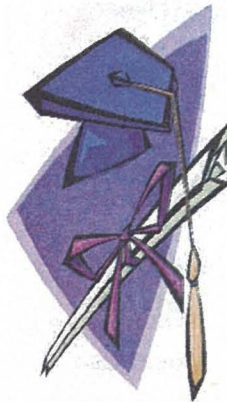


You Are Invited!



The Board of Trustees,
President, Faculty, and
Graduating Class of
Palau Community College
cordially request the
honor of your presence at the
40th Commencement Exercises
Friday Morning May 23, 2003
10:00 O'Clock
PCC Cafetorium

Condolences to Sebas

We, the entire PCC family of Trustees, Administration, Faculty, Staff and Students, express our deepest sympathies to our fellow colleague and friend Mr. Sebastian 'Sebas' Ngiratrang, on the untimely loss of his father, Mr. David Ngiratrang. Our prayers and thoughts are with Sebas during his time of bereavement. Contributions to Sebas may be submitted to the Human Resources Office no later than 4:00 pm today.



Palau Community College congratulates fellow Endowment Club member **J. Uduch Sengebau Senior** on her appointment to become Senior Judge, Land Court, Palau Judiciary!

Celebrating Birthdays

Janice Termetet	May 16
Damiana Kunihiro	May 18
Akiko Beketaut	May 20
Frances Kinsang	May 22

Happy Birthday To You!!!

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Airai Elem. and More ROP Staff Join Endowment Club

Some of the many teachers and staff at Airai Elementary School have opted to join the PCC Endowment Contributors Club. By joining, they donate a certain sum directly out of their paychecks every two weeks to the PCC Endowment Fund. At the end of the year, PCC issues a receipt totalling the sum of their individual donations, which they will use to file for a guaranteed 100% refund. This week we are also excited to see more employees from various sectors of the national government enroll in this program to support Palau's only college, PCC.

At the Ministry of Education's Airai Elementary School, we welcome eight (8) new members, **Hosiana Rengulbai** (Educ. major), **Cheryl Kerradel** (Office Admin. major), **Nerlina Mereb** (Sec. Science major), **Theresa Ililau** (Educ. major), **Melanie Ringang**, **Linda Ngotel** (Class of '99-AA degree in Liberal Arts), **Regina Imetengel**, and **Philomena Milong**. From the Palau Judiciary (Palau Public Land Authority), we see one (1) new member, **Olkeriil Saburo** (Class of '94-AS degree in Police Science). Over at the Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs, we welcome two (2) new members, **Naomi Ngirakamerang** and **Bismarck Brel**. From the Ministry of Finance, we see three (3) new members, **Maria Goretty Blaluk**, **Muriel Sinsak** (Class of '01-AA degree in Lib. Arts), and **Delorah Yoshiwo**. In the Ministry of Justice, we welcome two (2) members, **Lori-nin D. Eriich** (Class of '01-Cert. in Crim. Justice, Class of '02-AS degree in Crim. Justice) and **Dianne Tajima**. From the National Development Bank of Palau, we see one (1) new member, **Emily Tkel**. And, at the Social Security Administration, we welcome two (2) new members, **Merian Ketebengang** and **Florah Tewid**.

PCC welcomes everyone to the PCC Endowment Fund Contributors' Club. Thank you for showcasing your commitment to the continued existence of Palau's only institution of higher learning. 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!



PPLA employee
Olkeriil Saburo



MCCA employee
Naomi Ngirakamerang



Airai Elementary School staff are the newest members of the Endowment Club!



A.E.S. teacher
Philomena Milong



MOJ employees Brenda Santos (!) Lori D. Eriich and Dianne Tajima



Soc. Sec. Admin. employees
Merian Ketebengang and Florah Tewid



MCCA employee
Bismarck Brel



MOF employees Muriel Sinsak, Maria G. Blaluk, and Delorah Yoshiwo



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PCC and the 9th Festival of Pacific Arts

With only four hundred thirty two days left till the 9th Festival of Pacific Arts, Palau has slightly over a one year period to prepare for one of the biggest events to land on its soil. Because of the anticipated size of the Festival, Palau Community College has been tapped by the national government as well as the Secretariat and the Festival's Organizing Committee for support. At the present, the College is expected to be the site for the Festival's Press Room, with its classrooms to house indoor exhibits. The PCC Library may also be used to exhibit the Festival's literary arts, and the College's Wind Orchestra to feature

performing arts as well. In addition, the Cafetorium is currently being looked into as a possible site for Film Screening as well as Culinary Arts.

