

Attention Students!!!
*Scholarship Opportunities &
 Exchange Programs with
 Universities in Japan*

Palau Community College is now accepting applications for the following scholarships:

- ✓ Polycarp International Enterprise Scholarship
- ✓ Moylan's Insurance Scholarship
- ✓ Roman Tmetuchl Scholarship
- ✓ Prince Lebuu Scholarship
- ✓ Shell Scholarship

PCC is also accepting applications for the Student Exchange Program with the University of the Ryukyus and Waseda University.

Application forms for the scholarships and the student exchange program are available at the PCC Development office located behind the library. For more information, please call Jay Olegeriil at 488-2471, ext. 250.

Office of Admissions & Financial Aid
PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Office of Admissions & Financial Aid would like to inform you of the following schedules of Orientation, Testing, Advising, and Registration activities for Summer Term 2002 and Fall Semester 2002.

SUMMER TERM 2002 SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

May 27-29 (M-F)	Orientation, Testing, Advising & Registration for New Students
May 29 (W)	REGISTRATION
June 3 (M)	First Day of Instruction
June 3-5 (M-W)	Late Registration and Add and Drop Period

FALL SEMESTER 2002 SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

August 5-9 (M-W)	Orientation, Testing and Advising for New Students
August 12-15 (M-TH)	REGISTRATION DAY
August 19 (M)	First Day of Instructions
August 19-23 (M-F)	Late Registration and Add and Drop Period

Interested persons may contact Ms. Leona Tkel at the PCC office of Admissions & Financial Aid at (680) 488-2470 or (680) 488-2471.

Library News

New Books: We have several new books that we have added to the Micro-P Collection. Check them out Below!

George Woodcock,
 1976 South Sea Journey

Howard P. Willens & Deane C. Seimer
 2002 An Honorable Accord/ Covenant between the Northern Mariana Islands and the United States

Periodical Section:

- Music:** The art of Music, April 2002, Pg. 28
Instructor: Masterpiece Lesson & Poster, April 2002, Pg. 43
Consumer Reports: The 2002 Cars
Working Mother: Health Alert/ New Reason To Go On The Pill

EXTRA EXTRA!!!

*World No Tobacco Day Walk-A-Thon!

The library serves as the Associate RADAR Site and is an active participant in anti-drug and tobacco free events. Please join us at the PCC track for the Walk-A-Thon!. Join us Friday May 31st at 5:00 am to register. The first 125 people to register get a free T-shirt!



Palau Community College
MESEKIU'S NEWS

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Friday, May 31, 2002

Weekly Newsletter

Volume 4, Issue 22

**Ngarchelong And Ekei Women's Group
 Tours the Ngermeskang Facility**

PCC's Research and Development Station in Ngermeskang, Ngaremlengui was fortunate to have the Ngarchelong and Ekei Women's Groups come and tour the facility. The Ngarchelong Group came down on Friday May 10th and brought along some 30 people, while the Ekei Women's Group came on May 17th and had about 20 people. Both groups were treated to brief introductory remarks on the building's construction and current and future projects at the Station. Next the groups were led to the working laboratories which are run by members of the Cooperative Research and Extension Department at PCC for an in-depth explanation on all the current and up-coming projects. In the Agronomy and Horticulture Lab, Leileen Itpik from the Ngarchelong Women's group donated a taro sample which CRE Research Specialist Dr. Aurora Del Rosario accepted. When the groups visited the Food Technologies Lab, CRE extension agent, Josepha Tutii, was able to show the groups the vast array of food products that have been developed based on taro and cassava. Greg Landry, Byron Tellei, and Kris Lloyd, who are part of CRE's aquaculture staff, were able to give the guests an overview of what aquaculture is and the benefits it can offer Palau.

Once the groups had seen all there was in the building, they ventured out to view the many agriculture field projects starting with the greenhouse that are being used to raise three biological control agents. Dr. Nelson Esguerra, Rosendo Skang, Thomas Taro, and Benjamin Ueda gave thorough explanations on how these beneficial insects will be used to control harmful insects and plants. The highlight of the field tour was the new mesei and dechel taro demonstration plantings, which was started in March. Maria Teruzi and Rosita Haruo led the groups through the vast field plantings giving a brief description along the way. The women in each group were thoroughly impressed with all the taro, sweet potato, and cassava projects. However, the men in the group were much more interested in the freshwater prawn project which was carefully explained by Dr. Wan Han. Even though the facilities for this project are still under construction, the idea that within another year the first crop of prawns might be harvested was enough to spark many into the idea of starting their own prawn farms.

