

New Members Join Endowment Club

PCC's endowment membership drive continues to gain the support of local employees who believe that education is important to the overall growth of our nation. There are over 1,000 state and national government employees who donate directly out of their paychecks to the PCC endowment fund. This week we are excited to see more people join these hundreds of employees who have enrolled in the program to support Palau's only college, PCC.

This week we are proud to welcome an alumnus, **Fabian Iyar**, a former student at PCC who graduated in 1993. Mr. Iyar is currently the Chief of the Division of Finance and Accounting from the Ministry of Finance. Mr. Iyar is a proud example of a former student who not only gives back to his community but is also a great role model for this year's graduating class to emulate: *that if you work hard and have a good education you will succeed.*

From our very PCC campus we welcome three (3) new members **Dilyaur Franz**, and **Maria Teruzi**, from the CRE Department and **Debra Omengbar**, who hails from PCC's Adult High School Program.

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 provided by our college, Palau Community College!



Fabian Iyar,
Chief, Division of
Finance/Accounting



Dilyaur Franz



Maria Teruzi



Debra Omengbar

PCC Academic Calendar Summer Session 2004

May 24-25	Orientation, Advising/Registration (M-T)
May 26	Registration for all Students (W)
May 27-June 2	Late Registration--Add/Drop (R-W)
May 31	First Day of Instruction (M)
June 01	HOLIDAY: President's Day (T)
June 21	Last Day to Remove Spring 2004 Incomplete Grades (M)
June 21-25	Mid-Term Period (M-F)
June 28	Last Day for all Withdrawals (M)
July 02	Last Day of Instruction (F)
July 05-07	Final Examination Period (M-W)
July 09	HOLIDAY: Constitution Day (F)
July 12	Grades Due (M)
July 12	End of Summer Session/Students' Summer Recess (M)

(For information about PCC summer session calendar of activities, call 488-2471, extension 234 or 247).

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/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.

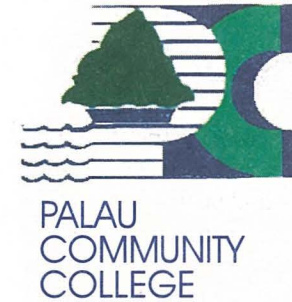
General Information

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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PCC Holds 41st Commencement Exercises!

Today PCC holds its 41st Commencement Exercises at the College Cafetorium beginning at 10am. While the total number of graduates is one hundred forty-four (140), only eighty-eight (85) will participate in the ceremony. In addition to these are the thirty (32) graduates of the PCC Adult High School. Thus, the total number are one hundred seventy six (172) graduates makes this year one of the largest in the history of the college; hence, much cause for celebration!

Four PCC Students Share Valedictorian Honor



Lelean Sigrah

Lekelong Secharraimul

Laureen Joseph

Andrew Tabelual

This year, PCC has not one but four Valedictorians. This award is given to students with the highest cumulative grade point average throughout their studies at PCC. This year, four students were tied for this special honor. The Valedictorians for PCC's graduating class of 2004 are Lelean Sigrah, Lekelong Secharraimul, Laureen Joseph and Andrew Tabelual. Speakers for the commencement exercises are Ms. Sigrah and Mr. Secharraimul.

Valedictorian Lelean Sigrah will return to Yap State of the Federated States of Micronesia to teach at the elementary school level. Prior to attending PCC, Ms. Sigrah was a classroom teacher for two years until she was selected by her government to further her educational goals at PCC. Ms. Sigrah appreciates her learning experience here at PCC and feels that now she is better prepared to carry on her love of teaching in her home island of Yap. Ms. Sigrah receives an Associates of Science Degree in Elementary Education and a second Degree in Special Education with an overall cumulative grade point average of 4.0.

Ms. Sigrah stated: "I give my thanks to the College as a whole for helping me achieve my educational goal. And to those of my friends, and students who remain, I encourage them to put their minds to what they came here for and they will be happy with the end result."

Mr. Lekelong Secharraimul who is also a valedictorian and speaker for the 2004 commencement exercises was selected because of his dedication, good work ethic and positive attitude. He receives an Associate Degree in Liberal Arts with a cumulative G.P.A. of 4.0. Furthermore, Mr. Secharraimul has been awarded the first President Remengesau Scholarship to attend the Grand Valley State University (GVSU).