Thus, it looks like the College will be very much involved in the 9th Festival of Pacific Arts, scheduled to run from July 22-31, 2004. In fact, on May 5th, PCC donated a computer system (on a loan basis) to the Office of the Secretariat for office use, indicating that the College is already involved in this endeavor. In return, the Secretariat and the Organizing Committee have expressed deep gratitude to PCC President Patrick U. Tellei for the

important contributions made by the College, especially with a good number of PCC personnel serving on various committees that have been formed to help Palau prepare for the Festival.

As the Festival nears, the College expects to see the level of its involvement increase. In the meantime, anyone who would like information about the 9th Festival of Pacific Arts may Contact Ms. Yvonne Singeo at telephone number 488-6490/6491. Or, you may learn more about the Festival by going to their website, www.festival-pacific-arts.org.

Library Technician to Attend JCDL 2003

PCC Library Technician Ms. Imengel Mad has been invited and her presentation has been accepted to attend the Joint Conference on Digital Libraries (JCDL) 2003. JCDL, a major international forum on digital libraries and associated technical, practical and social issues, will be holding its 2003 conference in Houston, Texas from May 27-31.

At the conference, Ms. Mad's presentation will focus on discussion of the Palau Community College-Belau National Museum Image Archives Digitization and Access Project. The conference will allow Ms. Mad to disseminate information regarding this project as well as exposing her to all types of digital information. The conference will also help her gain more knowledge about the intricate works in the library and its services, as well as share information that will surely help her build a network of information-sharing that will benefit our Library and other libraries in Palau.

PCC Library Thanks Donors

Once again, the PCC Library would

like to extend a big mesulang to our donors. Mr. Joe Aitaro, Coordinator for OERC, donated the following materials:

International Water Program Tech. Rpt.:
Vol. 1: A Synopsis of Information Relating to Marine Protected Areas.
Vol. 3: A Synopsis of Information Relating to Waste Management, Pollution Prevention and Improved Sanitation with a Focus on Communities in the Pacific Islands Region.

Vol. 4: A Synopsis of Information Relating to Sustainable Coastal Fisheries.
Vol. 6: A Review of Lessons Learned and Best Practice in Integrated Coastal Watershed Conservation and Management Initiatives in the Pacific Islands Region.

Many thanks also to Mr. Jonathan 'Ostu' Masaichi for donating one box of reading materials, and Pastor Limitz Iyar of the ROP President's Office for continuously donating back issues of magazines highlighting the Pacific region. Due to the kind and generous contributions and donations of many, our collections have expanded tremendously and we are able to



Ms. Imengel Mad

provide resourceful information that accommodates many of our patrons. The PCC Library welcomes all donations and would like to thank you once again for your support. For information about PCC Library programs, services and activities, contact PCC telephone number (680) 488-2471/3540.

If we encounter a man of rare intellect, we should ask him what books he reads. Ralph Waldo Emerson --- Check out your PCC Library!

FSM Leadership Organized

Palau Community College joins its many alumni, supporters and friends in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and the Pacific region and congratulates the new leadership of FSM which was recently organized. We at PCC look forward to working closely with these great leaders for the betterment of our region's human resources. Congratulations to:

His Excellency Joe Urusemal
President, FSM

The Honorable Redley Killion
Vice President, FSM

The Honorable Peter Christian
Speaker

The Honorable Claude Philip
Vice Speaker

The Honorable Henry Asugar
Floor Leader

AG Students Survey for Papaya Mealybug

How far has the papaya mealybug spread in Koror State? Students in AG 219, Crop Protection, helped to answer this question by surveying all the hamlets in Koror on April 29 and May 6. They found that the mealybug has spread to all hamlets in Koror except Ngermid, and parts of Meyuns, Ngerkebesang, and Ngesaol. They also learned that the mealybug is not only attacking papaya; some of the worst infestations were found on plumeria, hibiscus, and jatropa (another ornamental tree).

