of important deadline dates within the semester.
- Make time for all scheduled advising appointments. If you cannot meet the scheduled time, call in advance to notify your advisor and reschedule.
- Be willing to discuss problems encountered with everything from school work to study habits to family/friends. Your academic progress hinges on them.
- Be willing to ask questions concerning confusing information and procedures.
- Make choices and accept responsibility for those choices and decisions.
- Share your success and accomplishments with your advisor.

Academic Calendar Spring Semester 2001

January 2-4	T-TH	Freshmen Orientation
January 2-5	T-F	Academic Advising & Registration
January 5	F	Registration Day
January 8	M	First Day of Instruction
January 8-12	M-F	Late Registration/Drop & Add Period
February 20	T	Last Day to Remove Incompletes
March 5-9	M-F	Midterm Period
March 15	TH	Holiday: Youth Day
March 30	F	Last Day for all Withdrawals
April 13	F	Holiday: Good Friday
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