

PCC Endowment Fund At A Glance:

Established for the purpose of securing Palau Community College's financial stability so that it will continue to provide educational and training opportunities for Palau and the Pacific region for years to come. With a goal of \$10 million, the PCC Endowment will not be withdrawn until it reaches the stated goal. The Palau National Government has from time to time contributed to the PCC Endowment Fund through appropriations. More than four hundred PCC and government employees donate to the Endowment Fund every payday. Many state governments, local businesses, agencies, and individuals have contributed to the Endowment Fund at least once. As PCC is a non-profit organization, donations of up to 10% of anyone's/company's income tax may be refunded/written off.

Support Your College

The strength and success of any economy is largely dependent on an educated citizenry. In addition, the success of any community college is dependent on the commitment of the community which it serves. Therefore, let us continue working together to secure the higher educational opportunities for our children by supporting our college, Palau Community College. In return, we will ensure that our children are educated as they prepare to lead our community, our nation.

To donate to PCC, or for more information on how you can help, contact PCC President Patrick U. Tellei or Jay Olegeril at PCC telephone number 488-2471.



More Koror State and ROP Gov't. Staff Become Endowment Members

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. As of two weeks ago, there are 370 national government employees who donate directly out of their paychecks to the PCC endowment fund. This number does not include those members who work in semi or non-government agencies like PNCC, PICRC, Koror and Aimeliik State governments, NDBP and the Palau Housing Authority. This week we are excited to see more people join these over three hundred employees enroll in this program to support Palau's only college, PCC.

At the Koror State Government, we welcome nine (9) new members, **Governor John C. Gibbons, Adalbert Eledui, Stargell 'Tats' Mamis, Eyos Rudimch, Nora Bates, Paloma Soaladaob, Isaias Oiterong, Amos Emiliano, and Florentino Haruo.** In the Ministry of Education, we welcome one (1) new member, **Frienda Wasisang.** From the Ministry of Justice, we see two (2) new members, **Kammen M. Chin and Margie Ngirmidol.** Over at the Ministry of Finance, we welcome three (3) new members, **Bernard Ngiraibai, Egan Meyer, and Edwin Mario.** In the Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs, we welcome five (5) members, **Faustino Renguul, Errolflynn T. Kloulechad, Festino Iskawa, Thomas Techur, and Daniel Adachi.** From the Ministry of State, we welcome one (1) member, **Tashia Kikuharu.** At the Ministry of Health, we see five (5) new members, **Patrick Termeteet, Pedro F. Kyomasa, Antonette Tengeluk, Dawn Doktok, and Lalii Meyer.** From the Palau Housing Authority we see one (1) new member, **Billy Umang.** And, at the Ministry of Resources and Development, we welcome three (3) new members, **Gwendolyn Dililau Bai, Vicky Riungel, and Uelbil P. Michael.**

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!



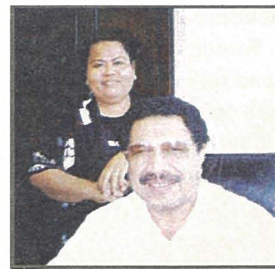
MOH staff Dawn Doktok, Lalii Meyer, Antonette Tengeluk and Pedro Kyomasa



MOS staff Tashia Kikuharu



Koror State Legislator Eyos Rudimch



Koror Governor John C. Gibbons (front) and Charlyne Uong



Koror State staff Amos Emiliano, Isaias Oiterong and Florentino Haruo



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MCCA staff Daniel Adachi



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MOJ staff Kammen Chin (l) and Margie Ngirmidol



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MRD staff Vicky Riungel



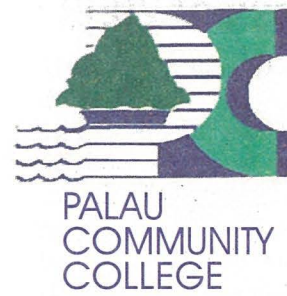
MRD staff Uelbil P. Michael



MOE teacher Frienda Wasisang



Housing Authority's Billy Umang



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PCC Holds 40th Commencement Exercises



Class of 2003 Valedictorian Ms. Elilai R. Bullis

Today PCC holds its 40th Commencement Exercises at the College Cafetorium beginning at 10am. While the total number of graduates is one hundred thirty six (136), eighty (80) will participate in the ceremony. In addition to these are the thirty (30) graduates of the PCC Adult High School and the eighteen (18) graduates of the San Diego State University Masters program. Thus, the total number of one hundred eighty-four (184) graduates makes this year the biggest in the history of this college; hence, much cause for celebration.

