

ALUMNI NOTES:

Class of 2000



Lynn E. Thomas - PCC Alumni
(Valedictorian) 2000

Bachelor of Science - Natural Resources & Environmental Management, University of Hawaii at Manoa. (May 15, 2005)

Class of 2001



Gwendolyn Sisor - PCC Alumni
(Valedictorian) 2001

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5 PCC Staff Receive Degrees from San Diego State University



(l-r) Sherman Daniel, PCC Associate Dean (BA- Vocational Education); Serelina Ridep, PCC Instructor (BA- Vocational Education); Secundina Azuma, Adult High School Instructor (BA- Vocational Education); Karen Mobel, PCC Personell Manager (BA- Vocational Education); and William O. Wally, PCC Dean of Continuing Education (MA- Educational Leadership). Congratulations to all of you!!!



Mesekiu's News

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PCC-Based Scholarships Available!

This is an announcement to all graduating high school seniors and current PCC students from Palau who will be attending PCC this coming school year 2005-2006 that applications for all PCC based scholarship programs are now available. These scholarship programs are:

Moylan's Insurance Underwriters, Inc. Scholarship
Prince Leeboo Scholarship
Shell Company (Pacific Islands) Limited Scholarship
Roman Tmetuchl Scholarship
Pierantozzi Scholarship
Carita Asanuma Memorial Scholarship (New)

All interested applicants may stop by at the PCC Development Office to pick up an application. Application packets are to be completed and submitted to the PCC Development Office no later than Friday August 12, 2005, the deadline date. For more information about these above mentioned scholarship programs, contact PCC Development Office at telephone number 488-2471, extension 253.

Japanese Government Scholarship for 2006:

Undergraduate Student (Degree)

Field of Study: Social Science, Humanities, Medicine, Engineering and Natural Science

Eligibility: Born Between April 2, 1984 and April 1, 1989, High School Graduate and must be willing to study Japanese

Term: Scholarship for 5 years

Senshu-Gakko Student (Professional Training Course)

Field of Study: Civil Engineering, Architecture, Electrical Engineering, Electronics, Telecommunication, Nutrition, Infant Education, Secretarial Studies, Hotel Management, Tourism, Fashion and Dress Making, Design, and Photography

Eligibility: Born between April 2, 1984 and April 1, 1989, a High School Graduate and willing to study Japanese language

Term: Three years from April 2006 (Including 1st yr. Japanese language training)

The deadline for both scholarships is May 27, 2005. For more information please contact the PCC Development Office at 488-2470/2471 at ext 253.



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PCC Holds 42th Commencement Exercises

Today PCC holds its 42nd Commencement Exercises at the College Cafeteria beginning at 10:00am. The total number of PCC graduates this year is one hundred forty-three (143) with seventy-four (74) participating in today's ceremony. Graduating with the PCC students are twenty-one (21) graduates of the PCC Adult High School Program, and five (5) graduates of San Diego State University's on-line program. Four students will receive their bachelors degrees in Vocational Education while one (1) will receive a masters degree in Educational Leadership. For the PCC graduating class of 2005, the valedictorian is Ms. Sharon Ngirutang. She is the student with the highest cumulative grade point average. Ms. Ngirutang is also the recipient of the Faculty Senate Award, also recognizing for her academic achievements. Ms. Ngirutang graduates with and AS degree in Liberal Arts. The recipient of the Outstanding Citizenship Award is Ms. Shruue Isaac. The Outstanding Citizenship award goes to a graduate in recognition of his/her academic achievements as well as outstanding participation and conduct in all phases of campus life and community services, contributions to the welfare of fellow students, and participation in recreational, social, and student government activities. Ms. Isaac graduates with an AS degree in Business Accounting. (see back cover for SDSU Graduates)