Ms. Laureen Joseph is the third recipient of the Valedictorian award. She has an excellent academic background and has impressed her fellow students, and teachers with her exceptional enthusiasm and sense of commitment to her studies. Ms. Joseph

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Outstanding Students

At each commencement exercises, the College issues the Outstanding Student Award to deserving students. This award goes to members of the graduating class who have demonstrated high academic achievements, outstanding attitudes both inside and outside the classroom, self-motivation and the desire to succeed in their chosen fields during their entire study at the College. This year, the College is proud to bestow this honor to twenty-seven (27) members of the graduating class of 2004.

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Ngirmeriil Ngirmeriil

Ngirmeriil Gets Citizenship Award!

Aside from the Valedictory award, the most sought after award at each PCC commencement exercises is the Outstanding Citizenship Award. This award goes to the graduate based on 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.

This year's recipient of the Outstanding Citizenship Award is Mr. Ngirmeriil Ngirmeriil. Congratulations Ngirmeriil and Good luck with your educational goals!

has also been awarded the second President Remengesau Scholarship to attend the Grand Valley State University (GVSU). The College is confident that both Lekelong Secharraimul and Laureen Joseph will represent PCC and Palau with pride and dignity at GVSU. This scholarship was created in honor of President Tommy E. Remengesau Jr. as a graduate of GVSU.

Finally, we have Mr. Andrew Tabelual who has also been selected as the 2004 Valedictorian because of his exceptional academic performance. Mr. Tabelual has taught for over seven years at Koror Elementary School. He is a dedicated teacher, father and husband who enjoys giving back to the community through his love of teaching. Mr. Tabelual will return to his field in teaching at Koror Elementary School with an Associate Degree in Education. Mr. Tabelual would like to thank the staff and instructors for their help and support and encourages his former classmates to "To never give up and try your best."

Mr. Tabelual added: "I would like to express my deepest gratitude to my wife and children for their support and for giving me the opportunity to continue my education."


Outstanding Students Awards Continued:

They are: Geisha Adelbai, Lovey Alfonso, Duke Joseph, Gaudencia Ngiramolau, Jennifer Ngwal, Lelean Sigrah, Andrew Tabelual, Marvina Tiningrow, Secundina Azuma, Helene Moros, Laureen Joseph, Jorang Kenty, Mistue Ngirailemesang, Lekelong Secharraimul, Belinda Eungel, Vernice Andrew, Jubilee Justino, Shoyna Kadoi, Agusta Kintaro, Ngedikes Kloulechad, Chasity Nobuo, Maureen Renguul, Norma Adelbai, Hilda Masahiro, Tessa Nobuo, Shirley Odaol, and Felisa Kintoki.

Senator Makes Donation

Honorable Senator Joshua Koshiba, Chairman, Senate Education Committee donated ten cases of water for PCC's Commencement Ceremonies. Although, the Senator Koshiba was unable to attend, Senator did send his best wishes to PCC's Graduating class of 2004. The College expresses its gratitude to Honorable Senator Koshiba for his thoughtful and kind donation.

Celebrating Birthdays

 Audora Nobuo-Andreas May 16
Damiana Kunihiro May 18
Akiko Udui May 20
Frances Kinsang May 22

Happy Birthday To You!!!

PCC Congratulates Class of 2004!

Palau Community College Board of Trustees, President Patrick U. Tellei, along with faculty and staff of the college are proud to convey their heartfelt congratulations to all the PCC graduates including the graduates of Adult High School, Class of 2004. 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 here 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, for the first two years of your post secondary training. Please consider PCC in your future education and training plans. Once again, congratulations to you all and may God bless you.

Scholarship Opportunities For 2004-05 School Year

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 2004-2005, that applications for the following PCC based scholarship programs are available at the PCC Development Office:

- Prince Leeboo Scholarship
- Shell Company (Pacific Islands) Ltd. Scholarship
- Pierantozzi Scholarship
- Roman Tmetuchl Scholarship

Application packets are to be completed and submitted to the PCC Development Office no later than Friday August 15, 2004, the deadline date. For more information about these abovementioned scholarship programs, contact PCC Development Office at telephone number 488-2471, extension 253.

In addition, the following scholarship opportunities for PCC students are available at the Palau National Scholarship Office adjacent to Palau High School Office:

- Palau National Scholarship
- Palau Student Loan
- Congressional Scholastic Award
- Bank of Hawaii Scholarship
- Rotary Club - Dave Williams Scholarship

For information about these scholarship programs, contact National Scholarship Office at tel. 488-3608.



