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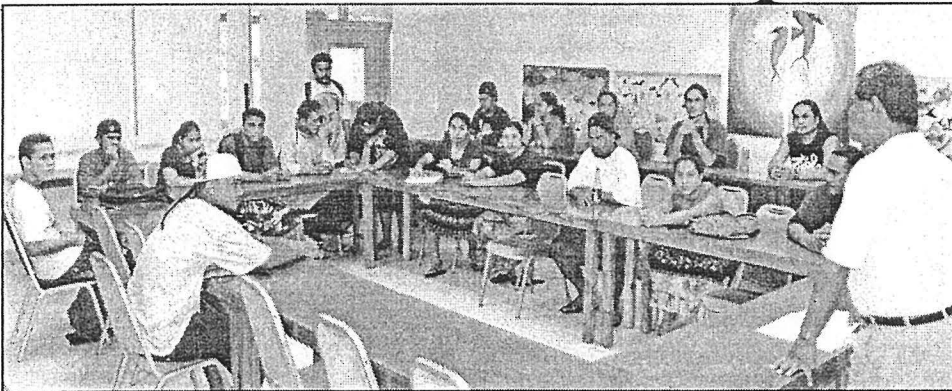


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Weekly Newsletter

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FAO Holds Workshop for FSM Students



Chuukese student attending workshop with FAO Counselor Mekreos Silil.

Financial Aid Counselors held a series of financial aid workshops from May 1 - 3, 2012 to Chuuk, Pohnpei, and Yap students. These workshops gave FSM students updates of the financial aid regulations and how the changes will affect them. During the workshops, FAO counselors also assisted the

students in filling out their state scholarship forms and completing all requirements for the scholarship for SY 2012-2013.

Those who missed the workshops are urged to see Admissions & Financial Aid Counselors.

UBMS Learn The Importance of Sea Grass

Contributed by UBMS



UBMS participants in group photo after their workshop.

The Upward Bound Math & Science (UBMS) Program held a Sea Grass Workshop on Friday, April 27, 2012 at PCC's Continuing Education (CE) Training Room. The Program was fortunate to have Mr. Asap Bukurou, Senior Aquar-

ist of Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC) to do a power point presentation of several varieties of Sea Grasses in Palau and the important roles that they play in our marine

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PCC Celebrates 49th Commencement Exercises

Congratulations to all 2012 graduates in Palau and Palauan students abroad. Palau Community College and the Graduating Class of 2012 invite the public to its 49th Commencement Exercises to be held on Friday, May 25th at 10:00 a.m. at PCC Cafeteria. This is a momentous event that signifies years of hard work, perseverance and accomplishments.

Palau Community College is an accessible public educational institution helping to meet the technical, academic, cultural, social, and economic needs of the students and communities by promoting learning opportunities and developing personal excellence.

Students Create Poetry (Part 2)

Contributed by Midori Mersai

Part 2 of EN 202 (Introduction to Children's literature) class' creative imagination of

poems based on "wise sayings" or "chola-chitnger."

Quote: *Ar sechal a kekel a tengadidik*

English Translation: Men are food for the collared kingfisher. Meaning: This refers to the short lives of men who die prematurely of unnatural causes while they are at war, or at sea and they should always be treated well.

Our Beloved Heroes

By: Pasquana Tirso

Oh, the strong wind has come
Waves are coming high beyond
Dark as night, men are scattered

Oh, how the storm strikes the land
Wind calling the strong to stand
Dark as night, men fall down

Oh, how strong our braves
Stand strong as the waves
Dark as night, our beloved heroes...

Quote: *Ng kora yubet era keburs*

English Translation: English Translation: A person of endurance or persistence. Meaning: A person who stays with his job/task for a long time.

Strength

By: Hulda Lukas

Wind! Oh wind!
How you tried to blow me away
Wind! Oh wind!
I still remain standing!

Rain! Oh rain!
How you tried to drown me
Rain! Oh rain!
I still remain standing!

