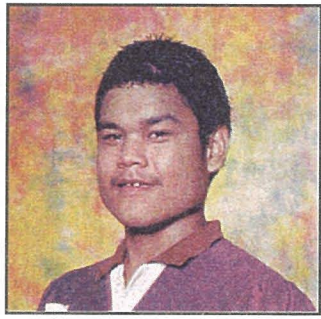


## Aiken Uehara, MHS Graduate and Endowment Donor

Mr. Aiken Uehara has done what none of his classmates, nor any high school graduate in Palau this year, has done. In a move that surprised his close friends and his siblings, including his much astonished parents, Aiken recently donated \$85 to the PCC Endowment Fund.



Both Aiken's parents, Mr. Eugene Uehara and Mrs. Virginia Ikeya-Uehara, are employed at PCC and donate directly out of their paychecks to the PCC endowment fund every two weeks. Thus, Aiken may somewhat be familiar with the PCC Endowment Fund and its worthy cause. However, just having graduated from high school last month (Mindszenty High School), one would think that the last thing from a high school graduate's mind is donating to a non-profit organization.

Therefore, Aiken's move surprised everyone who knows him but nonetheless made his already proud parents even more proud of him. PCC thanks Aiken for his very generous donation.

In previous years, PCC has served Aiken's older brothers and sisters when they chose to enroll and take PCC courses. This time, PCC extends an invitation to Aiken to consider attending PCC for the first two years of his post secondary education. We at PCC commit to do our best to meet Aiken's education and training needs. We also extend the same invitation to all the high school graduates of 2003. Choose PCC for the first two years of your college career. We have room for you here at PCC...And we promise, you'll fit right in!!!

## Endowment Fund Gains Support from More Koror State and ROP Staff

PCC is proud to see additional staff at Koror State Government who are committed to supporting education by joining the endowment club this week. They are accompanied by many ROP staff as well who challenge all others to join them in helping PCC. By enrolling in the endowment club, these members join over four hundred individuals who donate a certain sum directly out of their paychecks to the PCC Endowment Fund, and at the end of the year PCC will help them apply for a refund of their donations. In other words, these people donate to a worthy cause and in the end get their money back!

This week we are excited to welcome these friends from Koror State government and employees of the national government who are enrolling in this program to support Palau's only college, PCC.

At the Koror State Government, we welcome five (5) new members, **Jonathan Yalap, Rufino Sekool, Reagan Augustine, Yoshio Eledui, and Lucio Rii**. From the Ministry of Finance's Utility, Customs, and Planning and Statistics Divisions, we also welcome eight (8) new members, **Juana Gushikin** (Class of '81-Cert. in Gen. Office Clerk), **Samuel Ldesel, Jesse Edesomel, Stais Rdechor, Mayer Julius, Junior Aquino, Kyonori Tellames, and Visia N. Alonz**. In the Palau Judiciary, we welcome one (1) new member, **Viola Stephanus**. At the Ministry of State, we welcome one (1) new member, **Earle Emiliano** (Class of '95-AS degree in Police Science). And, from the Ministry of Education, we welcome seven (7) new members, **Jennifer Ngual** (Class of '88-Cert. in Gen. Office Clerk), **Dodger Melus, Mercy Arbedul** (Class of '81-Cert. in Gen. Office Clerk), **Herson Soaladaob** (Class of '02-AA degree in Lib. Arts), **Ella Rdiall, Iterir Oketol, and Procerpine Mellil**.

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!



New members from Koror State Gov't. are (l-r) Yoshio Eledui, Lucio Rii, Jonathan Yalap, Reagan Augustine, and Rufino Sekool



MOF-Customs staff Mayer Julius (l) and Junior Aquino



MOF-Utility staff Fuana Gushikin



MOF-Utility staff Stais Rdechor (l) and Samuel Ldesel



MOF-Planning and Statistics staff Kyonori Tellames and Visia N. Alonz



MOE teacher Herson Soaladaob



MOE teacher Mercy Arbedul



MOF-Utility staff Jesse Edesomel



National Judiciary staff Viola Stephanus



Ministry of State staff Earle Emiliano



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## Scholarship Recipients Graduate

As we look toward a new school year, 2003-2004, the College takes the opportunity to glimpse at its PCC-based scholarship programs. Collectively, there have been a total of seven (7) privately funded scholarship programs that award scholarships to students attending Palau Community College, although one was discontinued, leaving six (6) at the present. These seven programs are: Moylan's Insurance Underwriters, Inc. Scholarship, Prince Leeboo Scholarship, Shell Company (Pacific Islands) Ltd. Scholarship, Roman Tmetuchl Scholarship, Polycarp International Enterprises Scholarship, Pierantozzi Scholarship, and the Salome Scholarship Foundation which was discontinued by its fund source.