The students used a hand-held GPS unit to plot the locations of infested plants. The data they collected were given to the Bureau of Lands and Surveys, who have produced a map of the infestations (see picture on the right). The students are sharing this information with the Bureau of Agriculture to assist in efforts to prevent the spread of this serious pest.

The Bureau of Agriculture is now working with the USDA to import biological control agents to control the papaya mealybug. According to Fred Sengebau of the Bureau of Agriculture, the papaya mealybug has not yet been found outside of Koror. In order to prevent its spread, it is very important not to move papaya fruits or any infested plants from Koror to any other states in Palau. To assist in the national effort to prevent the spread of papaya mealybug, the President of PCC has temporarily halted donations of plants by the College until an effective control has been found.

The students involved in this project are Presley Andrew, Tharnagan Loochaz, and Linus Marewibuel. They would like to thank the Bureau of Lands and Surveys, the Bureau of Agriculture, and Dr. Ross Miller of the University of Guam for their assistance in this student project.

AMT Students Hold Semester-End BBQ

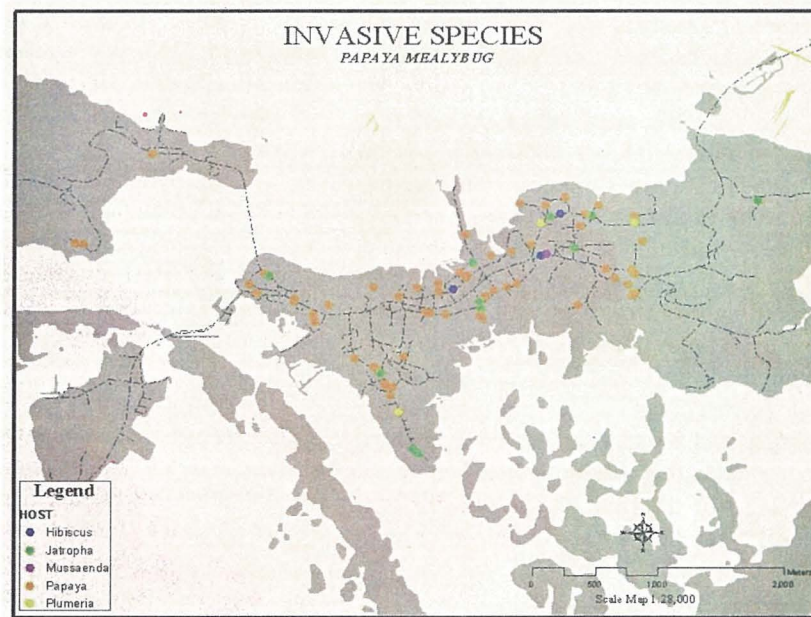
The students at the Automotive Mechanics Technology program celebrated the end of a successful semester by holding a barbeque with their instructor Mr. Eugene Uehara in front of the College's AutoMechanics Shop last Friday May 9, 2003. The students and Mr. Uehara extended the invitation to College staff to join them for the barbeque dinner, which was prepared by the students themselves with limited support from PCC staff. Four Palau High School students, namely Dawn Mary Ongrung, Megan Ramarui, Ricoh Umetaro, and Jesse Edward who are taking Uehara's class this semester under their school's Career Practicum program, also helped plan and coordinate this get-together. Uehara congratulated his students for their hard work and effort and encouraged them to continue working toward achieving their educational goals. He also reminded them that they were still facing final exams in other classes and so to forego celebrations until all examinations have been taken.

The students, in turn, expressed gratitude toward their instructor. One of them was heard to say that Mr. Uehara is not only a good instructor, but also a mentor who is genuinely concerned about his students' studies as well as their personal well being. With such attention and concern for his students' welfare, it is no surprise that Uehara's students decided on the barbeque as a token of their appreciation!

Hats off to Mr. Uehara and all his students for a very successful semester and for showing us how a program instructor and his students can team up to produce wonderful results!



PCC's Automotive Mechanics Technology students pose for a photo during their end-of-semester barbeque held Friday May 9, 2003 at the PCC Automotive Mechanics Shop.



BITS AND PIECES...