For I am strong and vigorous
For my strength will never perish

Quote: *Peace is flowing like a river*

Meaning: Peace does not stop anywhere in the world. It cannot stop if you want it to. We have to accept it. Woleaian meaning: Gepasso iye yetoare iugiul lane failengi, yeweisheogiu shaliu kawe yegale rigitogo me lano melaiuliu iye sitowai mwel gepaiuwelago. Yelogo ngaligo sheogiu gare gobe tapeli gare gotowai tapeli.

By: Jeremiah Hagilelipiy

Peace is flowing like a river
Flowing out of you and me
Flowing out into the desert
Setting all the captives free

Quote: *Faal mene wagyagei ye tai shinwe me lan yash nogolog ila faal ngaligish yarmat be sitai fori mene sibe file be sibe giula meta mene ye nagolago, nge yarmat ka ye fil be rebe telati wagyagei nge re tai fori yar yengang be re ganiug lag sheog*

English Translation: : People who can stop the violence, do not

By: Helston Haleyalib

Because of the silence of good people
The violence of a few
Drowns the society
Gasping helplessly
Hoping for the silence to break

Quote: *In the hopes of reaching the moon, men fail to see the flowers that blossom at their feet*

Meaning: People look forward to achieving happiness somewhere else when they fall short to notice happiness right where they are.

By: Mary Banphis

We seek happiness in wealth
To find ourselves in corruption
We ignore our precious health
To find ourselves in sickness and sorrow
We search high and low
For true bliss that may not be there
But in places we least explore
We make friends in hopes
Of being in that "happy" state
But I found true happiness
Not with money or friends
But with people closest to me
Which is my family

Quote: *ko er a derumk el di merrumk er ngii el diak a ultutelel*

English Translation: English Translation: Like thunder, a big noise that is unnecessary. Meaning: All talk and no action

By: Cerilla Michael

The mighty strong stand so tall
Spoken loudly for all to hear
The ones who fear run afar
For the roar of thunder is to fear

The mighty strong stand no more
Spoken lightly like a breeze
The ones with no fear stand so proud
For the roar of thunder is nothing to fear

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environment to the program participants. He identified the ten varieties of sea grass that exists within the Palau Marine Environment, explaining their purpose of protecting the reef and most importantly serving as a habitat for many varieties of aquatic animals such as the rabbit fish and sea horse. In addition, the sea grass helps filter water coming from the land keeping the mud from reaching our coral reef and destroying other aquatic life forms such as the soft corals and sea fans which are some the beauties that attracts the tourists. Mr. Bukurrou mentioned that Palau is one of only nine places in the world known to have Dugong within their waters. Dugong's main diet is sea grass and Palau has (2) two types that are the main staple and favorites for the dugongs. He stressed that without sea grass, Palau will not have Dugongs and most of the aquatic life will cease to exist such as the rabbit fish which is probably one of the favorite fish in the island. The second part of Mr. Bukurrou's presentation dealt with ways in which people can help protect sea grass. Some of the methods in which sea grass can be protected include eliminating the use of pesticides, not disturbing the soil (earth) in the areas that are on the edge of the water, and avoid driving boats in shallow areas.

On Saturday, April 28, the program staff and participants joined Ms. Shelly Remengesau on an expedition to visit sites abundant with sea grass. Ms. Remengesau, a former PCC student who majored in Environmental Marine Science and now currently a science teacher in Belau Modekngel School guided the tour to Ngidch island also known as Lee Marvin Island where the students were able observe and identify eight (8) of the ten species of sea grass that are found in Palau. She elaborated on the importance of sea grass and why they should be protected and mention areas in Palau where sea grass can be found and areas that have been destroyed due to over population and over development. Lunch was at Ngchus Island and on to Cemetery where students swam with the fish before heading back to Koror.

Upward Bound Math & Science program would like to take this opportunity and thank Mr. Asap Bukurrou and Ms. Shelly Remengesau for their wonderful presentation and guidance in our sea grass learning experience.

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BITS AND PIECES...

