

ALUMNI NOTES:

Class of 1997



Hanson Uchel
Mr. Uchel graduated with AA degree in Liberal Arts. He is working as a Computer Technician at Philip Reklai Associate (PRA).

Class of 2003



Glendalynn Tawo Ngirmeriil
Ms. Ngirmeriil graduated this May, 2005 at the University of Hawaii, Manoa with a Bachelor in Sociology Certificate in Pacific Island Studies.

Class of 2004



Serabel Kuniwo - PCC Alumni 2004
Ms. Kuniwo graduated with AS degree in Criminal Justice. She is currently serving in the U.S. Navy.

Summer Calendar 2005

June 10 (F)	Last Day to Remove Incomplete Grades for Spring Semester
June 20-22 (M-W)	Mid-Term Period
June 29 (W)	Last Day of All Withdrawals
July 7 (TH)	Last Day of Instruction
July 8 (F)	Holiday: Constitutional Day
July 11-13 (M-W)	Final Examination Period
July 18(M)	Grades Due End of Summer Session

OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

The family of Olkeriil Saburo. Olkeriil Saburo was a PCC Alumnus who graduated in 1994 with an AS degree in Police Science.



Also to: Dominina Ngiraibai (Endowment Fund Contributors Club member) on the untimely passing of her daughter, Alexis Thomas.

Small Business workshop

The Palau Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is holding a workshop for Tax & Licenses this summer. The Workshop starts on June 9, 2005 Thursday at 6:00 pm in the PCC Btaches Building, room number 68. There workshop is free but space is limited so interested individual may call the office of SBDC at telephone number 488-6004 to register and reserve a seat. The workshop is sponsored by Palau SBDC in conjunction with Social Security Administration and the Division of Tax & Revenue. The Palau SBDC is sponsored in part by the U.S. Small Business Administration.



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PCC President is the Secretary for the Second Con Con



Con Con Members pose in front of the Olbil Era Kelulau

PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei was selected by his fellow Constitutional Delegates to fulfill the vital role as the Secretary of the Constitutional Convention (Con Con). PCC President Tellei's role as Secretary is to coordinate and organize all the information that will be used to document the Constitutional Convention process. He also serves as a member of the committees on Civil Liberties and Fundamental Rights, Judiciary and General Provisions. There are also additional committees on the Legislature and Executive. These committees are tasked to review the five major sections of the Constitution of Palau: the Executive (CE), the Legislative (LC), General Provisions (CGP), Civil Liberties and Fundamental Rights (CCLFR) and the Judiciary (CJ). Sessions on the Con Con are aired live on radio stations Eco-Paradise 87.9 and WWFM 89.5. Sessions are also televised nightly on channel 23 and 25 on the Palau National Communications Corporation's (PNCC) Island Cable Television (ICTV). PCC President Tellei invites PCC students to learn more about Palau's Constitution by reading the supreme law of the land in its entirety and familiarize themselves with this very important historical document. The Con Con committees will be accepting proposed amendments to Constitution until June 6, 2005. The Con Con began on May, 15, 2005 and will last until July 15, 2005. All Con Con committees are accepting comments and ideas from any interested parties, organizations and individuals in reference to the topics and provisions of the Constitution. The Con Con delegates and staff may be contacted at 488-2455/2522.

PCC Tourism Club Student Visit Angaur State

Submitted by the PCC Tourism Club Students

Palau Community College Tourism and Hospitality Club with their instructors Soledad Garcia and Vicki Maui had four days of a tour expedition in the State of Angaur on May 13-16, 2005. The students went on sight-seeing tour around the island with their instructors. They also observed Ms. Fuana Tomei, a local pastry chef demonstrate the process of "belelus" making. On the final day of the tour, the students boarded the boat, ready to depart back to Koror. After hours of waiting on the boat, the students found out that their return trip home would have to wait another day because of mechanical problems. To cheer up the disheartened PCC students, the Angaur State Government provided a state vehicle to take the students swimming and crab hunting that evening. The crab hunting expedition proved to be successful because of the exceptional ability of PCC students Margie and Dawnette who caught most of the *rekung*. All of the students who made this trip realized that the challenges of sleeping with mats on hard cement floors,



PCC faculty and students pose at Diangel, Angaur's main landing dock.

showing in cold water, without the use of cellular phones, telephones and television was not so bad. They learned to appreciate the simplicity of life, which gave them a sense of what it was like to be true survivors and adventurers.

