

Scholarship Opportunities For 2003-04 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 2003-2004, 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
Polycarp International Enterprise 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, 2003, the deadline date. For more information about these abovementioned 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.

Finally, the Mobil Oil Guam Inc. and Mobil Oil Micronesia, Inc. Scholarship Foundation announces the availability of applications for its scholarship program. Deadline is August 15, 2003 and applicants are urged to complete and mail their application packets, which are available at PCC Development Office, courtesy of PCC.

Palau Community College extends our deepest sympathies to Endowment Club members, **Ms. Linda Ngotel and Mr. Willyander Ngotel**, on the passing of their beloved mother, **Osau Ngotel**. Our prayers and thoughts are with them during their time of bereavement.

Celebrating Birthdays
 Serelina Ridep June 30
Happy Birthday To You!!!

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SUPPORT FOR ENDOWMENT GROWS

Support for the PCC Endowment Fund continues to grow this 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 the Koror State Government's Public Works, we welcome three (3) new members, **Pablo Wataru, Alex Ongidobel, and Allen Sokau**. At the Ministry of Finance's Personnel Division, we welcome one (1) new member, **Ismael Makilong**. In the Olbiil Era Kelulau, we welcome six (6) new members, **Marcello Ngirkklau, Monaliza Antonio, Fuanes Kamesang, Elena Temol, Benjamin Iskawa, and Peleliu Delegate Gerdence Meyar**. From the Ministry of Education, we welcome nine (9) new members, **Loretta Rivera, Andrew Tabelual, Toshiwo Kelmal, Imengel Secharmideal** (Class of '97-Cert. in Sec. Science), **Flores Moses, Annette Ucherkemur, Jenevra Bechab** (Class of '88-Cert. in Gen. Office Clerk), **Johnson Joshua** (Class of '96-Cert. in Agricultural Science), and **Veronica Kazuo**. At the Ministry of Health's Public Health Division, we welcome one (1) new member, **Mesiwal Madlutk** (Class of '00-AS degree in Nursing). And, in the Ministry of Resources and Development, we welcome three (3) new members, **Pauline Rivera, Happy Ngirakesau, and Steven Sali**. Finally, we are excited to announce that current member **Arcenia Ngiraklang** is to be commended for opting to increase her bi-weekly donation!

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!



Koror State employees Allen Sokau, Alex Ongidobel, and Pablo Wataru



OEK staff Fuanes Kamesang and Monaliza Antonio



OEK staff Elena Temol



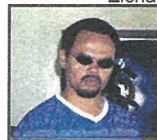
OEK staff Marcello Ngirkklau



OEK staff Benjamin Iskawa



Peleliu Delegate Gerdence Meyar



MOE teacher Andrew Tabelual



MOE teacher Johnson Joshua



Min. of R&D staff Steven Sali



MOF-Personnel staff Ismael Makilong



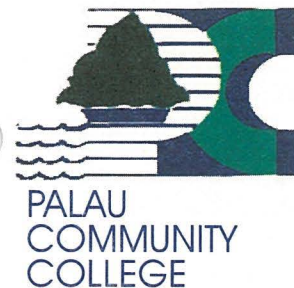
Min. of R&D staff Pauline Rivera



Min. of R&D staff Happy Ngirakesau



MOH nurse Mesiwal Madlutk



Palau Community College MESEKIU'S NEWS

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Weekly Newsletter

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WIA Puts 180 Students To Work

Once again the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Office has begun placing Palau's students to work this summer. As of this week, some one hundred eighty (180) 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 August 1st. Of the 180 students, thirty-two (32) 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 Physical Plant Division, where they are responsible for campus landscaping. From left are Rodney Yoshida, Kelib Malsol, Delol Ikesiil, Supervisor Grace Yalop, and Eiseley Richard.

UPWARD BOUND DOES IT AGAIN!

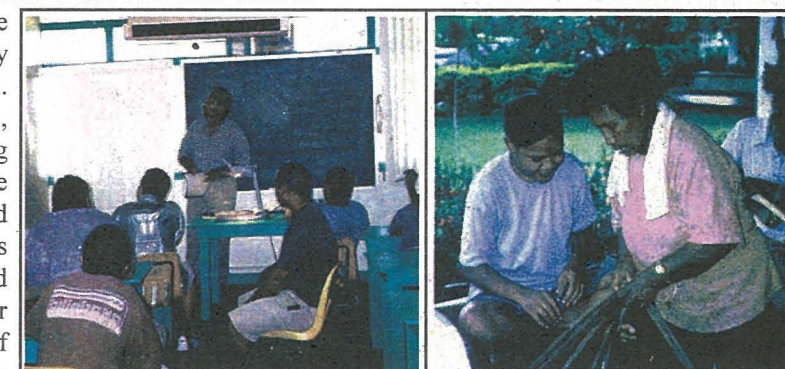
Once again, the Palau Community College Upward Bound has scored what may be a grand slam. This is because the College has just received word that our proposal for a new Upward Bound cycle has been granted; thus, securing the program's continued existence for another four years.

