

Scholarship Opportunities For 2004-05 School Year

This is an announcement reminding all graduating high school seniors and current PCC students from Palau who will be attending PCC this coming school year 2004-2005, that applications for the following PCC based scholarship programs are available at the PCC Development Office:

Moylan's Insurance Underwriters, Inc. Scholarship
Prince Leeboo Scholarship
Shell Company (Pacific Islands) Limited Scholarship
Pierantozzi Scholarship
Roman Tmetuchl Scholarship

Application packets are to be completed and submitted to the PCC Development Office no later than Friday August 15, 2004, the deadline date. For more information about these above mentioned scholarship programs, contact PCC Development Office at telephone number 488-2471, extension 253.

In addition, the following scholarship opportunities for PCC students are available at the Palau National Scholarship Office:

Palau National Scholarship
Palau Student Loan
Congressional Scholastic Award
Bank of Hawaii Scholarship
Rotary Club - Dave Williams Scholarship

For information about these scholarship programs, contact National Scholarship Office at tel. 488-3608.



CRE Donates Tapioca (Diokang) to PCC Cafeteria
 CRE's Felix Sengebau pose with PCC Cook Juan Camacho. Thanks to CRE and "Good bye Diokang"



WIA Student Workers take a break from a hard day's work

PCC is De-lighted to Welcome 17 New PPUC Members

Employees from the Palau Public Utilities Corporation (PPUC) have again for the second week enrolled in the PCC Endowment Fund Contributor's Club. Support for the PCC Endowment Fund continues to grow every week with the addition of new members to the Endowment Fund Contributors' Club. 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.

From PPUC, we welcome seventeen (17) new members, **Siriang Kailang, Emellakl Oiterong, Norman Kiueluul, Rubasch Obak, Jesse Joseph, Aphon C. Techur, Wridon Ngiralmu, William Secharmidal, Luis Obichang, George Sungino, Clarence Saka, Hector Tatingal, John S. Alik, Antonio Riumd, Ichiro Takeo, Ernest Simer and Pamela Blaluk. Thank You PPUC for Lighting Up PCC's Endowment Fund.**

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!



Aphon C. Techur Wridon Ngiralmu William Secharmidal Luis Obichang



George Sungino



Pamela Blaluk



In the front row is Antonio Riumd and John Alik, in the second Row L-R, Hector Tatingal, Clarence Saka, Ernest Simer and in the back is Ichiro Takeo

Celebrating Birthdays

 Serelina Ridep June 30
 Happy Birthday To You!!!



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WIA Puts 200 Students To Work

Once again the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Office placed Palau's students to work this summer. Since the beginning of June, some two-hundred (200) students have been placed in forty-two (42) agencies/institutions here in Palau where they will work for the duration of the summer, ending on July 23, 2004. Of the 200 students, thirty-six (36) students are placed here at PCC. This program of placing student workers began in 2000 whereby students are exposed to the real world of work during the summer and get an opportunity to observe firsthand the numerous career options that are available to them.

At the same time, by working under the WIA program, these students are paid stipends, thus giving them further incentive

to succeed in something that will ultimately benefit them.

Many parents have expressed their appreciation for such a program as it provides their children with something meaningful to do; thus, keeping the children and youth from getting bored at home or potentially getting into trouble during this extended break from school. Aside from providing such programs and services in Palau, WIA also serves the neighboring islands in Micronesia such as the Federated States of Micronesia, Saipan and Guam.

When asked what message she would like to say to the many WIA student workers this summer, one WIA staff says, "work hard and make the most of your chance to learn new skills." For information about the WIA program, contact telephone number (680) 488-2513.



WIA Student Workers who are placed at PCC's Maintenance Division, where they are responsible for campus landscaping and Maintenance.

PCC President Tellei Attends Conference

PCC President left last Saturday to attend a Western Directors Meeting (USDA Land Grant Programs) on June 21, 2004 on behalf of the Pacific Post Secondary Education Council (PPEC) at the invitation of the University



of Guam. In addition, PCC President Tellei will be in the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas (CNMI) to attend the 23rd Pacific Islands Environment Conference. While at this meeting, PCC President Tellei have the opportunity to meet with program officers who may assist the College in accessing a regional Sea Grant Program.

While in Guam, Tellei will make a formal presentation on the challenges PCC has as the only institution of post secondary learning in Palau and as well as its achievements throughout the years. The presentation will also highlight successful agricultural projects the Cooperative, Research and Extension (CRE) has developed at its Research and Development Station in Ngeremeskang, Ngareremlengui.

DOI Island Fellow Visits PCC

Sharon Sakuma from the Pacific Business Center Program (PBCP) paid a courtesy call on PCC President Patrick U. Tellei. During their meeting, they discussed various economic issues facing the Republic of Palau. Ms. Sakuma is a representative from the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) Islands Fellows Program. She is conducting an economic study on the



Sharon Poses with PCC President Patrick U. Tellei

Republic of Palau and other U.S. Insular Territories for the Department of the Interior. Sharon Osengko Sakuma joined the Center in February 2001 as a graduate research assistant. A native of Palau, Sharon received a BBA in management and international business from the University of Guam in 1996 and later received her MBA from the University of Hawaii at Manoa's School of Business. She is a Business Development Support Specialist for the Pacific Business Center Program (PBCP) in Hawaii and was previously with Palau Visitors Authority as a marketing assistant, researcher on special projects prior to pursuing her MBA. Sakuma is here in Palau to conduct research on private businesses, government agencies and community development organizations in order to help economic diversification and development for Palau. PCC President Patrick U. Tellei would like to congratulate Ms. Sakuma and wishes her the best of luck with her work with the U.S. Department of the Interior.