Sharon Ngirutang
Class of 2005 Valedictorian,
Faculty Senate Award
Recipient



Shruue Isaac
Outstanding Citizenship
Award Recipient

USDA Approves New Research Project at PCC-CRE

The United States Department of Agriculture Cooperative State Research Extension and Education Service (USDA CSREES) has recently approved for implementation a research project on "Identification and Micropropagation of Scab Resistant Sweet Potato Varieties in Palau". Dr. Nelson M. Esquerro and Dr. Aurora G. Del Rosario, Researchers at the Palau Community College Cooperative Research and Extension (PCC-CRE) in Ngermeskang, Ngaremlengui, will implement this project as Agriculture Experiment Station (AES) Projects. This assures the PCC-CRE a share of the Hatch Funds annually allocated by USDA to the College of Micronesia. The project aims to screen the different sweet potato varieties in Palau for field resistance/susceptibility to the scab fungus for the growing seasons. The fungus produces small brown scabby areas on young leaves, shoots, veins and petioles of sweet potato resulting in small leaves. Sweet potato varieties identified to be resistant to scab will be rapidly propagated. This will ensure the production of scab-free planting materials from scab-resistant sweet potato varieties in a relatively short period of time. Furthermore, the technique will ensure the in-vitro conservation of sweet potato, which is free from diseases and environmental stresses. This will also enable farmers to obtain scab-free plants for production and commercial purposes. For further information contact PCC-CRE at telephone number (680) 488-4983/2746; Fax number (680) 488-3307; or e-mail tarothomas@yahoo.com.

Palau Community College Congratulates Graduates

Palau Community College Board of Trustees, President Patrick U. Tellei, Ed.D., along with faculty and staff of the college are proud to convey their heartfelt congratulations to all the PCC graduates including the graduates of San Diego State University, and the Adult High School, Class of 2005. This is a memorable occasion for you as it marks one of the successful achievements in your life brought on by hard work, dedication and perseverance. The college is proud to be part of your successful achievement and wishes you all the best in your future career endeavor as you move on in your life. The college also wishes to extend its congratulations to all the graduates from Belau Modekngai School, Bethania High School, Emmaus High School, Mindszenty High School, Palau High School, and Palau Mission Academy.

The college also wishes to extend its congratulations to all Palauan students who are graduating from junior high schools, high schools and colleges outside the Republic of Palau. Your hard work and dedication have finally paid off and the only challenge you face right now is where to go from here. As the only accredited institution of higher learning in the Republic of Palau, Palau Community College is willing and eager to take on the challenge in serving you, especially the high school graduates. Please consider PCC in your future education and training plans. Once again, congratulations to you all and may God bless you.

Rainwater Catchment System Workshop

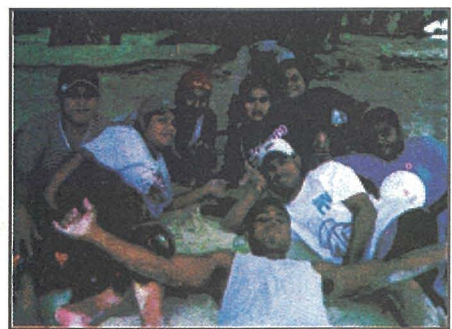


The Palau Community College Cooperative Research & Extension (PCC-CRE), Division of Environmental Health (DEH) and Palau Environmental Quality Protection Board (EQPB) collaboratively conducted a free Rainwater Catchment System Workshop on May 12, 2005. A Public Attitudes Survey conducted by PCC-CRE in Feb. 2004 found seventy percent of the people in Palau use rainwater catchment systems as their primary drinking water source. The same survey found almost ninety percent of the respondents not satisfied with the quality of their drinking water in concurrence with the EQPB's test showing over ninety-five percent of catchment water tested positive of fecal coliform bacteria. In response to help address this water quality issue, PCC-CRE, DEH and EQPB developed a simplified *Guide to Rainwater Catchment System in Palau* and used it as a teaching material. The twenty-five (25) participants from the Palau Community Action Agency, Division of Environmental Health, Palau Community College, Bureau of Public Works, Ministry of Education, NECO Tabecheding Water, Aqua Drinking Water, WCTC and Palau Conservation Society had the opportunity to learn water and clorox bleach calculations for proper water treatment, and reviewed best practices for maintaining safe drinking water quality in the catchment system. The participants were given free test kits, donated by the DEH and assembled by EQPB, to enable fecal coliform bacterial tests of their home drinking water. This workshop will be extended to the rest of Palau. Contact PCC-CRE (488-2746), DEH (488-6073) and EQPB (488-1639) for future workshop schedule and Fecal Coliform Bacterial Tests.