The Upward Bound Program began its services in Palau back in 1983 and has since been providing much needed programs, activities and services to Palau's students. The program recruits academically challenged and first generation college-bound students and instills in them the necessary skills to enroll and succeed in post-secondary education.

Such preparation includes but is not limited to supplementary college preparatory courses, tutoring, study skills and other essential tips for success such as time and money management, interpersonal skills, etc. The program also exposes its students to and instills in them appreciation for their island's unique culture.

In this current cycle, the Program expanded to serve additional students, bringing the number of UB students from sixty to eighty. Still, because of the critical services provided by the Program, competition to enroll in Upward Bound continues to be stiff indicating that Palau's students continue to need services such as

those that are provided by the Program. Hence, receiving word that the Upward Bound has been granted another four more years of operation comes as great news to Palau. After all, having served over 600 students since its inception, the Upward Bound Program has become, one might say, an institution that Palau cannot afford to lose. For information about the Upward Bound Program, contact UB Project Director Kuyé Belelai at telephone number 488-2471/2962.



Left photo - PCC President Patrick U. Tellei lectures to UB students during one UB's Cultural Awareness Program activities. The lecture topics included the traditional seating arrangement of village chiefs at the Abai (meeting house) as well as the proper distribution of the pig for each chief. Right photo - UB student Shelly Kailang learning the art of weaving traditional Palauan baskets from master teacher Sarah Yukiwo.

PCC VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Position: (1) Instructor, General Electronics Technology

Salary: \$16,010 to \$21,911 per annum Depending on qualifications

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

Responsible for teaching courses in accordance with the approved course outlines and developing curriculum for his/her respective division; maintain accurate attendance and counseling and advising students as needed; submitting required reports; serve on College committees as needed; enforcing College policies and performing other duties as assigned.

Minimum Qualification Requirements

Bachelor's degree in related field from an accredited institution with at least three years of successful teaching experience. Preferably master's degree in the teaching area or related field. Additionally, she/he must be proficient in basic computer software and program.

General Information

Application forms can be obtained from Human Resources Division at Palau Community College mailing address P.O. Box 9 Koror, Palau 96940. Send completed application with transcripts, resume, and verification of previous employment(s), if any, to same address. For further information, call PCC telephone number (680) 488-2470/2471, extension 226 or come in and see us.

PCC IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ACTION EMPLOYER



Stark Swenny, son of Swenny Ongidobel and Lydia-Ngirablosch, is a student worker at the PCC Development Office this summer under the WIA summer work program. He has already begun providing much appreciated help around the office much to the delight of the Development Office staff!

Elvis in Hawaii!!!

Written by PCC Library Technician Ms. Imengel Mad

If you are an Elvis Presley fan, you may be interested in checking out the new book at the PCC Library's Micronesia-Pacific Collection, *Elvis in Hawaii* by Jerry Hopkins. Former resident and celebrity biographer Jerry Hopkins tells the story of the King of Rock and Roll's twenty-year love affair with the Hawaiian Islands and its people. Over 100 photos, many previously unpublished, document Elvis' ties to Hawaii, the site of two of his most important concerts, the setting for three of his films, and up to a few months before he died, a favorite vacation spot.

Go Pidgin

Interested in learning Pidgin English? The PCC Library collection now has two books titled *Pidgin To Da Max - Hana Hou*. Pidgin To Da Max is for fun. The authors took a lot of pidgin words and put them down the way Hawaiians use them, the way they hear them. A word of caution to the non-local: if you don't already speak pidgin, you might need some help from local (Hawaiian) friends to understand this book. Remember, Pidgin To Da Max is not a tourist guide to pidgin. So don't try to speak it after reading this book. You'll just get into trouble!

HPD Wants You

Why in the world would anyone want to join a police force? If you are interested or thinking about joining the force, you may find *Honolulu Cop: reflection on a career with HPD* fascinating. It's "the toughest, dirtiest, most satisfying job in town," and in this book, retired major Gary A. Dias takes us with him as he learns the ropes as a

rookie and moves from assignment to assignment, encountering stupid crooks, resourceful prostitutes, deadly snipers, ornery dogs, and even a few ghosts! With self-deprecating humor and judicious assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of those on both sides of the law, Dias provides an inside look at the evolution of law enforcement since the 1970's.