Elilai is Valedictorian

The valedictorian for the PCC Class of 2003 is Ms. Elilai R. Bullis. This distinction indicates that among the graduating class, she attained the highest academic achievements. Ms. Bullis came to PCC after graduating from Mindszenty High School in 2000. She graduates with an AS degree in Secondary Education, and is a member of the PCC-PHS Future Teachers' Club. If her name sounds familiar, it is because she is the Ms. Bullis who delivered the keynote address, which was very moving, at the last PEC conference that was held in Palau back in 2000.

Ms. Bullis plans to pursue her educational goals outside of Palau. She leaves a message to everyone, saying "It

has been a great experience that I will always remember. To all staff and faculty, keep up the 'quality and excellence'. To all the future students, PCC will help you achieve your goals. Give it a try and you'll see". Congratulations Ms. Bullis and good luck on your educational endeavors!

Outstanding Students Named

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-four (24) members of the graduating class of 2003. They are: **Cheryl Adachi, Miriam Anastacio, Sabina Andrew, Elilai R. Bullis, Valeria Gabriel, Linus Goray, Hilda Kenzio, Michelle Mengidab, Limei Meyer, Henaro Ngirailid, Gaudencia Ngiramolau, Stais Ngirchokebai, Angelina Obichang, Valentina Omelau, Juliana Ongalibang, Christina Orak, Melan Jane Pedro, Gloria Tem, Jennifer Toribiong, Maybelle Ultirakl, Masato Ushibata, Julia Wally-Jamila, Lei-Lua Watanabe, and Epsie West.**

Sabina Gets Outstanding 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



Ms. Sabina Andrew
Outstanding Citizenship Award Recipient

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 Ms. Sabina Andrew. Ms. Andrew came to PCC after obtaining her GED certificate in 1998. Today, she graduates with an Associate Degree in Tourism and Hospitality - Tour Services. Her motivation for pursuing her education is her son. Ms. Andrew wants her son to grow up knowing that education plays an important role in the success of a person, family, and society as a whole.

Ms. Andrew, in expressing her thoughts about PCC, says "Without the help of PCC and the understanding of the staff and faculty, I would not be here today. Words cannot express the gratitude I have toward everyone at PCC. Please know that I will always be grateful for your kind assistance which made this all possible".

PCC congratulates Ms. Andrew on being this year's recipient of the Outstanding Citizenship Award, and wishes her success as she continues on to pursue her bachelor's degree.

Congratulations to the Adult High School, PCC, and SDSU Class of 2003!!!

Scholarship Opportunities For 2003-04 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 2003-2004, that applications for the following PCC based scholarship programs are available at the PCC Development Office:

Moylan's Insurance Underwriters, Inc. Scholarship
Prince Leeboo Scholarship
Shell Company (Pacific Islands) Limited Scholarship
Polycarp International Enterprise 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, 2003, 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.

READ-ALOUD IS BACK

The PCC Library will once again be hosting the Didil Belau, Inc.'s Read-Aloud Program. After more than a year's break, the program is now scheduled to begin on June 7th (Saturday) at 10:00 am in the Children's Corner at the PCC Library, and every first Saturday of every month thereafter. All children from age 4 to 12 are welcome to participate. Bring your favorite book to the Read-Aloud and share it with other children.

Didil Belau, Inc., a local women's group, is very active in promoting literacy programs in the community, and sponsors the Scripps Howard Elementary Spelling Bee and the High Schools' spelling bee every year.

Didil Belau members will run the Read-Aloud program, but volunteers from the community are very welcome. Please contact Mrs. Ann Kitalong at 587-2476 for more information. Any member of the community who wishes to donate books to the Children's Corner of the PCC Library may bring them at anytime the Library is open - weekdays from 8am to 8pm, Saturdays from 9am to 6pm, and Sundays from 12noon to 6pm.

PCC Congratulates the Class of 2003

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 San Diego State University (SDSU) Masters Degree recipients and graduates of Adult High School, Class of 2003. 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 colleges and high schools outside of 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.

Adult High School Academic Calendar Summer Session 2003

May 12-27, 2003 - REGISTRATION: Continuing and New Students
May 29, 2003 - ORIENTATION: New Students
June 2, 2003 - HOLIDAY: President's Day
June 3, 2003 - First Day of Instruction
June 30-July 2, 2003 - MIDTERM Exams
July 3-4, 2003 - SUMMER BREAK: No Classes
July 9, 2003 - HOLIDAY: Constitution Day
August 4-6, 2003 - FINAL EXAM Week
August 11, 2003 - Grades Due

From Small Beginnings Come Great Things.