The 13 students and their instructors like to express their deepest gratitude to Governor of Angaur Horace N. Raphael, Edita Kazuo, Lilly Joseph for providing land transportation, food and water; Ms. Fuana Tomei, who taught the traditional method of baking "belelus"; Mr. Leon Gulibert for donating cases of water and a cooking pot; Mrs. Kalista Raphael for the donation of a bag of rice and vegetables; Keiko Moses and Rosang Kazuo for floor mats and pillows, and others who welcomed us and showed us the true spirit of Angaur hospitality. *Chad ra Angaur, kom mal mlo mesaul!*

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Reminders for PCC Students

Parking: PCC students may park in the front parking by the main road. No parallel parking is allowed there. There are also parking spaces behind the Miich and Tekrar buildings.

Buying Books: The Bookstore sells books, school supplies, drinks & snacks. Don't mark in your books until you are sure you will not be changing your schedule. Be sure to hold on to your receipts. You may charge for your books if you are eligible for financial aid, have received your Financial Aid Award or expecting a refund. Make payment arrangement with Janice Termetet at the Business Office.

First Day of Class: It is very important that you attend the first day of classes. You will meet your instructor, who will outline the course and discuss course requirements. Some instructors may use the first day for introductions only, while others may start with instruction. Don't miss the first day of class. If you miss the first-two days of class, your instructor will drop your name and your slot will be given to other students who may be waiting to get in. Once you are dropped, you'll be required to go back to the Registrar & Records Office to add another course.

Palau Community College student ID card can be obtained at Student Service Office. If you have not been issued one, stop by at the office and get one. All eligible students are required to carry PCC student ID card to access or utilize college services, receive work study pay check and for general identification around campus. The first issuance is free of charge. A replacement card will be assessed a \$5.00 fee.

LIBRARY XEROXING AND E-MAIL SERVICES

All returning and new students who wish to utilize the library's xeroxing services are reminded to purchase a xerox card from any one of the PCC Library staff. Card prices are as follows:

First Card	- \$4.00 for 20 copies and \$7.00 for 50 copies
Second Card	- \$2.00 for 20 copies and \$5.00 for 50 copies

All students and community members who check e-mail using Library computers A, B, and C and other Library equipment are reminded to present a valid PCC ID card and Library card respectively. The computers are on a first-come first-served basis. If you would like help, just ask any of our friendly Library staff, and they will be more than happy to assist you!

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Friday 8am - 8pm
Saturday 9am - 6pm
Sunday 12noon - 6pm

PAL Attracts Children to Library

The Palau Association of Libraries in cooperation with local libraries is offering the 2005 PAL Summer Reading Program. Letters from PAL has been sent out to all elementary principals informing them about the program and to have teachers encouraged students to participate and improve their reading skills.

The purpose of the PAL Summer reading Program is to promote reading, stimulate curiosity, and attract children to the library. The emphasis is on letting children read for fun and helping them retain valuable reading skills during their summer vacation. The PAL Summer Reading Program is self-paced reading program in which children keep track of the books they read or the time they spend reading. They may register at their local library starting on June 13, 2005 and ending July 22, 2005.

The guidelines for the program are simple. Participating students are asked to read age-appropriate books over a month period and fill out a book report form for each book read. All students who meet their reading goal will get participation certificate when school starts in August. Teacher are asked to encourage their students to read over the summer months. Further information can be obtained by contacting any local librarian, schools or call PCC Library at 488-3540 or Palau Public Library at 488-2973.

Tutoring available at Project Beacon

Project Beacon is offering tutors for students in need of assistance in their courses. Students may also apply to become project clients by feeling out application forms. Once clients, students can walk in Project Beacon Office for tutoring anytime.

Students who want to become project clients may stop by and see Adora Nobuo Adreas and fill out application forms. Project Beacon accepts only one hundred eighty (180) applications for its clients a year. Students, help is available if you seek it out. There are people ready to help you succeed, but you need to take the initiative.

The following are Project Beacon Counselors:

-Adora Nobuo Adreas- Project Counselor
-Mekreos Silil, Midori Mersai and Hamada Vitralei -
Lab Instructors for English, Math and Science.

