

Upward Bound program Graduates 37

The Upward Bound(UB) program held their 16th Annual Graduation ceremony on Friday, July 23, 1999 at the cafeteria. The UB Class of 1999 included thirty-seven students from four different high schools in Palau, namely, Palau High School, Mindszenty High School, Belau Modekngai School, and Bethania High School. "We are proud to claim that all our graduates have at least one college or university that they have been accepted to," remarked Helen Immanuel, UB Assistant Program Director.


The following is a list of the UB Class of 1999, the High Schools they attended, and the Post-secondary school they'll be attending this coming Fall:

NAME	HIGH SCHOOL	POST-SECONDARY
Absalom Abia	BMS	Palau Comm. Coll.
Adara Ngiraingas	MHS	Selective Service
Alana Baules	PHS	Eastern Ariz. Coll.
Alsendor Sali	MHS	Univ. of Hawaii, Hilo
Audrey Alfonso	PHS	Palau Comm. Coll.
Brandall Ulengchong	MHS	Univ. of Hawaii, Hilo
Brynn Demei	PHS	Lassen Comm. Coll.
Casey Ockeriil	PHS	Univ. of Hawaii, Hilo
Colleen Dermody	MHS	Temple Univ.
Efren Marquez Jr.	PHS	Univ. of Hawaii, Hilo
Emilia Katosang	PHS	Univ. of Hawaii, Hilo
Everdil Rechebei	MHS	Purdue Univ.
Evita Ngimeriil	PHS	Palau Comm. Coll.
Francine Matsutaro	PHS	Hawaii Pacific Univ.
Jacey Kay Pedro	PHS	Palau Comm. Coll.
Jade Kloulechad	PHS	Univ. of Guam
Jennifer Dermody	MHS	Temple Univ.
Jennifer Skebong	MHS	Selective Service
Johnpaul Sugiyama	MHS	Menlo Coll.
Jovanka Koshiba	MHS	Chaminade Univ.
Kane Olebuu	PHS	Palau Comm. Coll.
Lesai Lukas	BHS	Palau Comm. Coll.
Loyola Darius	PHS	Univ. of Hawaii, Hilo

NAME	HIGH SCHOOL	POST-SECONDARY
Makkahealani Oime	PHS	U-H, Manoa
Maylanie Simer	PHS	Palau Comm. Coll.
Mindy Ewatei	PHS	Palau Comm. Coll.
Noelani Wachi	PHS	Univ. of Hawaii,
HiloOmdiais Skebong	BMS	Univ. of Hawaii, Hilo
Omdiderengul Marino	MHS	Univ. San Francisco
Pierre Besebes	MHS	Coll. of Notre Dame
Raakook Singeo	PHS	U-H, Manoa
Samantha Yobech	MHS	Palau Comm. Coll.
Sean A. Teekriu	PHS	Lassen Comm. Coll.
Shielanie Remoket	PHS	Palau Comm. Coll.
Shirley Kailang	BHS	Eastern Oregon Coll.
Shoan Kual	PHS	Palau Comm. Coll.
Valena Joseph	PHS	Palau Comm. Coll.


* PHS - Palau High School
 * MHS - Mindszenty High School
 * BMS - Belau Modekngai School
 * BHS - Bethania High School

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAY

 Takemura Erungel July 25
 Sarah Clayton July 26
 Jane Barnwell July 30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL!!

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PCC-CRE Implements Tapioca Varietal Studies at R&D Station

The Palau Community College-Cooperative Research and Extension initiated one replicated yield trial and two sets of germplasm collection of local varieties of tapioca also known as cassava or *diokang*, at the Research and Development Station in Ngaremlengui in June. This study is a portion of a project called "Evaluation and Propagation of Root Crop Varieties Adaptable under Palauan Environment" supported through Hatch funds administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The main purpose of the yield trial is to identify highly adaptable varieties of this crop in Palau. A highly adaptable variety is high yielding in terms of number and weights of tubers, resistant to major pests like red spider mite or AIDS and has a "good-eating" quality. This quality is determined by conducting a taste test consisting of some parameters such as sweetness, bitterness, color, aroma, smoothness or roughness of boiled tubers. For this purpose, 18 varieties are laid out in a Randomized Complete Block Design with three replications. Varieties to be observed for the aforementioned traits are the following: *Coop, Dilubech, Klerang, Ngeriar, Ngchesar, Ngeaur, Ngaremlengui, Ngesuong, Ochobirang, Sers, Iseball, Ngerdwais, Blorang, Modekngai, Smiich, Elbaki, Masae and Mechebechubel.*

Two sets of germplasm collection are being set up. The first set is coming from the donors of the Root Crops Women's Conference held at the PCC Cafeteria in September 1997. The second one is made possible by two Grade 1 students (Alai France and Klerang Madraisau) from the Ngaremlengui Elementary School and their mothers. The germplasm collection is mainly intended to maintain the identity of varieties and for preservation of local crops.

