

Endowment Club Gets New Members

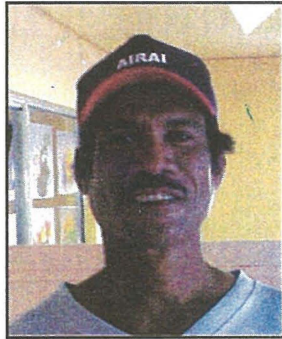
Palau Community College is excited to begin the new year by announcing the addition of new members to the PCC Bi-Weekly Endowment Fund Contributors' Club! As members of the club, these individuals donate a certain sum directly out of their paychecks to the PCC Endowment Fund. At the end of the year, PCC will help them apply for and receive 100% refunds for their donations!

These very generous individuals represent various segments of the national government. From the beautiful state of Ngarchelong, we welcome two (2) new members, **Yashiro Renguul** and **Burt Ldesel** who both work for Ngarchelong State Government's Bureau of Public Works. Over at the Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs we have one (1) new member, **Augurio Joseph**, Director of Community and Cultural Affairs Division. Last but not least from the Olbiil Era Kelulau's House of Delegates, we also have one (1) new member, **Greg Ngirailemesang**.

Once again, we welcome these new members as they showcase their commitment to supporting PCC's continued efforts to providing quality education to the students from Palau and the Micronesia region. If you would like to join the PCC Endowment Fund Contributors' Club, please call Hulda, Dilubch, or Temmy at PCC telephone number 488-2470/2471, extension 253. They will be very happy to assist you!



Yashiro Renguul



Burt Ldesel



Augurio Joseph and Greg Ngirailemesang

Adult High School 2005 Spring Semester Calendar

January 10-28	Registration Old and New Students
January 26	Teachers' Workshop
January 27	Orientation, New Students
January 31	CLASSES BEGIN
March 9-10	MIDTERM EXAMS
March 14-18	Spring Break - NO CLASSES
March 15	HOLIDAY: Youth Day
April 1	PCC CHARTER DAY - NO CLASSES
April 21	Last Day of Instruction
April 25-26	Final Exams
May 3	Grades Due
May 5	HOLIDAY: Senior Citizen's Day
May 20	Commencement Exercises

Celebrating Birthdays

	Teory Idechong	January 16
	Jushida Bedangel	January 16
	Veronica Sengebau	January 21
Happy Birthday To You!!!		

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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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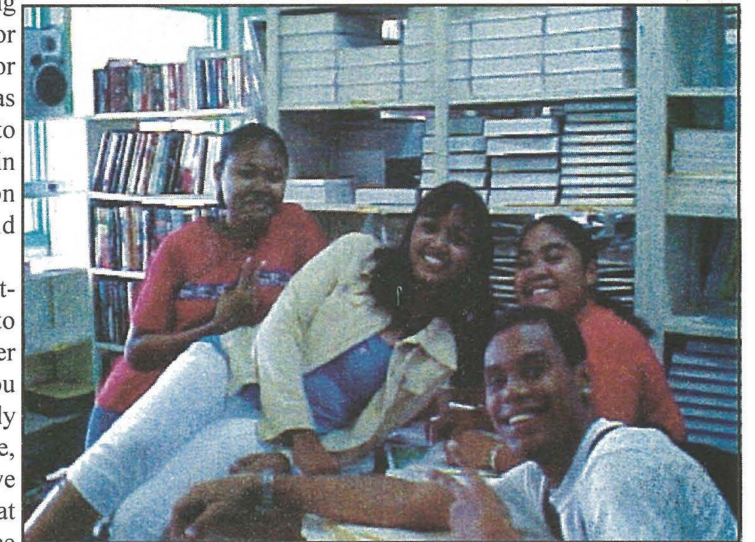
Weekly Newsletter

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PCC is Your Gateway to Educational Success and Lifelong Learning

Currently, PCC has enrolled over 500 students this Spring semester, yet despite this huge enrollment, we still have room for you. Whether you are learning to become a mechanic, electrician, or pursuing an academic degree, PCC has the class for you. PCC has a very popular Liberal Arts program among students who plan to pursue a bachelor's degree after PCC. We also offer programs in the technical and vocational fields. Furthermore, articulation agreements between PCC and numerous U.S. Colleges and Universities have enabled most PCC credits to be transferable.

PCC also has continuing education programs, and short-term training programs in subjects and classes that are of interest to the general public. Why are people turning to PCC? Well, the answer is simple, PCC has everything you need in a College to help you succeed in your career. The College is fully accessible and centrally located within a lush and green campus. PCC has got the course, class and training you need to succeed in your career, or achieve your educational goals. For more information on any of the great educational programs PCC offers, please call the Admissions Office at 488-2470/2471 and let PCC get you started on the right path to success!