Dutch Proverb

If you have not received your high school diploma, and would like to do so, contact PCC Adult High School at tel. 488-2471. It is our goal to help you obtain your diploma. Begin your journey to success today. Call Us, we're right here waiting for you!!!

High Schools Graduation Dates

Graduation ceremonies for Palau's six high schools have been scheduled to take place all in the month of May 2003. 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)	BHSCampus
Belau Modekngai 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)	MHSGym
Emmaus High School	May 31 (9am)	EHSCampus

CE Summer Program Offerings

In preparing to offer its summer programs, the Palau Community College Continuing Education Office announces to all parents and guardians that PCC will be offering summer courses for our elementary and high school students. These courses are designed to provide our children some form of activities for them to do during the summer while learning new skills to enhance their knowledge, which may help them to improve their grades and become better students. The courses to be offered include:

Course	Students' Grade Level/Age
Arts	4th - 11th Grade
English Reading	4th - 11th Grade
English Writing	4th - 11th Grade
Marine Science	6th - 11th Grade
Mathematics	4th - 11th Grade
Music	4th - 11th Grade
Camping	8 - 14 years old

If you are interested in registering your children in any of these courses, or if you want to know more information about these summer courses, please call Ms. Eileen Babauta or Ms. Taruu Nakamura at PCC Continuing Education at telephone number 488-2471/6223. The deadline for registration is today May 23, 2003.

AG Club Holds Spring Picnic

The student members of the Palau Community College Agriculture Club celebrated the end of a successful semester by holding a picnic at the Rock Island beach known as Kemur Beab on Friday, May 16. The Club invited fellow students and teachers in the Construction Technology and Small Engines programs to join them at the picnic. This was in recognition of the close cooperation of the Agricultural Science program with these programs, and in gratitude for their support of the Agriculture program and the Agriculture Club.

Kudos to the Agriculture Club for a very successful semester, and for showing how a program and its faculty can cooperate and work closely with other programs to produce wonderful results. If you want to learn more about the PCC Agriculture Club, its programs and activities, contact PCC Student Services at telephone number 488-2471, extension 249 or Dr. Joel Miles at 488-2471, extension 245.



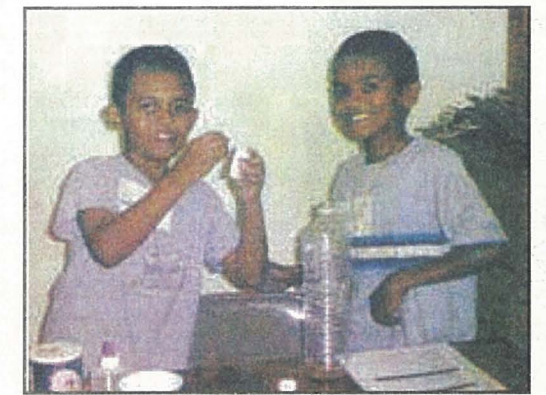
Agriculture Club members pose with their guests at Kemur Beab

CRE AFTER-SCHOOL SCIENCE PROGRAM COMPLETED

The Cooperative Research and Extension's (CRE) After-School Science Program wrapped up last week with twelve 3rd through 5th graders earning a Certificate of Completion. For the past five weeks, these youngsters have learned about the water cycle, built volcanoes, constructed a coral reef and much more. The students had fun conducting experiments and activities and playing games while at the same time learning about physics, chemistry, meteorology, and geology. All the students expressed how disappointed they were that the class was ending but are looking forward to participating in the class again.

All in all 39 students from grades 3-12 participated in this program with 29 students earning Certificates. The class began last February and focused on a wide variety of subject areas. The students were able to conduct many hands-on experiments, which helped to make the learning fun, and kept them interested in the field of science.

CRE is currently accepting applications for its three youth summer programs, Marine Science (June 3rd-20th), Outdoor Wildlife (June 30th-July 18th), and Agriculture Internship (May 28 - August 6). All of these programs are for students who will at least be in 8th grade as of next school year. For more information about CRE's Youth Programs please contact Kris Lloyd at 488-4983.



Dmitri and Tengeluk make clouds during one session of CRE's After-School Science Program

AHS Graduates Excel

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

Ms. Allyne Andrew and Ms. Evaline Derbai - They each receive the Outstanding Student Award for not only maintaining a cumulative GPA of 4.0, but also excelling in their school and community work.

Mr. Lovelynson Wally - He receives the Outstanding Citizenship Award for maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above, exhibiting exemplary behavior and quality or work on the job site.

Ms. Tamara Okabe - 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.