

8 New Members Join Endowment Fund

Palau Community College is excited that the flow of new bi-weekly donors to the PCC Endowment Fund continues into this week. Today, we are excited to see employees from various sectors of the national government join us in supporting Palau's only college, PCC. Leading the new recruits for the Endowment Fund this week is the Honorable William Ngirakelau, Vice-Speaker of the House of Delegates. From the Ministry of Justice we have three (3) members, Victor Remengesau, Jessy Blesam and Fred Ramarui. From the Ministry of Education, we welcome one (1) new member, Nancy Camacho. On the Parole Board, we also have one (1) new member, Patricia Kloulechad. From the Ministry of Health we welcome one (1) new member, Tino Faatuuala. And finally one of a very own from PCC's Development Office, we welcome Temmy Temengil. PCC welcomes everyone to the PCC Endowment Fund Contributors' Club. Thank you for showcasing your commitment to the continued existence of Palau's only college. Together, let us ensure that future generations have the same opportunity and access to higher learning as presently provided by our college, Palau Community College!



William Ngirakelau
Vice Speaker
House of Delegates



Patricia
Kloulechad



Nancy Camacho



Tino Faatuuala

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The goal of the program is to help students recognize and develop their potential to excel in math and science and encourage them to pursue postsecondary degree in these fields. The program's average cost per student annually is \$4,750.

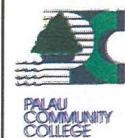
UBMS Director Tadao stated, "I express our gratitude to PCC President Patrick U. Tellei for his continued support and assistance and a special thanks to the staff of our sister program at Upward Bound and its Director Kuye Belelai for her guidance on program management and for showing us how to solicit additional funding for our program."

In other news, the Upward Bound Math and Science Program will welcome 8 foreign students from the Micronesian region who will participate in UBMS summer program. The students hail from Guam, Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae, and the Marshall islands. The foreign students will be residing at the PCC dorm while enrolled in the program. They will join around fifty students from Palau who will be taking summer courses in English, Math, Science and Japanese. The program will also include field trips, social/cultural events and tutoring in various subjects. The program will begin in May 31st and continue until July 8, 2003.

UBMS Assistant Director, Larry Wakakoro stated: "I look forward to welcoming these special students from our region. I am sure they will have a wonderful cultural experience and will have the preparation they need to further achieve their educational goals."

Celebrating Birthdays

Janice Termeteet May-16
Damiana Kunihiro April-18
Happy Birthday To You!!!



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Vacancy Announcement

Position : Director of Development
Location : Development Office
Salary : \$18,730 to \$28,833 per annum
(Depending on qualifications)

Examples of Duties

Director of Development reports directly to the President of the College. The Director is responsible for identification and recommendation of ways to promote continuous growth and efficiency of College programs and activities. Specific areas of responsibility include:

- Public Relations Manager/Marketing
- Management Information Systems
- Fund Raising
- Statistical Planning
- Alumni Relations

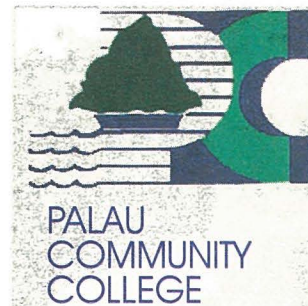
Qualification Requirements

Masters Degree or equivalent level of qualifications with majors preferably in Education and/or Business Administration/Commerce or related field, with three years in a senior administrative role in an educational or training institution. Ability to recognize opportunities to advance the College's developmental goals, and as necessary, to proactively recommend changes within the flexibility of the strategic plan. A solid understanding of corporate fund raising is desirable. Possess excellent communication skills and sound people management skills.

General Information

Application forms can be obtained from Human Resources Division at Palau Community College - P.O. Box 9 - Koror, Palau - 96940. Send completed application with transcript(s), resume, and verification of previous employment(s), if any, to the same address. For further information, contact Ms. Karen Mobil at telephone (680) 488-2470/2471.