Summer Kids Program

June 04 - 29, 2012

Last day to Register: June 1, 2012

PCC-CE Summer Kids Program offers the following classes:

- Math (3rd - 8th Grade)
- English Reading (3rd - 8th Grade)
- English Writing (3rd - 8th Grade)
- Palauan Orthography (3rd - 8th Grade)
- Marine Science (6th - 8th Grade)
- Keyboarding (6th - 8th Grade ~ 20 students)

For more information, contact CE Office at 488-6223 or 488-2470/2471.

New Employee



Ltelatk "LT" Fritz

Ms. Ltelatk H. Fritz. She is the new Tourism & Hospitality instructor. Ms. Fritz completed her Associate of Science (AS) degree in Tourism & Hospitality in 2007 at PCC, then pursued a Bachelor's of Arts (BA) degree in Business Accounting at the University of Hawaii - Hilo where she completed in 2011. Welcome aboard LT.

Apology

Mesekiu's News would like to apologize to Dr. Patrick Tellei for inadvertently misspelling his name in the caption of photo with BTA members in Mesekiu's News Vol.14, Is.19 edition.

News/Stories Wanted

Mesekiu's News welcomes stories/ announcements from students, faculty, and staff. Submission deadline is Monday at 4:30 p.m. in hard and electronic copies to adoraa@palau.edu, dilubchs@palau.edu and alvinam@palau.edu.

Please call ext. 250/252/253 if you intend to submit your article after Monday or for more information.

Federal Updates on Financial Aid

Contributed by Dahlia Katosang

During March 17-21, 2012, Director of Admissions & Financial Aid Dahlia Katosang attended the Pacific Financial Aid Association (PacFAA) annual conference in Hawaii. Upon her return, she conducted financial aid workshop on campus to Admissions & Financial Aid staff and also the Retention Committee. Federal updates that will be effective July 01, 2012 are as follows:

1. Federal Pell Grant Duration of Eligibility (Lifetime Eligibility Used - LEU): The new lifetime limit of Pell Grants is 600%. This means that the duration of a student's eligibility to receive a Federal Pell Grant is 12 full time semesters or 6 years which is equivalent to 600%. This provision applies to all Federal Pell Grant eligible students effective with the 2012-13 Award Year. The calculation of the duration of a student's eligibility will include all years of the student's receipt of Federal Pell Grant Funding.

2. 2012-2013 Verification: A process whereby certain information provided on FAFSA are reviewed for accuracy and completeness. Office of

Admissions & Financial Aid must verify the accuracy of the information that students submit on the FAFSA. If selected, students must submit a 2012-2013 Verification Worksheet containing the following: household size (names, age, relationship, college if applicable), income tax data (tax filers and non-tax filers) and child support paid (name of person who paid child support, name of person to whom child support was paid, name of child for whom support was paid, amount of child support paid in 2011 if applicable).

3. Ability-to-Benefit (ATB) test: Effective with 2012-2013 Award Year, new students who do not have a high school diploma, or an equivalent such as GED, and who did not complete secondary school in a home school setting are not eligible for Title IV funds. Such students can no longer become eligible by passing an approved "ability-to-benefit" test or by satisfactorily completing at least six credit hours of college work that is applicable to a degree or certificate offered by the student's postsecondary institution.

PCC Teams Win Merritch Club Trophies

Contributed by Keith Taliugyan

What an exciting and fun two-day tournament it was with several teams vying for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies in the annual co-ed Volleyball tournament hosted by the Merritch Club. On April 21 and 22, the FKY Gymnasium was filled with cheers from the competing teams rooting for their players in head-to-head matches towards the final games. With tremendous team effort, three teams drained their strengths into the last three winning spots. The 1st place trophy was awarded to the WoWpese (Yapese

students sponsored by Lance), 2nd place trophy to the OuterKidz (Outer Yapese students sponsored by Lawrence), and the 3rd place trophy to the Mountainerz (Chuukese students sponsored by Rose). MVP trophies were awarded to Ms. Petra Gilinug and Mr. Christopher Fillimew – both from the WoWpese team. Congratulations to all of the registered participants, most especially to the dorm students for bringing home the trophies to PCC! Special thanks to Ms. Uroi Salii for taking care of the PCC students!