Attention Graduating Students

All PCC students who will be participating in the PCC 40th Commencement Exercises are hereby notified that from Monday May 19th to Thursday May 22nd, you will have your **Graduation Practice at the PCC Cafetorium every morning from 10:00 am to 11:30 am.** You will also need to pick up your Clearance Forms at the Office of Registrar and Records. See reminder dates below:

May 21 & 22 - Get caps, tassels, gowns and announcements from Instructor Ms. Victoria Maui during Graduation Practice.

May 23 - Graduates should be at Dorm D by 8:45 am. PCC Cafetorium opens at 9:00 am for guests. PCC's 40th Commencement Exercises begins at 10:00 am.

Graduating student are also reminded that **graduation invitations are now available** and they are encouraged to pick up their invitations at the Retention Office. Don't delay as you will have less time to invite your family and friends. Do it now.

Do not forget to take care of that \$25 graduation fee at the Business Office. This fee needs to be cleared before you can pick up your certificate/degree, or transcript. A copy of your certificate/degree may also be ordered wallet size for a nominal fee of \$5.00. Please stop by the Registrar's Office if you are interested.

If you or a guest have a need that requires special services or other accommodation, please notify the Office of Student Services at tel. 488-2471 by noon on May 21st. You may also call this office if you have any questions about the graduation.

Earning a Diploma, Certificate, and/or Degree is NOT by CHANCE; it is through wise CHOICE and HARD WORK. WE CELEBRATE YOU, the graduating class of 2003!

Reminder to Internship Candidates

All internship candidates are reminded that they should officially register and pick up their packets at the Registrar's Office on registration day in order for their hours to be counted as credits for internship training. Registration for the summer is scheduled for the week of May 26-29, 2003. Your understanding and prompt action is much appreciated. For further information on the internship program, contact Extension Programs Coordinator, Mr. Vincent Ito at PCC tel. number 488-2470/2471, extension 270.

High Schools' Graduation Dates

Graduation ceremonies for Palau's six high schools have been scheduled to take place all in the month of May, including that of PCC which will hold its 40th Commencement Exercises next Friday May 23rd. Below is a listing of the high schools and their respective date, time, and venue for graduation:

HIGH SCHOOL	WHEN (TIME)	PLACE
Bethania High School	May 24 (9am)	BHS Campus
Belau Modekngel School	May 24 (10am)	Ibobang
Palau Mission Academy	May 25 (3pm)	SDA Church
Palau High School	May 28 (2pm)	Asahi Field
Mindszenty High School	May 30 (9am)	MHS Gym
Emmaus High School	May 31 (9am)	EHS Campus

PCC Academic Calendar Spring Semester 2003

May 9, 2003 - Last Day of Instruction
May 12-14, 2003 - Final Examination Period
 May 16, 2003 - Grades Due
May 23, 2003 - Commencement Exercises
 May 23, 2003 - End of Spring Semester/Spring Recess

PCC Academic Calendar Summer Session 2003

May 26-29 Orientation, Testing & Advising/Registration
 June 02 **HOLIDAY: President's Day**
 June 03 First Day of Instruction
 June 03-05 Late Registration/Add&Drop Period
 June 23 Last Day to Remove Spring 2003 Incomplete Grades
 June 23-27 Mid-Term Period
 July 04 Last Day for all Withdrawals
 July 09 **HOLIDAY: Constitution Day**
 July 15 Last Day of Instruction
 July 16-17 Final Examination Period
 July 22 Grades Due
 July 22 End of Summer Session/Students' Summer Recess
 (For information about PCC spring semester and summer session calendars of activities, call 488-2471, extension 234 or 247).

*Welcome to where your future begins,
Palau Community College!*

Congratulations MOC/PCC Alumni

The College congratulates the MOC/PCC Alumni Association's softball team which won the championship game in the Masters' Division in the recently held 'Ngak Mak Tang' softball tournament played out in the Meyuns Ballfield. The team displayed athletic prowess that was reminiscent of their college days which makes the current PCC students green with envy! Congratulations to the MOC/PCC Alumni Championship Team, their coach, manager, and sponsor!



PCC's Todd Ngiramengior (I) proudly receives the Championship trophy from tournament organizers Mike Ongalibang and Evans Imetengel. For information about the MOC/PCC Alumni Association, contact Armstrong Debelbot at (680) 488-2471.