Student Support Services is one of the federal programs funded by the U.S. Department of Education and is operating under Student Services. It was established to give support to students who want to utilize their full potential but are having difficulty in doing so. The Student Support Services staff are concerned not only with each student's academic progress, but also with that student as an individual. Through this program, each student receives assistance and encouragement that will enable him/her to be successful at Palau Community College. The components of the program are tutoring, counseling, and cultural activities.

BITS AND PIECES...

Welcome to the 2005 Summer Session.....

This week began the College's 2005 summer session and so the College campus was abuzz with many familiar as well as new faces. With this new beginning, it is a wonderful opportunity for PCC students to secure good grades in the short period of time this summer. Therefore, the College - via this newsletter - offers study tips on how to earn those good grades that are aimed at by all the students. Read and heed these articles - like the one on the right - as well as remember those important dates that must not be forgotten. This way, you will increase your chances of earning the desired grade.

Almost Four hundreds Students Set to Enroll at PCC....

As of May 30, 2005, total summer enrollment is 352. This number will change as students continue to register throughout the week. Summer 2005 enrollment is expected to reach 440 with additional 50 headstart teachers and 20 nursing students from Yap will begin summer school on June 13th. A 30 percent increase in summer 2005 enrollment as compared to summer 2004 of 337 students.

UBMS Summer Program Orientation

The Upward Bound Math and Science (UBMS) summer residential program orientation meeting is on Sunday June 5th, at 4:30 p.m. at PCC Cafeteria. Junior and senior participants and their parents are expected to attend this meeting. Students should be prepared to move into the dormitory right after the orientation. UBMS summer residential program will also have its first trip on June 10th to the Jelly Fish Lake. Class of 2005 is invited to join. A sign-up sheet is available at UBMS office. For further information, please contact 488-3965.

Get in Touch with Your MOC/PCC Classmates!

Would you like to get in touch with your MOC/PCC classmates? One way to do this is to have your contact number or address available at the PCC Development Office. We can announce (via this newsletter) that we have your contact number/address; thus, anyone who went to school with you and wishes to reach you may simply contact the PCC Development Office and we will help connect you to your classmate(s). Find out what your college friends have been doing over these past years. Who knows, maybe they have been trying to touch base with you but have not been able to obtain your contact number/address. Try this service and see where it takes you!!!

Study Tips for All Students

Studying is more than just a way to get grades, it is a way to grow and develop as a person and contributing member of society. However, there are several things you must do to become a successful student. Start by taking care of your health, eating properly, exercising and getting the proper amount of rest. The following tips will help you to become a more effective studier and a better student as you begin this new summer term at PCC:

Traits of Successful Students

Good students attend class regularly. They are on time and pay attention to what the instructor has to say. If you must miss a class, let the instructor know AHEAD of time. Call or e-mail them... they will appreciate it.

-Take advantage of extra credit opportunities. This demonstrates you care about your grade and want to earn a good grade.

-Successful students speak in class; participate in class discussions, despite clumsy or difficult attempts to ask pertinent questions. Others may have the same questions as well. There are NO dumb questions.

-Check with your instructor about grades, clarifying discussion points, and upcoming dates.

-Turn in assignments on time. Take the time to produce a product you are proud of. Don't just do it to get it done.

- Be attentive in class. Don't talk, read, sleep, stare out the window, or let your mind drift. Although this is difficult, especially during those boring lectures, you'll be much better off for this later.

-Complete all your work and **DON'T LEAVE BLANKS ON TESTS!** Guess if you are not sure. Go for partial credit.

-Stay on top of assignment and know when tests and pertinent dates are coming up during the term.

Classroom Advice:

-Don't let your thoughts wander. Focus on the instructor and pay attention to their points!

-Take neat, legible and pertinent notes. Don't write down everything, but write important points!

-Ask questions, but not if they have been asked previously (unless you are clarifying a point)

-Class attendance is vital to success in class. Show up on time and be ready to learn.

-Don't ask for special favors. Instructors are most likely to help you if you are gracious and don't seem too needy.

-Never talk when the instructor is speaking.

-Don't sit next to that person who likes to chat.

-Make frequent appointments with the instructor. Make them earn their money. (*More tips in later issues...*)