Team WoWpese with the 1st place trophy.

ALUMNI NOTES

Class of 1987 (MOC)

Laurie Maderkewet



Earned her Certificate of Achievement (CA) in General Office Clerk. She was hired at MOE as an Administrative Assistant and has been working there for 23 years. *Message: Bol blak a rengmiu el finish a degree er kemiu me bol sebechemiu el metik a ungil ureor.*

Class of 2008

Charity Ngiraibai



Earned her Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Tourism & Hospitality - Tour Services. She is working at the Social Security Administration as a Collection Officer. *Message: Do your best in school, and if you have the opportunity, continue your education. Learning never ends.*

Class of 2011

Lisbeth Skaruno



Earned her Associate of Science (AS) degree in Information Technology. She is currently working at IA Belau Company as a Rental Agent and an Office Worker. *Message: Be true to yourself!*

Alumni Notes showcases MOC & PCC alumni who are positive role models and contribute to the quality of life in their local communities. If you are that alumnus/alumna or know someone who is, please contact the PCC Development Office at telephone number 488-2471. We would like to feature you in future issues of the *Mesekiu's News*.



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Celebrating Birthdays

Sharleene Skebong May 23
Debbie Ngiraibai May 25

Happy Birthday To You!

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Quote: *Kmakmechab: charm ra chab el kiei ra chab e diak el medul ra ngau*

English Translation: insect living in the ashes of fire and doesn't get burned. Meaning: refers to a person who doesn't care or consider other people's feelings

Thick Skinned

By: R. Kloulubak

Like a turtle shell

Tough as nail

Like a driftwood

That swings with any mood

Like an armour suit

Too tough to hurt

Like a hard rock

With no feelings

That can be hurt

Vacancy Announcement

- (1) *English Instructor, Learning Resource Center*
Salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum
- (2) *Math Instructor, Learning Resource Center*
Salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum
- (3) *Counselor, Student Life Office*
Salary range: \$12,650 - \$19,479 per annum
- (4) *CHL Palau Outreach Educator*
Salary range: \$12,653 - \$21,000 per annum
- (5) *Researcher/Aquaculturist*
Salary: \$30,000 per annum
- (6) *Assistant Director of Admissions & Financial Aid*
Salary range: \$16,010 - \$24,647 per annum
- (7) *Accounting Technician (Payroll)*
Salary range: \$9,913.00 - \$16,954 per annum
- (8) *Librarian*
Salary range: \$16,010 - \$24,647 per annum
- (9) *Associate Professor, Business Accounting*
Salary range: \$18,009 - \$27,725 per annum
- (10) *Associate Professor, Library & Information Serv.*
Salary range: \$18,009 - \$27,725 per annum

For application forms and information, please contact Karen Mobel at PCC Human Resources Office at 488-2470/71, ext. 227, email hr@palau.edu or download form at www.palau.edu

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Shallum Etpison Donates Big Fish

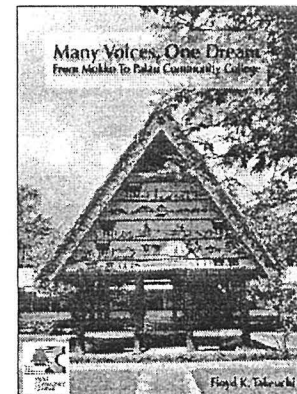


Dorm residents all smiles as they get ready to unload the fish.

Thank you Shallum Etpison & Etpison Cup for the donation of a 264 lb. blue marlin to the Cafeteria for the dorm students. Mr. Etpison is a friend of the college and has made numerous donations, including donating to the Endowment Fund, purchasing tickets for the Endowment fundraising, and more. Your generosity is truly appreciated.

NEW BOOK

Many Voices, One Dream
From Mokko to Palau Community College
By Floyd Takuchi



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