

PCC RECOGNIZES SPRING 2003 ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS!

PRESIDENT'S LIST (Semester Grade Point Average 4.00)

Alan Marbou	Athena Wally
Belinda Eungel	Bibbie Kumangai
Dexter Emilio	Duke Joseph
Efren Marquez	Frutoso Tellei
Geishia Adelbai	Jeffrey Olkeriil
Jubilee Justino	Keyong Teriong
Kikuko Ngirmekur	Laureen Joseph
Lekelong Secharraimul	Lelean Sigras
Mayleen Kesolei	Mindy Sugiyama
Ngimeriil Ngimeriil	Shirley Odaol
Sholeh Hanser	Tessy Nobuo
Vaoita Yalap	Yutaka Jr. Gibbons

DEAN'S LIST (High Honor, Grade Point Ave. 3.80-3.99)

Cynthia Tilimwar	Estrada Edeyaoch
Izumi Delkuu	Jamaira Olkeriil
Shonya Kadoi	Vernice Andrew

HONOR (Grade Point Average 3.50-3.79)

Alfred Pedro	Chasity Noboru
Elisa Isaac	Gwynne Sngeward
Hamilton Maech	Imaderang Salii
Limei Meyer	Mark Nestor
Marvina Tiningrow	Melinda Ada
Natalie Delemel	Norma Adelbai
Pamfila Techur	Ray Lee Omelau
Rilang Roberto	Sandy Kinto
Serabel Kuniwo	Shirley Celestine
Shirley James	Stephanie Eungel
Tanya Rengulbai	Thomas Borja

Endowment Contributors Club Gains New Members

The Palau Community College Endowment Fund gains additional support this week with the addition of new members who join almost five hundred other PCC Endowment Fund donors. By enrolling in the endowment club, these members 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! We are excited to welcome these new friends who are enrolling in this program to support Palau's only college, PCC.

At the Ministry of Finance's Weather Station, we welcome one (1) new member, **Ralph Wes Ubedei**. In the Olbiil Era Kelulau, we welcome one (1) new member, **Michael Ngiruos**. At the Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs, we welcome one (1) new member, **Marky Beketaut**. From the Ministry of Education, we welcome ten (10) new members, **Salome Hainrick, Delilah Liecholch** (Class of '00-AA degree in Lib. Arts), **Oyaol Skebong** (Class of '99-Cert. in Office Admin.), **Zeralda Smau** (Class of '99-AS degree in Sec. Science), **Kerufin Tolngii, Stephly Gabriel, Pillar Ngiraswei** (Class of '95-AA degree in Lib. Arts), **Mike Meyar, Caleb Rechelbang** (Class of '74-Voc. Cert. in Welding), and **Wanbe Mesubed**. And, in the Ministry of Resources and Development, we welcome nine (9) new members, **Aderiano Noah** (Class of '77-Voc. Cert. in Auto Body Repair), **Dalter Takawo, Jameson Techitong, Kloulubak Towai, Ephraim Lewis, Richard Merep, Wilson Ongos** (Class of '82-Cert. in Small Eng. Outboard Motor Tech.), **Skeras Hideos** (Class of '75-Voc. Cert. in Multi-Media), and **Hidencio Kintaro** (Class of '81-Cert. in Heavy Equipment).

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 Min. of R&D pose for a group photo with PCC President Patrick U. Tellei (ctr. back)



MOE-Peleliu Teachers are Kerufin Tolngii and Zeralda Smau



MOF-Weather Station staff Ralph W. Ubedei



OEK staff Michael Ngiruos



MOE Special Ed. staff from left are Mike Meyar, Stephly Gabriel, Wanbe Mesubed, Pillar Ngiraswei and Caleb Rechelbang



MCCA staff Marky Beketaut



MOE-Ngiwal Teacher Delilah Liecholch



MOE-Ngaremlengui Teacher Oyaol Skebong



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17 PCC STUDENTS JOIN MILITARY

Following what has become a popular trend among young Palauan men and women in the past few years, some seventeen (17) current and former PCC students were inducted into the United States Armed Forces last Thursday June 12, 2003 at the grounds of the Office of the President of the Republic of Palau. These students were among the total of thirty-three (33) Palauans who have opted to join the U.S. armed forces this year. In addition to these Palauans were twelve (11) citizens from the state of Yap, Federated States of Micronesia, who flew to participate in the induction ceremony as well.

Joining the U.S. armed forces, as mentioned above, has become one of the more popular choices among Palau's youth.

In fact, among the recruiting team that arrived in Palau to conduct the Induction Ceremony were two Palauan citizens who themselves earlier joined the U.S. armed forces. They are U.S. Army SSG Alexander Tkel and U.S. Marine SGT Douglas Takawo.