Thanks BNM

Lastly, the PCC Library would like to thank the Belau National Museum Research Library for donating *Dui ma Klobaker Belau* published by *The Palau Community Action Agency*. A big thank you to Ms. Sandy Fernandez for taking her time to make a copy for us. This book is now available in the PCC Library's Micronesia-Pacific Collection. Everyone is welcome to see our copy!

The end of reading is not more books but more life.

Holbrook Jackson
Check out your PCC Library!

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!

PCC Welcomes New Endowment Club Members



MOE teacher
Toshiwo Kelmal



MOE teacher
Imengel Secharmidal



MOE staff
Jenevra Bechab



MOE staff Veronica Kazuo



MOE teacher Loretta Rivera



MOE teacher
Flores Moses

BITS AND PIECES...

Automobile Crashes and Lives Lost

We are most concerned by the recent occurrences involving vehicular accidents, particularly because the last two such accidents resulted in the loss of lives. Three weeks ago, we lost one of our own PCC students when his car hit other automobiles and ended up in the waters off the Koror causeway leading toward the Japan-Palau Friendship Bridge. One week later, two young men also lost their lives when their vehicle crashed into an electric pole and also ended up in the waters off the same causeway.

It has been reported in both incidents that alcohol was a factor. As the only institution of higher learning in Palau serving most of Palau's youth, we at PCC would like to remind all our students that nothing good comes from drinking alcohol and driving. If you are of legal drinking age and would like to drink, MAKE SURE to have a friend or someone else be your designated driver. Please take care of yourself. Your family, relatives, friends, and all of us here at PCC would like to spend many more years with you.

Yap SEED Teachers Train in Palau

This summer, Palau Community College has initiated an apprentice training program to serve the teachers from the Yap State Education Enterprising Department (SEED). These teachers, namely Gregorio G. You, James Rogol, Juanito Salap, Robert Petalmai, Lorenzo Saremalyang, and Petra Tatholieng arrived last Saturday June 21st and are residing in the PCC dormitories for the duration of their training. PCC's Vincent Ito, in working with the College's Continuing Education office, has begun working closely with these teachers in order to accommodate each of their specific training needs. In fact, Ito has secured training sites in both the public and private sectors to provide training experience for our friends from Yap. Scheduled to last for eight weeks, the training ends on August 15, 2003.

With the apprentice training being the first of its kind in Palau, it is indicative of PCC's continuous strive to anticipate and meet our customers' needs. Thus, PCC has begun expanding our services to serve our friends and neighbors around the region who choose to take advantage of the many education and training opportunities available to them here in Palau through Palau Community College. For information about the PCC Apprentice Training, contact Ms. Eileen Babauta at PCC telephone number (680) 488-2470/2471, extension 237.



PCC welcomes these Yap Teachers as they train in Palau this summer!

PCC's Fran Kinsang Conducts PE Training for MOE Staff

Fran B. Kinsang, who serves as the College's Strategic Planning and Institutional Research Coordinator, recently took some time off from work to conduct trainings for physical education teachers from the Palau Ministry of Education (MOE). The training for Palau High School teachers was held on June 19th and 20th, while training for the elementary school teachers was held from Tuesday to Friday (June 24th to the 27th) this week.

The trainings were conducted to introduce the new Physical Education Curriculum Standards that will be implemented throughout the MOE this coming fall. This activity brings the program up to date with current research guidelines regarding fitness, wellness and motor skill acquisition. The goal is for every student to understand what an active lifestyle is and to obtain the skills to pursue those activities they enjoy. As a result, physical education classes will be broadened to include individual, dual and lifetime activities as well as team sports.

Many of us know Fran as our lead person in developing the College's master plan and keeping us on track, not to mention spearheading our efforts to ensure that the College mission statement accurately reflects the College's intended purpose/goal. However, before she assumed this role, she previously served in the College's Recreation Division which handled all sports programs and activities. As a matter of fact, while her bachelor's degree is in education, Fran obtained her master's degree in physical education from Springfield College in Massachusetts. Thus, Fran is an expert in this field and the Ministry of Education has benefited from her expertise in this regard.



Fran Kinsang (2nd left) observes participants during one of the training exercises

Student Newspaper May Sue

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A federal appeals court ruled last month that 1988 Hazelwood Supreme Court decision, which allows high schools to censor student newspapers, does not apply to public colleges.

As a result, editors of *The Innovator*, the students newspaper of Governors State University in Illinois, may now sue the school for allegedly violating their free speech rights.

In October 2000, the former dean of student affairs decided that the paper could not be published without administrative approval. Also in April, administrators at the private Stetson University in Florida shut down *The Reporter* after its April Fool's Day issue contained profanities, and a fake advertisement reading, "Kills townies dead."