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Palau Community College MESEKIU'S NEWS

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Ngara Mechechorer: Mens Group of Melekeok Pose with PCC President

The Mesekiu Bai Gets a New Roof

Using age-old techniques that have been passed down through the generations, the young men's club of Melekeok (Ngaramecherocher) came to PCC to help in the renovation of the Mesekiu Bai. The Bai's thatched roof had deteriorated so it was necessary for the roof to be replaced. The process was arduous and the work hard, but the men and young boys of Ngaramecherocher performed their work with pride and good cheer. The process begins with the leaves of the Palm tree (Toechel) that are striped and sewn onto segments of bamboo strips that vary in length. These segments are then further sewn onto the rooftops in sections and reinforced with thin bamboo reeds, (Lild). In addition, a stone platform and barrier (Cheldukl) was constructed around the Bai to give the Meetinghouse a traditional look and feel. The entire process was completed in two days. Next on the agenda is the renovation of the Lebuu Bai which will begin later on in the summer. The Bai is a cultural symbol that is a reflection of the values and beliefs of the Palauan people that have stood the test of time. It is a meeting place where people can come together in unity, where knowledge is shared, values are learned and friendships are reaffirmed. The value of community, learning and commitment, these are principles that are just as true today as they were for the ancient Palauans of yesterday.

PCC President Patrick U. Tellei stated, "On behalf of the College, I wish to thank the Ngaramecherocher of Melekeok for a job well done. Your hard effort and dedication is demonstrated in the Mesekiu Bai's fine work. Located in the center of campus, the Bai stands as a tribute to our heritage, and demonstrates the spirit of community, the essence of Palauan culture."

Funding for UBMS Increased

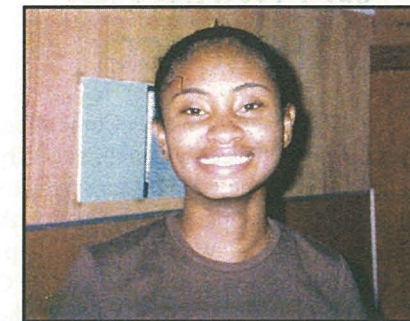
On April 22, in a faxed letter of Approval from the U.S. Department of Education TRIO Program, PCC's Upward Bound Math and Science Program was notified that its annual budget has been increased by \$65,000 annually beginning this year until the 2007-2008 fiscal year. According to Tchuzie Tadao, UBMS Director, the funding will allow the program to increase its student enrollment from 50 to 60 students.

The College received funding for a five-year grant period for the UBMS with a total funding of \$1.1 million, beginning in September 2003 and ending in August 2008. Originally funded to serve 50 high school students each year from all the six high schools in Palau, the increase brings the number to 60. Eligible program participants must have completed the 8th grade and, once entered into the program, will be served until their graduation. The program is designed for students who have a strong interest in math and/or science related fields.

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PCC Student is GVSU Scholar

The Palau Community College is proud to announce again that one of its own students, Ms. Laureen Joseph, has been awarded the second President Remengesau Scholarship to attend the Grand Valley State University (GVSU). Mr. Jim Crawley, Associate Director for International Recruitment, GVSU, stated: "Laureen has established herself academically as an excellent student and will be a great representative of PCC and the Republic of Palau. We will be pleased to welcome her as well as our first recipient, Mr. Lekelong Secharraimul to Grand Valley State University in August." This scholarship was created in honor of President Tommy E. Remengesau as an Alumnus of GVSU and a tribute to his successes and contributions to the Republic of Palau.