BULLETIN
FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM

June 02, 2004

Effective Summer 2004, the College will implement the revised **SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS POLICY**.

FINANCIAL AID SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS POLICY

Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy is composed of two measurements:

- A. **GOOD STANDING** - (a **QUALITATIVE** measure of students' academic progress, such as grade point average).
- B. **SATISFACTORY PROGRESS** (a **QUANTITATIVE** measure of progress based on enrollment status whereby students are expected to complete the required number of credits per established time frame for earning their educational objective, degree or certificate).

FINANCIAL AID GOOD STANDING

To be considered making satisfactory academic progress, a student is placed on FINANCIAL AID GOOD STANDING if he/she:

1. Maintains a Cumulative GPA of 2.00 or better, **AND**
2. Successfully complete a minimum number of credits per semester based on enrollment status as noted in the 2nd column (see table below). **AND**
3. Complete program requirements for graduation within maximum terms of eligibility based on enrollment status as noted in the 1st and 3rd columns (see table below):

Terms of Eligibility Table

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Enrollment Status	Credits Required Based on Credits Taken	Maximum Period of Eligibility Time Frame (ETF)
Full-Time (12 credits or more)	12 credits	FT = 6 sems or 3 years
¾ Time (9-11)	9 credits	¾ T = 8 sems or 4 years
½ Time (6-8)	6 credits	½ T = 12 sems or 6 years
Less than ½ Time (1-5)	All credits	<1/2T = 24 sems or 12 years

FINANCIAL AID PROBATION

A student is placed on Financial Aid Probation if his/her:

1. Cumulative GPA falls below 2.00 - Academic Probation (AP) **AND/OR**
2. Fails to successfully complete the required number of credits (Credits Deficiency - {CD}) attempted during each semester.

FINANCIAL AID SUSPENSION/TERMINATION

A student's financial aid will be suspended or terminated if his/her:

1. Cumulative GPA falls below 2.00 after two consecutive semesters **AND/OR**
2. Fails to successfully complete the required number of credits attempted during each semester after two consecutive semesters (Credits Deficiency - {CD}) **AND/OR**
3. Fails to complete program requirements for graduation within the period of eligibility (Eligibility Time Frame [ETF])

REINSTATEMENT

Financial Aid Eligibility may be reinstated when a student achieve good academic standing and/or completes the required minimum number of credits attempted for at least one semester at **his/her own expense**, taking a minimum of six (6) credits or more while in the current major.

For more information, contact the Office of Admissions & Financial Aid at 488-2470 or 488-2471.

**WIA Students Clean PCC
Campus for Festival**

Mr. Rekis Salvador and Omsul Mikel are young workers from the Work Investment Act Program who have been keeping busing cutting the grass, trimming the hedges and cleaning the campus in preparation of the upcoming 9th Festival of Pacific Arts.

They are also helping in landscaping the campus by planting banana and other tropical plants. These boys have been working around the clock cleaning the campus and giving PCC fresh look for this once in a lifetime event. The kids began cleaning the campus last Friday and have been cleaning all week. Rekis and Omsul find the job fun and are never bored because they always have something to do. They also enjoy working with PCC's Rosendo Skang. The College thanks you for your hard work and for helping PCC look great. Great job guys!

**WIA Worker Makes a
Difference at PCC**



Uriik Luii Poses with a smile

Uriik Luii has been a welcome addition to the PCC family by working hard at the Administration building. Ms. Luii has been a tremendous help to PCC's Administrative Assistants, Ms. Derbei Meyar and Norma Adelbai by taking up some of their workload of managing one of PCC's most busiest offices. Ms. Luii's duties include answering phones, faxing, file papers, and maintain the office and other administrative work. Ms. Luii says she finds the work exciting and fun and enjoys working with Derbei and Norma. Ms. Derbei Meyar who supervises Ms. Luii says she is a fast learner and dedicated employee who always has warm smile." Derbei said, "Uriik has real positive attitude, works hard and brings a lot of brightness to our office. We are proud of her and we are very lucky to have her on board as part of the PCC family."

BITS AND PIECES...

Annual Olympic 5K Walk/Run

Be sure to join this year's Annual Olympic 5k Walk/Run this Saturday. Registration will begin at 5:30 am. at the Palau National Track & Field. The Run/Walk will begin at 6:00 a.m. from the National Track and Field to the Office of the President (Meyuns) and back. At 7:00 am. there will be light snacks and refreshments available to all participants. The first 200 Runners and Walkers who pass the finish line will receive a commemorative Olympic Day Team Palau T-Shirt. So if you're free this Saturday and want to participate please come on down and join Palau's athletes as they celebrate the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece through the promotion of Healthy Lifestyles for all. The event is sponsored by the Palau National Olympic Committee. For more information please call PNOC at 488-6562/488-4367.