Student Support Service-Project Beacon Students Tour Rock Islands

By: Project Beacon Students

On Friday, May 13, 2005, Project Beacon staff and peer tutors/counselors accompanied about seventy participants on a trip to Bablomekang. Once the students got to the island, a friendly game of volleyball started. Teams were created and the competition began. Some students, who weren't into volleyball, took a swim, while others went on a *SURVIVOR* hike around the small island in front of Bablomekang. Lunch, provided by PCC cafeteria and Student Services, was a real treat. Everyone had his/her fill of the great food. After a short break, team work and cooperation were put to the test, in a series of fun activities. "*TUG OF WAR*" got underway, and the two teams battled each other for first place. After two rounds and exhausted muscles, a tie was attained. Screaming muscles and burning hands assisted the students in deciding against a third round, thus we moved on to the "*BAT RELAY*." Students and instructors became so dizzy after twirling *seven times* around a bat, head down. Running back to tag the next team member became such a challenge as many fell flat on their faces, while some ended up crawling, causing uproar amongst those who were cheering their teammates on. With heads spinning and stomachs rolling, the teams settled on the next activity, *Kick Ball*. The team activities were centered on the theme of team work and cooperation. When all the activities were completed the project counselor gave a short talk reiterating the concepts of team work and cooperation. The Director of SSS-Project Beacon also spoke to the students about how important it was for them as program participants to actively participate in all services/activities that Project Beacon conducts, as it is all geared toward ensuring their academic success here at PCC. Participants were congratulated as well for completing their minimum of 30 hours of participation with Project Beacon Program. Special recognition was given to Dilyusech Polloi, Erinlucy Welly and John Stills for their active participation in the program.



BITS AND PIECES...

2005 International Essay Contest

Theme: "Caring for Our Planet" – We human beings are enabled to live through the blessing of nature and relations with other people. However, human activities are harming our planet in various ways. How can we build a global society in which everyone can enjoy a good and happy life while caring for our planet? What are the things you can do in your daily life or in your community?

Guidelines:

- Essays may be submitted by anyone up to 25 years old in one of the following age categories:
 - children (ages up to 15)
 - Youth 16-25
- Essays must be 800 words or less, typed or printed in English.

For more detailed information about the essay contest, please contact the PCC Development Office at 488-2471, ext. 253.

Volunteers Wanted.....

The Organizing Committee for the South Pacific Mini-games to be hosted by Palau is looking for a few good men and women. This will be a great opportunity to participate in one of the region's biggest sporting events. Over 22 countries from throughout the Pacific will converge in Palau from July 25 till August. Preparations are well in hand, the facilities are all but ready so it is now up to our volunteers to show their support and ensure that this once in a lifetime event is a great success. For more information on how you can volunteer please call Susan Ngirausui or Baklai Temengil of the Palau National Olympic Committee Office at 488-6562.

New Library Hours for Semester Break

Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm
Saturday 9am - 6pm
Sunday 12noon - 6pm
Closed Friday, May 27, 2005

PCC Students Awarded UMEB Scholarship

Four PCC students were awarded UMEB (Undergraduate Mentoring Environmental Biology) scholarship for summer 2005 at UH-Manoa campus. The four students are Sierra Isalias, Victor Nestor, Keib Delemel and Gerda Ucharm. The program will involve participation in research both in the field and the laboratory.

UMEB is an interdisciplinary program in Environmental Science for students from the Pacific Islands, funded by the National Science Foundation. The goal is to train and educate undergraduate students who are permanent residents of the Pacific Islands, in aspects of environmental science and conservation so that a knowledge-base in the said fields is provided to the islands of the Pacific.

2005 Graduation Dates

School/Institution	Date & Time	Place
Palau Community College	May 20, 2005 @ 10:00 P.M.	PCC Cafetorium
Bethania High School	May 21, 2005 @ 9:00 A.M.	Bethania HighSchool
Palau High School	May 25, 2005 @ 3:00 P.M.	PCC Track & Field
Emmaus High School	May 27, 2005@ 1:00 P.M.	Koror Evangelical Church
Belau Modekngai School	May 28, 2005 @10:00 A.M.	Belau Modekngai School
Palau Mission Academy	May 29, 2005 @2:05 P.M.	Koror SDA Church
Mindszenty High School	June 03, 2005 @ 9:00 A.M.	Felix K. Yaoch Gym

PCC Continuing Education Summer Kids Program

PCC-CE Summer Kids Program for 2005 include the following classes:
English Reading (3rd - 8th Grade)
English Writing (3rd - 8th Grade)
Palauan Writing (3rd - 8th Grade)
Basic Mandarin (3rd - 8th Grade)

The classes are designed to provide children with summer activities while helping them to learn new skills to and further enhance their language skills, which may help them to improve their grades and become better students.

Classes will begin on June 6, 2005
Last Day of Class is July 1, 2005
Last day for registration is June 3, 2005

If you want to know more information about these classes, please call Ms. Eileen Babauta or Ms. Taruu Nakamura at telephone number 488-2470/2471/6223.