Laureen Joseph

Attention High School Students

Looking for something to do this summer? Then some spend some time with the CRE Department to keep busy during summer vacation, make new friends, and gain some valuable educational experience. From June 14 through June 18, CRE is offering a FREE weeklong Agriculture Awareness program for interested high school students including incoming freshmen. Participants will get a chance to learn about the diverse field of agriculture by conducting experiments and fun classroom and outdoor activities. The class will be held at the CRE Office in Koror and at the PCC-R&D Station in Ngermeskang, Ngaremlengui. Come see why Agriculture is a lot more than just farming.

In addition, the CRE Department is still accepting applications for the 10-week Agriculture Internship. The four internship positions are open to any junior, senior, or graduating senior and each participant will earn \$500 at the end of the 10 weeks. During the program, the interns will get an opportunity to learn about the wide field of Agriculture, spend time outdoors, and gain valuable work and educational experience.

Contact Kris Lloyd at the CRE Office at 488-4983 or via email at klloyd_cre@yahoo.com for more program and registration information.

WEED BUSTERS THANK PCC

The Invasive Weeds Committee, also known as "Weedbusters", recently thanked all the faculty, staff and students of PCC for their support during the Fourth Annual Invasive Weeds Clean Up. Specifically, the committee thanked PCC President Patrick U. Tellei and all the volunteers who turned out to clean up the large Mikania infestation between PCC and the National Track & Field, extending all the way to the PCC Shop area. The Mikania infestations at PCC will need continued monitoring and treatment with herbicide by the Bureau of Agriculture. However, with the help and assistance of everyone involved, the spread of this dreaded weed has been curbed tremendously.

CRE HEAD OFF TO JAPAN



Thomas Taro, Interim CRE VP

Thomas Taro, Interim Vice President of PCC's Cooperative Research and Extension Department (CRE) has been selected by the Japanese government to attend a training seminar in Japan. Mr. Taro has been accepted to represent the Republic of Palau to attend the Japan International Cooperation Agency's (JICA) Group Training Course (Agriculture Infrastructure Improvement in Upland Crops Area). The training will begin on May 30, 2004 and will continue until August 22, 2004. PCC congratulates to CRE' Interim VP Thomas Taro.

PCC Staff Joins 13th Police Academy



Peter "Robo Cop" Ulechong

PCC's very own Peter Ulechong has joined the 13th Police Academy. Peter will join over forty participants who will go through the arduous physical training and instruction in law enforcement, report writing, and patrol operation.

The training will span a three-month period, which began with orientation on May 10th, and will end with graduation ceremonies in August. Mr. Ulechong is a member of PCC's security force. This year's academy includes participants from the Division of Customs, Airport Police, Vice President's Office, KSG Rangers and State governments. The College wishes the best luck to Mr. Ulechong. Go for it Peter!



Mrs. Gretchen Reynolds

PCC GETS NEW LIBRARIAN

The PCC Library has a new Librarian, her name is Gretchen Reynolds and she hails from the Lone Star State of Texas where people are as big as their hearts. Mrs. Reynolds arrived last year from Texas with her husband Fredrick Reynolds who is an attorney at the Ministry of Justice's Attorney General's Office. Mrs. Reynolds has a Bachelors Degree in Social Work from the University of Texas and Masters Degree in Informational Science from the University of Michigan.

She has extensive experience in library science and has been working in the library system since 1998. Mrs. Reynolds enjoys Kayaking, Diving, Yoga and of course reading. So far, she thinks Palau is very beautiful and has even brought her family from the states for a visit.

Mrs. Reynolds states, "I have a wonderful time in Palau and I look forward to learning more and working in the Library." The College would like to welcome to Mrs. Reynolds and her family to Palau and the PCC family."



Young boys from the Ngaremechechorer (Melekeok Young Men's Club) Enjoy a meal after a long hard day renovating the Bai ra Mesekiu.

BITS AND PIECES...

PFFA DONATES FISH TO PCC...

The Palau Federation of Fishermen Association donated a Blue Marlin weighing 228 lbs. to the the PCC Cafeteria. The donation was the result of the recently held PFFA Fishing derby held last weekend. According to Ezra Takeo, the fish was pretty big and will go a long way in helping feed the students of PCC. Mr. Takeo, on behalf of PCC, warmly thanked PFFA for their kind donation.

