

12 MINISTRY OF EDUCATION EMPLOYEES JOIN PCC ENDOWMENT FUND CLUB

The College continues to enroll new members to the PCC Endowment Fund Club. These generous individuals donate to PCC and then at the end of the year, apply for a 100% refund for their donations. This week we are excited to see that more employees of the national government are enrolling in this program to support Palau's only college, PCC. At the Ministry of Education, Special Education Bureau, we welcome twelve (12) new members, Jeffrey Olegeriil, Esther Rengulbai, Angelina Ngemaes, Faustino Ngemelas, Elizabeth Kintoki, Nancy Ngirarikel, Gordon Aderiano, Alfonso Ngiramengior, Sterlina Gabriel, Azaria Timarong, Darcy Iskawa and Anemary Solang. Thank you for your genouristy!

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!



Jeffrey Olegeriil



Front: Esther Rengulbai and Angelina Ngemaes
Back: Faustino Ngemelas, Elizabeth Kintoki, and Nancy Ngirarikel



Gordon Aderiano



Alfonsa
Ngiramengior



Sterlina Gabriel



Azaria Timarong



Project Beacon Staff Pose with former Tutors who have graduated this year.....Good Luck!

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.

For further information, contact Ms. Karen Mobil at telephone (680) 488-2470/2471.

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jurisdictions within 12 hours of activation. The SNS was activated for both the 9/11 terrorists and anthrax attack in the U.S. Representatives who attended the disaster workshop were from the Ministries of Health, Finance, Justice, Commerce and Trade and National Emergency Management Office. The workshop helped participants develop plans on how to receive, distribute and secure SNS once it arrives in Palau.



Incoming Freshmen Students...The Next Generation



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Board Approves Recommended Faculty Policy Changes

PCC's Board of Trustees approved policy changes recommended by the Faculty Senate Association. These policy changes focused on student attendance, the grading scale and the adjustment of instructor class loads. According to Vicky Maui, Faculty Senate President, the changes in the policies of student attendance would allow greater flexibility for instructors in how they teach their classes and shift more of the responsibility of class time management to the students themselves.

Maui also says the change in the grading scale would bring the College in tune with the more traditional standardized grading scale used by most institutions of higher learning. In addition, she says the new standardized grading policy would open more scholarship opportunities for students because it would be a more accurate assessment of their academic capabilities. The last policy change according to Maui is also important because it gives balanced compensation for the number of extra classes each instructor may teach. The policy changes will be gradually phased in and will not be fully applicable until the 2005 Fall Semester. Maui feels confident that with these new policies in place, PCC's instructors will improve the quality of learning and continue to pursue the level of excellence PCC has maintained for so many years.

Vicky Maui stated: "I wish to express our appreciation to the PCC Board of Trustees for approving our recommendations; with your support we can work together toward achieving PCC's goal of quality and excellence in educational learning for our students."

Maui added: "I would also like to thank members of the Faculty Senate Association, VP Marcus Hangaripaii, Treasurer, Epi Moses, and Secretary Marianne Temaungil and the rest of the faculty for their support."

Kosrae Students Celebrate End of Semester



On Saturday May 22, 2004, the PCC's Kosrae students held an End-of-Semester Barbeque at the Japan-Palau Friendship Bridge. The event was held to recognize all the Kosrae students who completed a successful semester and encouraging them to continue to pursue their educational goals at PCC. The event was also held in honor of the fifteen (15) Kosrae students who graduated from PCC this year. This year, the Kosrae students had the second largest number of graduates next to the students from the Republic of Palau. Congratulations to the Kosrae students and keep up the good work!

PCC Faculty Attend Distance Learning Seminar

PCC Faculty members took part in a weeklong seminar on Distance-Based and Distributed Learning. Dean of Academic Affairs Alvina Timarong helped coordinate the seminar and was also an active participant in the program. PRTEC Director and Board of Trustee, Masa-Aki Emesiochl was also a seminar participant.

The goal of the seminar is to train PCC faculty to apply distance learning by enabling the teachers to teach their courses using interactive media presentations delivered online. In other words, this training will allow PCC instructors to create virtual classrooms where they can not only teach almost any subject matter they desire, but also be able to interact with their students online. This program would make it possible to provide quality instruction to those individuals with special needs or for those whose work schedules and family obligations make it difficult for them to take college courses in a traditional classroom setting.

In addition, such a program would allow PCC instructors to establish an interactive online network where they will be able to teach overseas, receive specialized training and have access to a tremendous storehouse of knowledge and expertise from their counterparts throughout the Pacific and the world. Imagine a PCC instructor who can reach out to teach Algebra to elementary schools in Melekeok or Sonsorol or even Yap from their computer desktops here at PCC! The possibilities are endless, and thanks to this seminar many students may one day be able to access quality learning at PCC from abroad and overseas.

Images of PCC's 2004 Graduates...



PCC Plants Trees in Honor of Graduates

As a tribute to PCC graduates of 2004, the entire PCC Administration, staff and faculty headed to Ngeremeskang, Ngaremlengui State for a commemorative tree planting ceremony. This activity takes place today as members of the PCC family plant tree samplings of Mahogany, Coconuts and Acacias trees around the vicinity of the College's Research and Development Station in Ngeremeskang. More than a celebration of the success and the accomplishments of our graduates, this special event is also a symbolic gesture of PCC's commitment to provide, foster and promote excellence in educational learning for Palau and the region's future generations: Helping plant the seeds for tomorrow's future.