As these 17 PCC students prepare to begin a whole new chapter in their lives, PCC takes this opportunity and thanks them for having given us the chance to provide for their educational and training needs during their tenure here at the College. We wish our students and all their fellow recruits much success. The PCC students who joined the U.S. armed forces this year are:

Alben Adelbai	Tellames Tellames II
Jordan Benaya	Karmelong Andreas
Kent Kerai	Sherlock Madelutk
Amano Michael	Leevosky Sylvanus
Blau Takawo	Valynn Sukrad
Delon Trolii	Ricoh Umetaro
Len Francisco	Rona Telmang
James Tithin	Olyvia Jerry
Techur L. Johanes	



New recruits at their Induction Ceremony

UB STUDENTS GET WORK STUDY!

It used to be that only college students enjoyed the Work-Study program, whereby they are placed in college/university offices to serve as office assistants/aides and be paid for the services they render to the office. In fact, almost if not all Palauans who have attended college or university at one time or another worked under the College Work-Study Program.

Today, not only college students can enjoy this unique opportunity to gain work experience while earning much needed wages to offset the ever increasing costs associated with going to college. This summer, the Upward Bound Program will, for the second year in a row, be placing its students in various PCC offices under its Work Study Program. Thus, these students who will graduate from high school in the spring of 2004, will have been exposed to and participated in the Work Study Program when they enroll as full time college students in the fall 2004 semester!

Remember, as reported in an earlier issue of this newsletter, these Upward Bound (UB) students are already ahead of their non-UB counterparts as the former are earning college credits this summer by taking PCC courses.

Now they are participating in the College Work Study program even before they graduate from high school!

For those of us who attended college 'eons' ago, it is understandable to experience feelings of envy as today's students have all these wonderful opportunities available to them! Nevertheless, we welcome these UB students as they provide much appreciated and needed services throughout the College offices this summer. For information about the UB Work Study Program, contact Ms. Kuye Belelai, Upward Bound Project Director at telephone 488-2470 or 488-2962.



UB students working at PCC under the UB Work Study Program.

Palau Community College congratulates fellow Endowment Club member **Raynold Mechol** on becoming the Ministry of Education's Chief, Division of Research and Evaluation!

Celebrating Birthdays

Ezra Takeo	June 22
Geraldine Rengiil	June 22
Sebastian Ngiratrang	June 25

Happy Birthday To You!!!

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CHARLEY Graduates from Police Academy



PCC Security Guard Mr. Charley Lonno has been working at the College for over 13 years. He graduated from MOC in 1987 with a Certificate in Police Science and in 1994 with a Certificate in General Electronics Technology.

Last Friday the 13th of June 2003 at 9:00 am, Palau Community College security officer Mr. Charley Lonno graduated from the 11th National Law Enforcement Academy. The Academy was a three-month long program under the Palau Ministry of Justice whereby participants underwent a series of academic courses relating to law enforcement as well as rigorous physical exercises that are designed to test and improve one's stamina, strength, and overall physical fitness.

One of twenty-eight (28) cadets who graduated, Mr. Lonno was among the few who were individually recognized for academic excellence at the graduation ceremony, which was held at the College Cafetorium. Many College staff accompanied PCC President Patrick U. Tellei and attended Mr. Lonno's graduation where literally bombarded him with congratulatory leis and those much appreciated, and expected, envelopes! Congratulations to you, Charley for a job well done, making us even more proud of you!!!

Got Articles?

The College Newsletter would like to inform our readers about your office's programs and activities. Please submit your article(s) for the Mesekiu's News to the Development Office no later than 12:00noon on Wednesdays. Thank you in advance for sharing your news with us!

ETS Summer Field Trips Galore

Written by: Angelio Anthonio, ETS Counselor

For the past several weeks, the Educational Talent Search Program has been busy going on field trips to visit the program's students. Recently, before the end of the spring semester, students from Belau Modekngai School and Ibobang Elementary School went on a cultural field trip to Ulong island, where Palau's first recorded contact with foreigners took place. A week later, all students from Airai Elementary School as well as ETS high school clients from the state of Airai went on a cultural field trip to one of Airai's rock islands where some of Palau's ancestors used to visit and hunt for fish.

In the past two weeks, ETS has also been taking its students on cultural field trips to Dolphin Pacific Park. The first group that went on such a trip were Ngardmau Elementary students, followed by Meyuns Elementary students, then Maris Stella, and Koror Elementary students respectively. The ETS would like to inform all parents who want to enroll their child in the program to contact ETS program staff at telephone number 488-3926 or 488-2470/2471.

The Island of Ulong: Its Place In Palauan History

Many educational field trips taken by local schools and their students have the Island of Ulong as one of their destinations. Ulong is one of Koror's world famous rock islands. For those who are not aware of the island's significance, it is where the British East India Company's Captain Henry Wilson and his crew were found by the Palauan people back in 1783, after their ship - the Antelope - was wrecked by nearby reefs. This was the first recorded contact

between Palauans and foreigners; thus, making the island of Ulong historically and culturally important. For detail information about the Antelope's wreck in Palauan waters, the duration of the crew's stay in Palau and what transpired between the crew and the locals, and the crew's eventual return to England along with the Prince of Koror, Lebuu, visit the PCC Library's Micronesia Pacific Collection, or call PCC Library at (680) 488-2470/2471/3540.