With most of these programs having already existed for two academic years, we now find that most of the student recipients continue to pursue their higher educational goals here at PCC while others have chosen to transfer to off-island institutions or join the U.S. military forces. However, we are proud to see that we have also graduated some of the deserving students who received the PCC based scholarship funds.

For example, at the end of this summer term 2003, Ms. Jamaira Olkeriil, who is a recipient of the Polycarp International Enterprises scholarship, will graduate with an AA degree in Liberal Arts. Ms. Akilina Maech, a Moylan's Insurance scholar, graduated in May 2003 with an AS degree in Education (Early Childhood). In addition, Ms. Sabina Andrew, a Shell Company scholar, graduated this year with an AS degree in Tourism and Hospitality (Tour Services).

Ms. Angie Fuentez, also a Moylan's Insurance scholar, graduated in May 2003 with a certificate in Office Administration. We also have Ms. Mayda Iyechad, yet another Moylan's Insurance scholar, who graduated in 2002 with a certificate in

Tour Services. Finally, we have Mr. Fredrick Renguul, a Roman Tmetuchl scholar, who graduated in 2001 with a certificate in Criminal Justice.

Needless to say, PCC is very proud of our students who have made the most of the opportunity given to them by some of Palau's very generous corporate citizens and private individuals. We at PCC continue to count on the generosity of these kind companies/individuals as they continue to support the youth of Palau in their pursuit of their higher educational goals. For information about the PCC based scholarship programs, contact anyone at the PCC Development Office at telephone number (680) 488-2470/2471, extension 253.



Ms. Mayda Iyechad  
Moylan's Scholar



Ms. Sabina Andrew  
Shell Scholar



Ms. Angie Fuentez  
Moylan's Scholar



Ms. Jamaira Olkeriil  
P.I.E. Scholar



Ms. Akilina Maech  
Moylan's Scholar

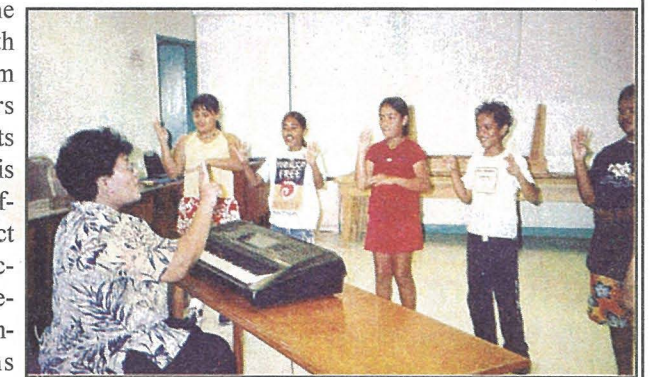


Mr. Fredrick Renguul  
Roman Tmetuchl Scholar

## PCC Summer Kids Program Begins

This week began the much anticipated one-month long PCC Summer Kids Program whereby the College offers courses for interested students from grades 4 thru 11. This summer 2003, courses are offered in the following subject areas: English Writing (2 sections taught by Marisol Imperial and Maria D. Domingo), English Reading (2 sections taught by Marisol Imperial and Maria D. Domingo), Music (taught by Deborah Toribiong), Arts (taught by Willie Watanabe), Marine Science (taught by Sherry Ngirmeriil), and Math (3 sections all taught by Katsue Ngiroos).

All classes are being held on the PCC campus and will end on Friday July 4th with the exception of the Marine Science class which will end on Friday June 20th (next week). For information about the PCC Summer Kids Program, contact Ms. Eileen Babauta or Ms. Taruu Nakamura at PCC telephone number (680) 488-2471/6223.



Music Instructor Deborah Toribiong (l) introduces her excited students to the wonderful world of Music.

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## PCC Renovates Classrooms- Adds New Ones

Palau Community College has just recently renovated its classrooms in SEBUS and SMUUCH buildings located on the east side of the campus. The renovation project was intensive in that the crew had only weeks to complete the classrooms for students' use. As a result of the renovation work, the classrooms now feature plexy glass windows which are preferred to the previous louvers as they allow more natural light into the room while prevent outside noise from disrupting class.