Happy PCC Students Pose at the Bookstore while they Purchase their school Books

PRESIDENT'S WELCOMING MESSAGE TO PCC STUDENTS



On behalf of the PCC Board of Trustees, Administration, faculty and staff, I would like to express a warm welcome to all the new, returning and transfer students to PCC. For the next few months, we look forward to providing you the quality instruction and learning resources you need to succeed with your educational goals.

Here at PCC, our warm and friendly staff are committed to providing a positive, community-oriented and caring learning environment for you, our students. PCC is more than a College, we are your family and we are with you every step of the way to ensure that you succeed with your educational dreams and aspirations. You are the building blocks of our nation and our region, and when you fulfill your educational goals, you build a better and brighter future for all of us, one student at a time.

Again, I welcome all of you to the PCC family and wish everyone a successful and productive spring semester.

Sincerely,

Patrick U. Tellei
President, Palau Community College

PCC Board of Trustees Organizes for 2005

On Tuesday this week, the PCC Board of Trustees (BOT) held their annual meeting in the College Board Room. During the meeting, election of officers was held and the organization remained the same as that of last year. Results of the election are as follows:

Chairperson - Bilung Gloria G. Salii
Vice Chairperson - Masa-Aki N. Emesioch
Secretary/Treasurer - Valeria Toribiong
Member - Dr. Emais Roberts
Member - Buk Emil Ramarui
Student Trustee - Hamilton Maech

The meeting also enabled the BOT to establish their calendar of regular meetings for the rest of 2005, resulting in the following schedule:

January 18	July 6
February 16	August 17
March 22	September 13, 14
April 13	October 12
May 18	November 22
June 15	December 19

For more information about the PCC Board of Trustees, please contact Todd Ngiramengior at 488-2471.

PCC Hosts a Welcoming Luncheon for the FSM Student Club



Students from the FSM Club Pose for a photo after enjoying a delicious lunch

This Past Sunday, PCC students from the Federated States of Micronesia had a special luncheon to mark the beginning of the 2005 Spring Semester. Ms. Rosita Weilbacher, advisor to the FSM Student Club made a special lunch with lots of good food to welcome back both new and returning students. The luncheon was held at the Bai ra Lebuu. Rosita said that, the lunch was an opportunity the students to get to know each other and reaffirm their goals for the new school year.

Rosita said, "I wanted bring the students together as a group and remind them that although PCC is a great place to make friends, have fun and meet people, their main purpose here at the College is too get an education. Especially for many of our FSM students who may feel homesick and lonely being away from home for so long, I try my best to keep them motivated and focused on achieving their goals." Rosita, who is also a cook at the PCC Caeterai frequently acts as a surrogate mother to many of FSM students who turn to her for advise, support and attention. "I try my best to be there for them and be as supportive as I can because I feel they are more than just students, they are like my children.", she added. The FSM Club is looking to raise

funds for its extracurricular activities. The club is over 60 members strong so if you have any *tsumong*, or big projects such as clearing fields and forest and other heavy work, the FSM Club is willing and able. Please call them. For more information, please call Rosita Weilbacher at 488-2357.

Yeshiva High School Students Pay Courtesy Call on PCC



Yeshiva High School Students Pose with PCC President Patrick U. Tellei

Eleven students and their teacher from Yeshiva High School in New York paid a courtesy call on PCC President, Patrick U. Tellei earlier this week. President Tellei greeted the students and welcomed them to PCC and Palau, as most all of them were visiting Palau for the first time ever. During the meeting President Tellei briefed the students on the College's history, Palauan culture and tradition and presented them with gifts. In return, the students presented Tellei with a t-shirt, cap and framed Hebrew

blessing for the people and nation of Palau.

President Tellei, thanked the students and wished them an enriching and enjoyable stay for the duration of their trip. During their stay in Palau, the students met with the President of Palau, Honorable Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., members of the Olibiil Era Kelulau, and their counterparts from Palau High School.

The Yeshiva students will also get a chance to visit the local tourist attractions such as the museums, and Palau's world famous rock islands. The students are currently staying at the Ngarachamyong Cultural Center.

Located in northern Manhattan, on the campus of Yeshiva University, the high school draws its 300 students from the entire New York metropolitan area and beyond. 80% of the students spend an average of 2 hours per day commuting from throughout the five boroughs of N.Y.C. and its suburbs. The other 20%, drawn from throughout the U.S., Canada, Europe, Mexico, and Israel, live in a dormitory on campus. The majority of parents are college graduates engaged in business and professional fields.