Rosmy First to Complete Lab Hours

Congratulations are in order for Ms. Rosmy Rickima, PCC student from the state of Chuuk, FSM.



This summer term, most of the PCC students taking English 91, 93, and 95 are required to earn 30 points at the Student Support Services (Project Beacon) Reading Lab by doing either one or a combination of the following:

- Comprehensive Exercises (which are designed to improve reading comprehension)
- Paragraph Writing (designed to improve student writing skills)

As of this week, only Ms. Rickima has earned the required 30 points which are a big percentage of the students' overall score in their respective English classes. All other students are encouraged to earn those required 30 points to ensure yourself a good grade!

Graduate Record Examination (GRE) 2003-2004 Dates for Paper-Based Administration

	Fees	Test Dates	Receipt Dates at ETS for Registration	Approximate Score Mailing Dates
General Test	\$140.00	October 25, 2003	August 29, 2003	December 05, 2003
Subject Test	\$150.00	November 08, 2003	September 12, 2003	December 19, 2003

For Registration Form and detailed information about the GRE, please feel free to contact PCC Office of Student life at 488-3036.

BITS AND PIECES...

Summer Enrollment Surpasses that of Last Year

The latest figures coming from the Office of Registrar and Records indicate that the PCC 2003 Summer Term has enrolled 455 students, as compared to the 415 enrollment for last summer 2002. This is not taking into consideration the anticipated 50+ students from Yap, FSM who are taking PCC summer classes in Yap. Thus, this summer's enrollment will exceed 500 which is great news. Indeed, PCC is excited to be serving so many students and continues to encourage everyone to take advantage of our programs and services. Call PCC Admissions and Records at telephone number (680) 488-2471 for information about program offerings, or contact PCC Continuing Education Office at the same telephone number to find out about our short-term training programs and activities.

Self-Study Accreditation Update

The College's Accreditation Liaison Officer (ALO) is happy to announce that the self study report is now being appraised by the various sub-committees. The final draft of the description can be obtained from the ALO for any interested individual. At the same time, the PCC Board of Trustees met yesterday to conduct their own review of the final draft of the descriptive summary. Any comments or suggestions leading to the improvement of the description section can be forwarded to the ALO.

The first draft of the appraisal is scheduled for review during the week of July 28th. This is one of the most important sections of the self study process as the college begins to evaluate itself and report the results in terms of the accrediting standards. This section will determine or show whether or not the college is in compliance with the accrediting standards. This section will also identify issues and areas of the college where improvement is needed. The steering committee is soliciting input from any concerned and/or interested individuals. For more information or inquiries, contact the ALO Presley Etibek at extension 249.

Four Lucky Students Learn and Earn at CRE This Summer

The PCC-CRE has four new faces at their office this summer. Colby Erbai, Prolynn Brien, Gregory Yoch, and Thomas Marcello will be spending their summer vacation learning about the diverse field of agriculture, thanks to an internship program sponsored by the Agriculture Development in the American Pacific (ADAP) Pacific Land Grant Programs. This is a ten-week internship that will earn the students \$500 each and teach them many valuable skills that they will need to further their interest in agriculture.

So far the interns have started a vegetable garden right here on the PCC campus, worked with compost (black gold to most farmers), and have also devoted numerous hours at the PCC Research and

CRE's Marine Science Class Ends Today

CRE's Summer Marine Science Class finished today with 10 future marine biologists earning their Certificate of Achievement. This three-week class had students learning all about the diversity of marine life here in Palau. During the program, they listened to informative lectures about Marine Lakes from Patricia Davis from the Coral Research Foundation, Coral Reefs from Steven Victor of the Palau International Coral Reef Center, and Mangroves from PCC's Dr. Joel Miles. The class also went on many field trips including a stormy overnight camping trip in the Rock Islands to look for night creatures. The favorite trip for most of the students was to Jellyfish Lake where they got to swim with millions of the golden jellyfish. The students also enjoyed trips to Diego Lake, secluded reefs, mangrove forests, and seagrass beds while learning that the marine ecosystem plays many important roles in Palau and needs to be treated with respect.

Outdoor Wildlife is CRE's next class, which starts Monday June 30th. This class will allow students to learn about the many terrestrial habitats of Palau. Students will get a chance to watch birds, collect insects, grow plants, and hike through the tropical rainforest. This is a free program open to students in grades 8-12. If you would like to register your child for this program, please contact Kris Lloyd at PCC-CRE office at telephone number 488-4983.



Udi, Sylvester, and Young pose for the camera with their prized puffer fish



ADAP Interns from left are Thomas, Gregory, Prolynn and Colby

Development Station located in Ngermeskang, Ngaremlengui learning about biological control, tissue culture and much more. In the upcoming weeks, the interns will be learning how to maintain a taro field, harvest cassava, as well as start their own composting project. These four students will certainly have learned and accomplished a lot before the start of school next fall!