4th National Asian Deaf Congress...

The 4th Asian Deaf Congress will be held in Honolulu, Hawaii from August 4-8, 2004. This is the first time for this conference to be held in Hawaii and the Pacific Rim. The conference will focus on the deaf and hard of hearing that are of Asian and Pacific Island decent. The conference will offer opportunities for those with hearing loss and senior citizens who have trouble hearing to see what possibilities are available and discuss issues that effect their everyday lives. If you want to participate in the conference please contact Lydia Tomiyasu at (808) 625-5700 Fax: (808) 625-5803 or email at dpr2k3@aloha.net

Deepest Condolences to PCC Staff Member...

The College wishes to express its deepest condolences to fellow PCC employee, Sabra Vanoosterweyck as she faces the untimely loss of her brother, Felisto Ngararorou. Let us all come together as we express our deepest sympathies on the passing of her dear brother.



Children From Madalali Head Start are all smiles after receiving scratch paper donated by the PCC Development Office.

Graduation Dates for High Schools:

High School	Date	Place	Time
Palau High School	May 13	Asahi Field	2:00 p.m.
Belau Modekngai	May 15	Modekngai School	10:00 a.m.
Bethania H.S.	May 22	Bethania, Ngaraard	9:00 a.m.
Mindzenty H.S.	May 28	MHS Gym	9:00 a.m.
Emmaus H.S.	May 29	Emmaus Church	10:00 a.m.
Palau Mission Academy	May 30	SDA Koror Church	2:04 a.m.

Palau Community College would like to congratulate all high school graduates and wishes them a bright, safe and happy future. As always, PCC stands ready to meet the educational and training needs of Palau's and the Region's students!

PCC Graduation is Next Week 138 Prospective Graduates

With the College's 41st commencement exercises slated to take place one weeks from today, the organizing committee has increased the pace of their work to ensure a smooth operation. While the number of candidates expected to graduate is still tentative, it is quite impressive. At the present, we expect to confer certificates of achievement and associate degrees to one hundred six (106) PCC students. At the same time, we will issue diplomas to thirty (32) Adult High School students. Thus, the total number of prospective graduates we are looking at right now who may be participating at this year's commencement exercises is one hundred eighty-six (138). This is a logistical challenge for the organizing committee which, as mentioned earlier, has begun preparing for the graduation.

In fact the committee has begun dialogue with the candidates to confirm their participation so that appropriate steps can be taken to accommodate those who will be participating in the graduation. While the size of this year's graduating class may be a challenge, it is one of the biggest in the College's history; thus, there is much excitement and cause for celebration. Indeed, the College invites the local community to witness our students as they receive their respective diplomas, certificates, and/or degrees. The graduation will take place on Friday May 21, 2004 at the PCC Cafetorium, starting at 10:00 a.m. See you there!

Environmentally Friendly Restaurant

(Submitted by the Division of Wildlife Protection)

On May 4, 2004, the Division of Fish and Wildlife (DFWP) and the Marine Environment Enforcement Team (MEERT) launched the "Environmentally Friendly Restaurant" project at the Papago Hotel. The project's aim is to educate restaurant owners and managers about all the conservation laws and encourage greater compliance. Moreover, the project is intended to foster greater cooperation between the DFWP and the hotel and restaurant industry. A critical piece of the project is the signing of the "conservation contract" a legally binding agreement where participating restaurants pledge to uphold environmental laws and allow conservation officers free access to inspect their facilities. The following Restaurants have signed on to the program: Palau Pacific Resort, Papago, Kramer's Restaurant, Mingle's Tototo, Sarah's Yum Yum, Longshoremen, Alii Restaurant, Meyuns Restaurant, Ashibi and King's Palace.