Palau Sponsors Fundraising Event for Tsunami Victims

PCC and the people of Palau join the world in the grieving for the many thousands of lives lost due to the tragic effects of the recent tsunami and earthquake which has also left millions homeless throughout Asia and Africa.

As we continue to pray for the many people who are still struggling to rebuild their lives, let us also demonstrate the kindness and generosity of the Palauan people by donating whatever we can to the Tsunami Relief Fund being organized by our national and community leaders.

This fund - raising event will take place at the Ngarachamayong Cultural Center on January 20, 2005 from 11:30 pm to 4:00 pm. The goal of this fundraising event is to raise \$50,000 for the Relief Fund.

If you wish to make a donation, please make the check payable to the Palau Chamber of Commerce. Everyone who donates to this worthy cause is eligible for a tax break, so please join us and help us give to this commendable and worthwhile cause. For more information or to pledge your support, please call 488-2561

BITS AND PIECES...

Project Beacon Offers Services to Students.....

Project Beacon is an in house name for Student Support Services, a federally funded program that is geared at promoting academic success, retention and graduation rate, and the transfer of students to four-year institutions. Project Beacon offers services such as math, English, and science tutoring; career counseling; personal counseling; academic counseling; and much more. Incoming students are encouraged to stop by Project Beacon office and see counselors Cynthia Malsol and Adora Nobuo-Andreas to find out more about the program and its many services as well as the eligibility requirements on becoming a participant.

PCC Library's Spring Semester Hours.....

The PCC Library announces the following hours when it is open to all patrons:

Monday to Friday	8:00am -8:00pm
Saturday	9:00am- 6:00pm
Sunday	12noon -6:00pm

The PCC Library encourages student groups to visit the Library. Our friendly staff are available to conduct orientation on how to familiarize oneself with and make the most of one's visit to the PCC Library. Teachers who wish to bring their students to the PCC Library are encouraged to call in advance so that arrangements may be made. Call us at PCC telephone number 488-2470/2471/3540. We will be very happy to assist you!

PCC's CE Office has the Class for you.....

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

- History of Palau
- Palauan Historical Sites
- Palauan Proverbs
- Palauan Leadership Structure
- Palauan Leadership Strategies

Anyone who would like to learn more about these training programs offered by PCC's Continuing Education office is encouraged to contact Eileen Babauta or Taruu Nakamura at PCC telephone number 488-2471/6223.

WANTED: PCC Students to Apply For GVSU Scholarship!

Grand Valley State University (GVSU), the alma mater of Palau President Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr. and Finance Minister Elbichel Sadang, is once again reaching out to Palauan students. GVSU is offering qualified applicants from PCC the opportunity to receive an annual scholarship that allows the recipient to pay resident tuition while attending the university (valued at approximately \$7,000). Two scholarships with the possibility of a third one will be offered each fall semester. Applicants should have a 3.5 GPA from PCC to be considered, however applicants with a lower GPA may be considered depending on scholarship availability. An international application can be found at the university's web site at <http://admissions.gvsu.edu>.

The scholarship(s) will be offered to the most qualified applicant(s). Students will need to submit the GVSU international student application, US\$30 application fee, official academic transcripts, and a one-page personal statement.

The deadline for consideration is May 1, 2005. Mr. Jim Crawley, Associate Director for International Recruitment at GVSU, can be contacted at crawleyj@gvsu.edu for address and other relevant information. He will have an application for admission mailed or e-mailed to those interested in applying to GVSU.

Are You a PCC Student? Join a Club..

One of the best ways to make new friends in a college environment is to join one or more of the existing student clubs and organizations. By joining a club or organization, a student will also be able to learn more about his college in a shorter time frame.

At the same time, his involvement will ensure that his voice will be heard on issues that affect students and the college as a whole. Here at Palau Community College, there are several student clubs and organizations that offer this option to the PCC student. For student clubs, there are:

- Criminal Justice Club
- Builders' Club
- Fishing Club
- Tourism Club
- Agriculture Club
- Environmental Club
- FSM Club

For the student organizations, we have the following:

- Chuuk Organization
- Kosrae Organization
- Marshalls Organization
- Palau Student Organization
- Pohnpei Organization
- Yap Organization

All PCC students are highly encouraged to join any one of the existing clubs. In addition we invite them to become active members of their respective organizations; thus, enabling them to have more say in their PCC educational experience. By joining a club or organization, your overall education here at PCC will be enhanced and the experience you garner will benefit you in the future.

You may find out more information about these clubs and organizations by visiting the PCC Dean of Students Presley Etibek at the PCC Student Services Office, or by simply calling him at PCC telephone number 488-2470/2471, extension 229. Join a club today and make new friends with other students from all the islands of Micronesia as well as other nations!



Members of PCC's Environmental Club having a Meeting at the Mesekiu Bai