At the same time, the College has also just completed work in renovating the old Adult High School Office (located in the MIICH) building. Thus, after the renovation, the College has now added two new classrooms. Indeed, the College has been busy trying to improve our classroom space for our students. We are quite confident that our students will most appreciate the new and improved classrooms which will be more conducive to learning than before. Hats off to our hard working Maintenance crew!



Crew Leader Willes Tmecherur inspects work on the new classroom that previously served as the Adult High School Office

## Ritsumeikan Students To Return To PCC

In September of last year, the College hosted three students from the Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University who were in Palau to conduct research as part of their academic studies. While in Palau, they stayed in the PCC dorms along with their professor Dr. Nobuyuki Hatada who helped them study the number of tourists who visit Palau annually, and more specifically, the percentage of that number whose activities

are geared toward sustainable tourism.

Because of the success of the first group's study, this year, Dr. Hatada will be bringing an estimated eight students to Palau, this time to study not just one, but three topics. According to Dr. Hatada, the three topics are:

- Study on the carrying capacity of Palau in terms of number of tourist based upon the field research on the present tourism development status and future planning on the development of Palau;
- Study on the carrying capacity of congested dive spots and corrective measures based on the on-site observation with cooperation of dive shops; and,
- Feasibility study of eco-tourism site development in Ngermeduu conservation area and the lake Ngardok area as well as research on the conservation and sustainable tourism development activities by the government of Palau, private sectors, and non-government organizations.

While in Palau, Dr. Hatada's students would also like to have an opportunity to exchange views on their study topics with their PCC student counterparts. Having already communicated to PCC President Patrick U. Tellei on the proposed date of September 9-21, 2003 for these activities, Dr. Hatada has been informed by President Tellei that PCC will once again be available and happy to accommodate Dr. Hatada and his students with an arrangement similar to that of the previous visit.

Any PCC instructor, staff or student who wishes to meet Dr. Hatada and his students while here in Palau may contact Jay Olegeril or Armstrong Debelbot at PCC Development Office telephone number 488-2471, extension 253. They will be more than happy to relay your message to Dr. Hatada.

## BOH Donates PCs to PCC

The following article is reprinted from Tia Belau News, Volume XII, Issue 23

Bank of Hawaii donated 26 personal computers to Palau Community College on Thursday, June 5, according to a press release from the bank. The computers are part of the bank's inventory that is being replaced. The PCs will be used in various college programs to benefit students and faculty.

Through PCC, the release states, the computers will also be used to further

education and training of professionals in Palau, including police academy cadets and the Ministry of Health Nursing program.

"By helping to enhance educational opportunities for Palau Community College students and faculty, we're reinforcing our commitment to the people of Palau," said Stephen Brock, Bank of Hawaii vice president and Palau Country Manager.

The donation was presented to PCC president Patrick U. Tellei. Each computer system donated includes a central processing unit (CPU), monitor, keyboard, mouse and two power cords.

As the first bank to establish operations in the Republic of Palau, the Bank of Hawaii opened its doors in 1961 in a small room of what is now the Palau Supreme Court Library. Today the Bank of Hawaii is the largest commercial and consumer lender in Palau.

Founded in 1897, Bank of Hawaii is the largest independent financial institution in the state of Hawaii. It is the principal subsidiary of Bank of Hawaii Corporation, a regional financial services company serving businesses, consumers and governments in Hawaii, the West Pacific and American Samoa. For more information, the bank's website is [www.boh.com](http://www.boh.com).

## A Tip on Keeping Track of the Paper Trail

From any midsize to a big organization, it is a given that the bulk of paperwork that comes our way may at times occupy a considerable amount of time for us to review them, act on them, or forward them to the next destination. Thus, there are times when somewhere along the way, documents land on our desks with which we have absolutely no idea where they came from, why they are on our desk, and what we are supposed to do with them.

One way to prevent this from happening to us is to prevent it from happening to others. All it takes is the post-it pad or any piece of paper. Sometimes you just need to write on a corner of the document itself. Simply write a small note to the intended receiver on what you are sending and why you're sending it. Then, you initial and date the note. Voila!, you have just eliminated the potential confusion by the receiver who will not have to resort to magic to find out how a mysterious document landed on his desk!