The first set of collection consists of the varieties that are to be evaluated for yield and other desirable traits. The second set has a total of 37 varieties. These are: *Umad, Yasiring, Terue, Murako, Homestead, Ngchar, Ibobang, Tikei, Aderuangel, Iseball, Idenges, Uchulaluuk, Ngesuong, Eualbui, Sibal, Ulang, Kodep, Simizu, Beluueremetengel, Hide, Ngkud, Masao, Dokkoiso, Mechebechubel, Karolinas, Fiji, Emeraech, Oreor, Ueki, Olik.* All the sets will be observed for the differences in growth habit, color of stems, leaves, tubers, reaction to pests and yields during the growth period of about 6 months from planting.

For more information, please call PCC-CRE at Tel. #488-2746, Fax #488-3307.

35 Replacement Teachers Graduate

The "crash" Course in Education program concluded last week with all 35 participants receiving their certificates during a brief ceremony at the Marina Hotel. All 35 graduates will begin their teaching career this coming Fall, with all of them at the elementary level except for three that will teach at Palau High School.

The following is a list of the graduates and the schools they will be teaching at:

Graduates	School
Julia Wally-Jamila	Koror Elm. School
Arnedia K. Obeketang	Koror Elm. School
Mayleen Ngirion	Koror Elm. School
Keneth Ngirngemeusch	Koror Elm. School
Deborah T. Wiley	Koror Elm. School
Hilda Kenzio	Koror Elm. School
Donna Udui	Koror Elm. School
Rosa Lynne Florendo	Koror Elm. School
Yvonne Ruluked	Koror Elm. School
Judson Betelbai	Harris Elm. School
Paula Temael	Harris Elm. School
Clarinda Worswick	Harris Elm. School
Pamela T. Swei	Harris Elm. School
Arlee Maidesil	Harris Elm. School
Olivine Joseph	Harris Elm. School
Osamu Ngirchechol	Harris Elm. School
Lucia Tabelual	Harris Elm. School
Hayes Ngotel	Ngchesar Elm. School
Mary Basio	Ngchesar Elm. School
Sophie Gibson	Kayangel Elm. School
Johnson Joshua	Airai Elm. School
Smyth Rdang	Airai Elm. School
Julita Debengek	Ngaraard Elm. School
Lou Ann Sungino	Meyuns Elm. School
Lady Ngiratkal	Meyuns Elm. School
Alfred Pedro	Meyuns Elm. School
Melanie Nestor	Meyuns Elm. School
Rosalita Ngwal	Meyuns Elm. School
Joyce Ramarui	Meyuns Elm. School
Ernestine Kadoi	Melkeok Elm. School
Ruth Elbelau	Melkeok Elm. School
Natalie Faustino	Ngarchelong ELm. School
Ibuuch T. Dean	Palau High School
Norma Abraham	Palau High School
Lilly Oilouch	Palau High School

Project Beacon - A Student Support Service

Project Beacon is a student support service here at the college which is designed to help students successfully finish their chosen fields of study. It is made of four components that will help a student throughout his/her education stay. Just as a lighthouse's beacon guides ships sagely to port, the student support program guides students smoothly towards graduation.

The first two components of the program consist of Project Counseling and Career Counseling. The Project counseling includes both academic counseling and personal counseling. This component is designed to assist students with academic problems they might encounter. It also aids the students in filling out financial aid forms, choosing appropriate courses, making educational plans, and meeting academic requirements. The counselor can also assist with personal problems and decisions. Study skills workshops are held each fall and spring semester for any interested students and cultural trips are also provided to give students the opportunity to learn and appreciate Palauan culture.

The Career Counseling component consists of career exploration/advising and assistance with college transfers; specifically to 4 year colleges and universities. Career assistance provides students the opportunity to relate their abilities and interests to actual manpower needs and labor projections for their homelands. Job site visits are offered to give students opportunities to experience the actual workplace of their chosen major. The counselor also provides assistance with job application forms, resumes, reference letters and job placement. Transfer assistance includes help with, housing applications, and scholarship and loan applications. Workshops on resume writing, job seeking skills and college transfer are offered during the fall and spring semesters.