Upward Bound Student Awarded Sallie Mae Scholarship

Baules Tellei, an Upward Bound Program Junior has been selected as a Sallie Mae Fund Scholarship recipient for the Council's 15th Annual Student Leadership Congress (NSLC). The NSLC combines elements from model student leadership training activities and from the Council's Policy Seminar.

Baules was one of the thirty recipients selected from an applicant pool of over 165 students who will also be attending the NSLC June 5-10, 2004 at American University in Washington, D.C. Selection was based on the students' response to the application essay along with their leadership in their high schools, local community and volunteer service. The emphasis of the NSLC is on leadership through community service. Registration fees, room, board and transportation costs per delegate is \$1,045 and does not include airfare. As a Sallie Mae Scholarship recipient, Baules' expenses to attend the NSLC will be paid for by the Sallie Mae Fund. Congratulations to Baules Tellei and good luck!

Reminder to EN 120 Online Students: Orientation is on Monday at 4:00 pm. at the Keskas Building, Computer Lab.

BITS AND PIECES...

Dynamic Diaz Goes LIVE at PCC

This past Thursday morning, Mr. Alfonzo Diaz, Owner and Manager of 89.5, the People's Radio Station did a live radio show with PCC President Patrick U. Tellei. Mr. Diaz, who is a long time friend and benefactor of PCC conducted his morning show with President Tellei, where he briefed Diaz on the latest news and accomplishments of the College. President Tellei also took the opportunity to highlight some of the program offerings available at PCC for the community. We thank Mr. Diaz for his weekly reading of the Mesekiu News and for his dedicated support of PCC throughout the years. Mr. Diaz you rock!

Tuesday Is President's Day

Next week Tuesday June 1st is a national holiday, President's Day. In recognition of this holiday, PCC offices will be closed and only essential services will be provided. Enjoy the holiday one and all. However, all students are reminded that on Monday 31st the day before the holiday is the first day of instruction for the Summer session for PCC.

Library Reminder

Reminder to all incoming and continuing students starting Monday, May 31, 2004, everyone who wishes to use the email and research computers must present a valid PCC ID or a class schedule before signing up. Those who do not have either of these in their possession will not be allowed to use the computers. Thank you for your cooperation, Library Staff.

PCC Students Conduct Survey



Starting last Wednesday May 19th, some twenty-one students (21) comprised of PCC Tourism Students and other students began a two-week survey throughout the Palau beginning from Kayangel State to the north and downward towards the state of Angaur. The grant was in the amount of \$2,260 which will be used to implement a feasibility study on the need for a central market for the Republic of Palau to sale local farm goods.

Due the distance and logistical difficulties of conducting a survey in the distant Sonsorol and Hatohebei states, it was decided that those two states would not be included in the survey. The survey was made possible through a grant from the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) of the United Nations in collaboration with the Palau Community Action Agency (PCAA) and support of the Bureau of Agriculture and the PCC CRE department.



Lab Techs Take a Break for a Picture

Local Lab Techs Attend Seminar

Palau's first Lab Technician Training was conducted on May 17-28 at PCC's AHEC and Science Lab. The course is the result of several years of planning by Dr. Greg Dever, the Belau National Hospital's Director of Clinical Services to help upgrade and improve the level of training for Palau's lab technicians. The Ministry of Health through the Health and Human Resources Bio-terrorism Hospital Preparedness grant provided funding.

Nicky Beamish, a specialist in Medical Laboratory Technology from New Zealand conducted the training. She has extensive experience in lab tech field, and has trained many lab techs and scientists from Papua New Guinea and New Zealand. David Rykken, the Ministry of Health AHEC Coordinator and HRSA Grant Administrator organized the training seminar.

The course is for Lab techs and nurses from Palau and the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) who learn about lab safety, infections diseases and blood banking. The training will be followed by courses in cell morphology, microbiology and infectious diseases testing. The participants are Trusty Boisek, Pamela Kertou, Evelyn Tomokane, April Solang, Bolan Decherong, and Fabiola Rutledge from Palau, Dominic Tiliwebug from Yap and Monica Muut and Johnny Amor from Pohnpei.

Emergency Planning Workshop Conducted

The Center for Disease Control's (CDC) Pacific Emergency Health Initiative (PEHI) working with the Ministry of Health has provided a weeklong emergency planning workshop on how to activate CDC Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) during times of national emergency in the Republic of Palau. Mr. Paul Giannone, a disaster planner for the International Emergency Health Branch from CDC was the workshop facilitator.

There have been at least 11 workshops that have been conducted by PEHI since 2000. The Strategic national Stockpile program was established by CDC in 1999 to provide medical support in the way of drugs and medical equipment for the people within the United States and its jurisdiction in case of a biological, chemical or radiological attack or to counteract a rapidly moving infectious disease such as SARS. CDC has strategically located stockpiles of medicines and supplies within the United States. It is the aim of SNS staff to be able to deliver these vital medicinal supplies anywhere within the U.S. and its