## BITS AND PIECES...

### PCC Campus Revels in Diversity

Just when one almost forgets how the Palau Community College campus looks like during the summer, the summer creeps in and changes the whole campus atmosphere and scenery! Turn to your left and you see so many cute elementary school students who are enrolled in the College's Summer Kids Program (See story on front page). A look in the opposite direction and you see a good number of the Palau Ministry of Education's teachers taking advantage of the break in school to pursue their higher educational goals. Turning around and you spot some of our friends from the Federated States of Micronesia who have flown to Palau just to take PCC summer courses. Next to them you may see our famous preschoolers/daycare students who venture out once in a while to pick up litter and remind us to keep the campus clean and beautiful. And, looking ahead you can't help but notice the many high school students (most of them Upward Bound students) who are taking PCC classes under the dual enrollment program. Mix these up with our PCC students and you have a unique recipe for diversity and success! Alii and welcome to the PCC summer campus!!!

### PCC Library Reaches Out, Helps Wisconsin Student

A 6th grader at Olson Middle School in Mauston, Wisconsin, USA chose Palau for his social study report. Through numerous e-mail contacts with PCC Library Technician Ms. Imengel Mad, the student was able to obtain needed information to complete his report. Below is a letter from the student:

Dear Ms. Imengel Mad,

Here is a picture of me with my social studies project on Palau. I wrote a four-page paper on your country, had a display of food with the recipe book and even included your e-mail and stamps from the envelope! I received a very good grade thanks to all your help.

Sincerely, /s/ Aaron Napier

As your local library, we are here to provide our patrons information and materials needed for their research and reading enjoyment. The PCC Library exists to serve and strives to meet the needs of our students, community and everyone. We welcome any suggestions and input on areas where we need to expand our resources or services to help us continue improving our programs and services for you, our patrons.

**(The Library) is like a place of sacredness. If we were fools at one time, perhaps we will not be fools tomorrow, if we study. Chief Tom Porter.** Check out your PCC Library!!!



## Exam Study Tips

The following tips have appeared before in this newsletter. However, they are provided again to help students make the most of their opportunity to earn the desired grades for the short summer session here at PCC. As noted by one PCC staff who wishes to remain anonymous, he states "When I was in college, I used the summer terms to improve my cumulative grade point average". Note the following tips and remember them when you take your exams:

### 1. Be Prepared

The most important factor in exam success is preparation. No matter how many helpful hints you employ, nothing works as well as making sure you've studied enough.

### 2. Do Your Homework

Often an exam question will parallel a homework assignment. Doing your homework regularly will give you practice where you need it.

### 3. Review Regularly

If you spend a few minutes each week reviewing your notes, your final studying will be a review, not an attempt to learn the entire term's work.

### 4. Study Your Weakest Subjects First

Why? You'll be fresher and therefore better able to deal with difficult areas, and you'll have more time to deal with any problems that arise.

### 5. Ask for Help

If you're having trouble with a particular subject, do not be afraid to ask for help. Your teacher and fellow students will be glad to give you a hand.

### 6. Understand vs. Memorize

You may pass your exams if you memorize the material, but you'll improve your grade considerably if you understand what it is you're memorizing. You'll also find the material easier to remember.

### 7. Look at Old Exams

They can be useful study tools, as long as you don't limit your studying to them.

### 8. Eat Well and Get A Good Night's Sleep

Take care of yourself during exam week - you're going through a lot of stress. Make sure you hold up well.

## CRE Researcher Publishes Work on Siam Weed in Palau

The research work of Dr. Nelson M. Esguerra, Researcher at Palau Community College Cooperative Research and Extension (CRE) department, on the Biological Control of Siam Weed, *Chromolaena odorata*, in the Republic of Palau was published in the Proceedings of the Fifth International Workshop on Biological Control and Management of *C. odorata*.

Although he did not attend the workshop which was held in South Africa, the paper that Dr. Esguerra submitted entitled, "Introduction and Establishment of the Tephritid Gallfly, *Cecidochares connexa*, on Siam Weed, *Chromolaena odorata*, in the Republic of Palau" was included in the proceedings.

The gallflies are now well established in many states in Palau. They keep on spreading following the spread of the Siam weed. The gallfly produces galls on stems and shoots of the Siam weed, thereby reducing the formation of flowerheads and seeds. Thus, the spread of the Siam weed to non-infested areas is reduced. For information about this PCC-CRE latest publication, contact PCC-CRE Interim Vice President Thomas Taro at PCC tel. (680) 488-2746/4983.