In the next few weeks the R&D Station will be visited by three more groups, a group of 8th graders from Yap, the Kabekel Women's Group, and the Ngarchelong Women's Group from Koror. If you or your group is interested in touring the R&D Station, please contact the CRE office at 488-2746.



Ngarchelong and Ekei Women's Club Visits Ngermeskang projects and hatchery.

**Palau CHARM II Workshop Stakeholders
 Workshop to Develop CHARM
 May 21st - 23rd, 2002**

On May 21st to 23rd, Palau CHARM II held its second workshop here on PCC campus. The goal of this workshop is risk management to foster sustainable development planning. Its purpose is to Develop skills in use of the risk management programming tool CHARM.

Aims and Objectives of the Workshop

- Demonstrate the application of CHARM through existing projects;
- Start the development of a draft Whole-of-Country Risk Management matrix;
- Establish CHARM implementation principles and guidelines;
- Develop a whole-of-country risk reduction program for Palau; and,
- Identify the supports necessary to implement CHARM.

The Program provided the settings and start the development of a CHARM implementation program. The full draft of Palau's first all-hazards whole-of-country risk reduction program is to be completed post workshop by delegates with knowledge and skills gained from this CHARM II Workshop.

Celebrating Birthdays
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 Happy Birthday To You!

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OMIP Prepares for a Busy Summer!

Every year, the Palau Community College's Operations and Maintenance Improvement Program (OMIP) provides training and upgrade opportunities for employees of the national government. Such training will help these employees to improve and enhance their skills in the workplace as well as keep abreast of the latest advances in technology. During the summer months, many of these trainings are held because of the time and scheduling convenience provided by the school break.



OMIP Coordinator Don Hanser

The trainings offered by PCC, through OMIP, are in such demand that they are not limited to Palau. Over the years, the OMIP has provided training expertise to employees from the Federated States of Micronesia (Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei, and Yap states) and the Republic of the Marshall Islands. This summer, OMIP will once again provide training opportunities to the Palau government employees. One such training that has already been scheduled is the School Bus Repair and Maintenance training that will take place on the PCC campus. In addition, the College's Mr. Eugene Uehara and Mr. Takemura Erungel, through the OMIP program, will also be providing training to employees in Chuuk and Kosrae states of the Federated States of Micronesia, and possibly Saipan, CNMI. If you would like to learn more about the PCC OMIP Program, please contact Mr. Don Hanser at PCC telephone number (680) 488-5878.

Upward Bound Students are Graduating at the Top of their Class

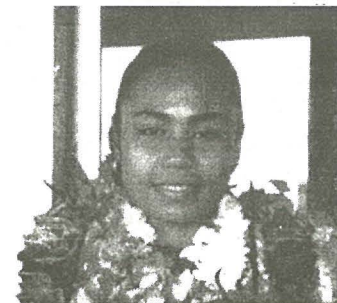
The PCC Upward Bound Program is seeing yet another boost as its students are graduating at the top of their class. This is the 19th year of PCC Upward Bound Program, providing academic, tutoring and counseling services to supplement regular high school classes for program participants. The Program also serves to generate academic skills and motivation necessary for successful completion of secondary and postsecondary education. As a result, with each passing year, their graduates have established and maintained a tradition of academic excellence. Following are Upward Bound graduates of 2002 and their plans for College next school year.



Lauren I. Joseph, Valedictorian for Palau High School, class of 2002
College to Attend: Palau Community College
Major: Liberal Arts



Athena Wally, Salutatorian for Palau High School, class of 2002
College to Attend: Palau Community College
Major: Liberal Arts



Lyra Ngraswei, Valedictorian for Belau Modekngei School, class of 2002
College to Attend: Palau Community College
Major: Liberal Arts
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ELEMENTARY KIDS TO ATTEND PCC THIS SUMMER

The PCC Continuing Education Office will once again offer classes to elementary students this summer. This Summer Program for Elementary Kids was initiated by the College several years ago and has grown in popularity with each passing year. This summer, courses in the following areas will be offered: English Reading; English Writing; Mathematics; Marine Science; Basic Music; and, Basic Arts.

These courses will be offered to students in the 3rd - 8th grade level, except for Marine Science which will be offered to students in the 6th - 8th grade level. Classes are set to begin on Monday June 3rd and end on July 17, 2002. To register your child or for more information about this program, contact PCC Continuing Education Office at 488-2470/2471, extension 237 or 270.