Junko Kobayashi

Instructor Seeks to Make Learning Japanese Fun

PCC's new Japanese instructor, Ms. Junko Kobayashi looks to make the Japanese language fun and interesting for students. Kobayashii hails from Niigata, Japan and is a Japanese Oversees Cooperation Volunteer (JOCV) who will be stationed in Palau for the next two years. JOCVs are similar to their U.S. counterparts, the United State's Peace Corps volunteers in helping young nations develop their human resources through education, technology transfer and the sharing of culture.

JOCVs are part of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), an International Japanese Governmental Organization which seeks to develop, support and promote cooperation and understanding between Japan and developing nations. Kobayashii says she enjoys Palau's warm weather, kind people and slow pace of life. According to Kobayashi, her goal is to not only teach the Japanese language but also share the beauty of Japanese culture and traditions.

Kobayashi stated: "I want students to enjoy learning Japanese language as well as gain an appreciation of Japan's rich culture and traditions."



Cynthia Malsol

PCC Has New Career Counselor

The College welcomes new staff member Cynthia Malsol. Cynthia will serve as the new Career Counselor for PCC. She brings with her a wealth of experience as she has worked for the national government for over 10 years, serving 5 years as a Senate Committee Staff member and five years as a former vocational instructor for Palau High School. In her earlier years, Cynthia attended the Seventh Day Adventists Elementary School and Mindszenty High School. She has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Hawaii Pacific University and a Masters Degree in Education from San Diego State University. Cynthia is married to Jones Temengil and has two beautiful children, a son and daughter named Blailles Jones and Klang Jones. Cynthia says she looks forward to working with PCC's students and helping them plan their career goals and future.

Cynthia states: "I am excited to have this opportunity to work here at PCC and I am ready to help guide and assist our students achieve their ambitions and pursue the career of their dreams."

The College welcomes our new staff members to the PCC Family... Congratulations Junko and Cynthia!!!

PCC Environment Club Members Get UH Internships

PCC Environment Club members, Ngirmeriil Ngirmeriil (2004 Outstanding Citizen) and Lekelong Secharraimul (2004 Valedictorian) have been selected as summer interns for the Undergraduate Mentoring Environmental Biology Program (UMEB). This program is an interdisciplinary program in Environmental Science for students from Pacific Islands, sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

The program's aim is to train and educate undergraduate students who are permanent residents of the Pacific Islands, in various aspects in environmental science and conservation with the hope that these students will one day help protect marine animals and plants that are unique to each island so that they may be conserved and protected for future generations to enjoy. The students are provided free airfare, room and board and a stipend to cover their daily expenses. Ngirmeriil and Lekelong were nominated by their Science Instructor and Advisor, Vernice Yuji.

Yuji stated: "I am very proud of these two young men and I know through environmental programs such as these will inspire them to contribute to the future conservation of Palau's unique marine environment."

Furthermore on behalf of the PCC Environment Club, Instructor Yuji would like to congratulate Irving Dwight, the first student to graduate with an Associate of Science Degree in Environmental Marine Science.

AHS Graduates Excel

Congratulations to the following Adult High School graduates who were selected to receive their respective awards. These deserving graduates are:

Mr. Oscar Antonio and Mr. Henry Chris Santos - They each receive the Exemplary Student Award for not only maintaining a cumulative GPA of 4.0, but also excelling in their school and community work.

Ms. Erica Blodak - She receives the Academic Excellence Award for maintaining the highest cumulative GPA in all her subjects, showing a desire to succeed and maintain a high standard in her school work.

Project Beacon Bids Farewell to Tutors

Staff from the Project Beacon Office, threw a farewell luncheon for their student tutors who graduated today, May 21, 2004. These student tutors are Ngirmeriil Ngirmeriil, (English), Laureen Joseph (Science), Lelean Sigrah (Math) Edgardo David (Math), Dina Ngirmekur (Science) and Mesikt Idechong (English). In commemoration of their success, the students were treated to Pizza and refreshments. According to Midori Mersai, English Instructor with Project Beacon, these students proved to be dedicated and hardworking tutors for their fellow classmates, but most of all they brought a lot of brightness and good cheer to the office.

Mersai stated: "On behalf of the Project Beacon Office, I wish to thank you all so much for being an important part of our office family, and although you will be missed, I know all of you will be successful on your new journey. Good luck and may your journey be filled with much success and joy."