*24th International Conference on
Critical Thinking*

The 24th International Conference on Critical Thinking will be held at the Hyatt near Stanford University in Palo Alto, California from July 12 to 15, 2004. The 24th International Conference is focused on teaching that transforms the mind. All conference sessions will explore ways of teaching that lead students to deeper and deeper levels of understanding, that help students learn how to actively bring important ideas into their thinking, that ultimately transform how they function in the world. The conference will consist in approximately 35 conference sessions offered over 4 days. All conference sessions have been designed to converge on basic critical thinking principles and to enrich a core concept of critical thinking with practical teaching and learning strategies. On Days One, Two & Three, 18 sessions will be offered in 6 three-hour think tanks. To register online access <http://www.criticalthinking.org/registration/regform2004.html>, or call 800. 833. 3645 to register over the phone.

*PCC Bookstore Will Have Lounge
and Dining Area*

For all you students who wish to have a place to enjoy the Bookstore's delicious food and drinks, you are in luck because now the Bookstore has a new lounge and dining area for you to kick back, eat, drink and hang out with your friends. You will soon be able to do this in a cool, quiet and comfortable indoor rest area where you can enjoy your meals without worrying about those rainy or hot days. So, be sure to check out PCC's new rest stop and take advantage of this cool hang out. To be open soon.

Library Gets Minor Face Lift

PCC Library has gone through a minor renovation by repairing the roofs, putting new doorknobs and bolts, cleaning the air-conditioners and putting in new brighter and energy efficient lights. So now the Library is more brightly lit, safe and comfortable for students to study, read and learn. The Library Staff would like to thank PCC's Maintenance staff for helping make the library a more positive and friendly learning environment.



PCC Daycare Children Take a break from playing to pose with Upward Bound Work Study Students Ms. Dilusech Sadang and Ms. Glowly Ngwal

**PCC CRE and CE Offer
Summer Fun Programs**

The Summer Camp at Melekeok has been scheduled for July 4 to July 10, 2004. Registration is ongoing and will continue until July 2, 2004. The fee is \$50 and parents will be asked to drop off their children at Melekeok and pick them up on their last day. This is a great opportunity for children to learn about Palauan traditions such as how to make a spear, how to use them to fish, how to weave baskets as well as learn the values of independence and cooperation.

To register, please call 488-2470/1 ext. 237/238 and talk to Eileen Babauta or Taruu Nakamura or call our direct line at 488-6223, or stop by the Continuing Education Office. For younger children there is the Little Minnow, a marine science program for younger children from the third grade to the fifth grade. The program begins on July 12th and ends on July 16th. Students may register for morning or afternoon class. This is also a free weeklong program and deadline to register is July 8, 2004. Space is also limited so call early to reserve a spot. To register or for more information please contact Kris Lloyd, PCC Cooperative Research and Extension (CRE) at 488-4983.

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9th Festival of the Pacific Arts is presenting Palau's music artists in concert at the KB Bridge, Koror Side on June 27, 2004(Sunday) from 11:00am-5:00pm

The concert will Feature Palau's most famous Musicians and Band Members such as: Lisa, Kaiyo, Tamara, Perry, Haidy, Rushgo, Ureked, Mariana, Weena Kiblas

Brisia, Fidencia, Sherry, Magrina, Emau, Wynona Rekeuis, Eila, Teo, Leeland, Shanne, Alvina Willy, Balkuu, Skilang, Fred and Isimang. For tickets info call 488-6490/6491 or Maked at 488-2489. Ticket Prices: Children 12 and under \$2.00 Adults: \$5:00

Rock Island Workshop for Project Beacon Participants

This Saturday PCC Students will attend a Project Beacon workshop on **Your Lifestyle: The Importance of Sleep, Nutrition and Exercise**. The event will take place at the Ulong Island where students will join together to enjoy a little fun, relaxation and learn to achieve a more healthy lifestyle that will lead to a more productive and successful school year. In addition, the students will also enjoy a cultural tour of Ulong's rich history. Adora Nobuo, Counselor for Project Beacon is organizing the event. Nobuo said, "This is a great way for PCC students to learn the importance of how to better take care of our bodies both physically, emotionally and mentally while having an opportunity to make friends and have fun in the sun."

She added, "Although these are things that we sometimes take for granted, they are important ways for us to ensure we find a healthy balance for our overall well-being because healthy habits mean a more productive and healthy lifestyle."

Mokedau.Com Has Free Car wash

Mokedau.com Canoe Team is having a free car wash this Saturday, June 26, 2004 at the Palau Community College shop area parking lot. The car wash begins at 8:00 am. and ends at 5:00 pm. So come on down and have your ride washed spanking new for the weekend. This car wash is sponsored by the Mokedau.com Canoe Team to raise funds for the team to participate in upcoming canoe competitions. The Mokedau.com team consists entirely of PCC staff and students who have joined together for good exercise, healthy living, teamwork and school spirit.