Cafeteria Continues to House Major Local Events

Almost all major events and conferences that are held in Palau have taken place in the Palau Community College Cafeteria. And, for the foreseeable future, it looks like the PCC Cafeteria will continue to house major conferences and events. According to Mr. Ezra Takeo, who oversees the College Cafeteria, it will house the following upcoming events to be held in June:

Student Partnership Conference -
Ministry of Education
June 5-7, 2002

Outer Pacific Head Start Cluster Training - Hosted by Head Start-Palau Community Action Agency (PCAA)
June 9-16, 2002

Opening Ceremony of the Pacific Islands Bilimugal Bicultural Association -
Hosted by Ministry of Education
June 17, 2002

Japan Artists' Exhibition
June 23-25, 2002

The following is the address of PCC's 2002 Valedictorian "Tobias Rucker"

Ungil tutau, I would like to first recognize our distinguished guests here with us today:

High Chief Ibedul Yutaka M. Gibbons
High Chief Reklai Rafael Bao Ngirmang
Bilung Gloria G. Salii, Chairperson, PCC Board of Trustees
His Excellency Tommy Remengsau Jr. President of the Republic of Palau
Mr. Patrick U. Tellei, President of Palau Community College
and to all of you who could be here with us today.
KOM KMAL MESAUL EL MLEI.

Wow, it is finally that day we have been waiting for. Congratulations classmates and the Adult High School students. It is inspiring to see former students coming to earn their diplomas. My hat goes off to you. I remember the day that I graduated from high school and hearing most of my friends talking about what colleges or universities they were going to go to. After all, that's what was expected after high school. Of course like the next guy I said, I was going to go straight into college too. Once I got into college my problems were partying too much and I had no idea what I wanted to do. Truth was I just was not ready and so as you can imagine that semester was **KMAL TELEMALL!**

It was not until five years later that I decided I wanted to go back to school and what better place than here at PCC. Sure, at first I was a little intimidated because I had not been in school for a while and I could really feel it. I was slow when trying to understand certain subjects and I could not believe how hard it was for me to sit down and write a whole page. I felt like a second grader learning how to write a sentence. Nonetheless, I stuck with it and I even began to enjoy it. Look at me now if someone would have told me two years ago I was going to be valedictorian when I graduate, I would have laughed. At the time I was just hoping that I would pass! I guess to make a long story short, what I am trying to say is that it is never too late to go back to school and it will be a rewarding experience if you do. **But**, I do want to stress this: Make sure it is what you want and that you are ready to work for it. You never know someday you could be up here making the speech, like I am fortunate enough to be able to do today.

But, it was not without the help of some friends that I even made it this far and I would like to thank them. Thank you, Joe Chilton, for all the help you have given me, as well as the rest of faculty and staff. It has been a true honor to have been a student here at PCC.

I would like to thank My Mamang and dad, Joel (Yoel), as well as the rest of my Palauan family for taking me in. Most of all I would like to thank my wife Charity, for all her help and support through this as well as my family in Washington for always believing in me and for doing so much for me. Having said all my thank yous to those who have helped me succeed, I would now like to emphasize the importance of giving back to the community. During my two years here at PCC I have been involved in several youth programs. And I can tell you there is nothing more rewarding than seeing a child's face light up when they have just learned something new. I would like to encourage every one of you to take time to participate in some youth activity. If not as part of the community, at least do it with your own child. After all children are like sponges, they learn so quickly and it is up to all of us to make sure that what they learn is positive. I think Rainer Maria Rilke put it best when she said:

"The future enters into us, in order to transform itself in us, long before it happens."

Think about that the next time you ask your child how their day went. Right now we are their future and all the transforming that they do is from what they learn from us.

I would like to take one last moment to congratulate my fellow classmates and adult high school students.

Kom Kmal Mesulang, Thank you, and in my native language, German,
Vielen Dank und aufwiedersehen!

Omereng el Saul

Ak nguu tial techall ngak me a telungalek er ngak, e mereng a suliu el rokiu el ngilsukak er a mechesenguk ngak me a telungalek er ngak. A suliu a kmal di ngara rengmam el kmal diak kimobes.

On behalf of me and my family, I would like to thank everyone for helping me during the time of my sorrow. your help and kindness will be cherished forever in our heart.

Kom kmal mlo mesaul
Thank you very much

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"Happy Presidents Day"

To all Staff and Faculty on this special day, we wish you all the best on this special day especially Mr. President "Patrick U. Tellei." May everyone enjoy the long lasting weekend as we enter the long, fun and exiting weekend. A time for rest and stress relieving.

Happy President's Day and have a safe weekend.