The last two component of the program consist of the math and english components. Here, the students are able to get tutorial assistance in all levels of math and developmental english. Whenever a student needs assistance with an assignment, with understanding a particular lesson or with reviewing for a test, he/she can just walk in and find both peer and professional staff available. A permanent schedule can be set up for those who wish continual assistance throughout the semester. The math and english staff also offers a computer assisted lab that has math and grammar software programs designed to improve students' skills in these areas.

The required reading lab for developmental english classes is also found at the math and english component. Here students acquire basic reading skills while putting in the required number of hours for their developmental english courses.

The Project Beacon program is housed in two separate offices. The main office, where the academic counseling and career counseling are found, is located across from the cafeteria on the lower campus. The math and english services are located on the upper campus at the end of the library building. Stop by any time. No appointments necessary.

PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE 1999 THANKSGIVING FUNDRAISING DINNER

PALAU PACIFIC RESORT
November 24, 1999

GRAND PRIZE: Brand New Vehicle

1st Prize: \$2,000.00
2nd Prize: \$1,000.00
3rd Prize: \$500.00
4th Prize: \$250.00
5th-10th Prizes \$150.00



Only 500 tickets are available, so buy your ticket today!
Contact PCC Development Office at Tel: 488-2471.
Deadline for tickets is September 30, 1999.

Tickets will be for a buffet dinner and entertainment at Palau Pacific Resort.

All proceeds from this fundraising event will go to the Palau Community College Endowment Fund.

PCC Library Gives to Sonsorol State

Palau Community College Library recently donated books and several recent issues of the National Geographic magazine to the State of Sonsorol. Jane Barnwell, PCC librarian, in her letter to Sonsorol State Governor, Kurterbis Kurtermalei, expressed the College's pleasure at being able to share the love of books and reading with the residents of Sonsorol State.

ATTENTION STAFF & STUDENTS!!

Please submit your articles for our weekly newsletter, Mesekiu's News, to Armstrong Debelbot at the Development Office no later than 3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Thank you for your support!!!

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Summer 1999 Calendar

	Session #1	Session #3
Last day for all withdrawals	July 13th (T)	July 26th (M)
Last day of Instruction	Aug. 6th (F)	Aug. 5th (TH)
Final Examination Period	Aug. 9-11 (M-W)	Aug. 5th (TH) (6-8 pm)
Grades due	Aug. 13th (F)	Aug. 9th (M)
End of Summer Session	Aug. 13th (F)	Aug. 5th (TH)

Attention new PCC Students

All returning, re-admitted, transfer and new students are invited and encouraged to attend our fall 1999 Orientation Program. Your Key To A Successful Beginning will take place August 16-18, 1999 at the Cafeteria.

Orientation is an opportunity for students to get a head start on their college experience. It is an introduction to both the academic and students life aspects of the institution, and provides ample opportunities to interact with other new students, returning students leaders, faculty, and staff. Please make a note on these dates listed below and we look forward to seeing you on campus.

Fall 1999 Pre-Registration for Continuing Students

Pre-registration for all continuing students will be on a first-come, first-served basis starting Monday, August 2, 1999 through Friday, August 13, 1999.

- ✓ Meet with your advisor for program planning and advising.
- ✓ Complete the registration worksheet with your advisor.
- ✓ Submit your completed registration worksheet to the Office of Admissions & Financial Aid.
- ✓ Pay the required initial tuition fee of \$50.00 & obtain a clearance from the Business Office.
- ✓ Present your Clearance at the Office of Admissions & Financial Aid beginning on August 9, 1999 to August 18, 1999 & pick up your official Student Class Schedule.

Note 1: A student who pre-registers must pick up his/her official class schedule no later than 12:00 noon on August 18, 1999. Any student who fails to pick up his/her official class schedule by this deadline will lose the pre-registered classes and he/she will have to go through the registration procedures again starting August 19, 1999.

Note 2: Any continuing students who does not pre-register between August 2nd and August 13, 1999, will have to wait till August 19, 1999 to register.

Important Dates To Remember

New Students Orientation	August 16-18th (M-W)
Academic Advising & Registration	August 18th (W)
Registration Day	August 19th (TH)
First Day of Instruction	August 23rd (M)
Late Registration/Drop & Add period	August 20-26th (F-TH)

WEBSITE OF THE WEEK

UBL, the Ultimate Band List, helps connect people to information on their favorite rock 'n roll bands. Just type the name of the band and click the *Find* button. You can also select Album or Resources to locate that information through the search engine. UBL is a great way to find links, but the site is also happy to sell you related materials. <http://ubl.com>

