

Exam Study Tips

The following study tips are to provide 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". Because the summer term finals is next week these tips may make the difference between a good and a bad grade. Note the following tips, heed them 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.

PCC Welcomes New Endowment Donors

This week, PCC once again welcomes the newest members of the Endowment 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. Hence, 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 Ngiwal State Offices, we welcome one (1) new member, **Warren Tarkong**. At the Ministry of Finance, Division of Custom, we welcome one (1) new member, **Edson Chiokai**. Thank you very much!

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!



Warren Tarkong



Edson Chiokai

This newsletter would like to feature Endowment Club members' accomplishments and birthdays. Call Jay Olegeriil or Armstrong Debelbot at PCC Development Office at 488-2471, extension 253 and they will be very happy to assist you!

Photos of Upward Bound Students During Cultural Awareness Event



Celebrating Birthdays

United States July 4
Happy Birthday To You!!!

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PCC Accreditation Reaffirmed!

The much-awaited news on the accreditation status of Palau Community College has finally been received from the Executive Director of the Accreditation Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges in her letter to President Patrick Tellei dated June 25, 2004. In its meeting on June 9-11, 2004 in San Francisco, the Commission reaffirmed Palau Community College's accreditation which gives PCC six more years of accredited status. The Commission reaffirmed PCC's accreditation after reviewing the institutional self-study report and the visiting team report. The college will be completing a Progress Report on six recommendations made by the visiting team. The Progress Report is due to the Commission by October 15, 2005 and will be followed by a visit by Commission representatives. A required

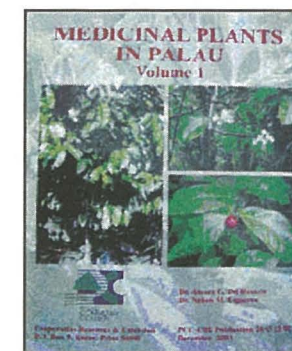


Picture of Visiting Accreditation Team Poses with PCC President Patrick U. Tellei and Board of Trustees

Midterm Report by all colleges undergoing a comprehensive evaluation review will be filed by PCC in the third year after the comprehensive review, which will be March 2007. The next comprehensive evaluation review for PCC will occur during Spring 2010. The Commission also commended the college and its leadership for its dedication to education and supporting its students by promoting an environment in which they can develop both personally and intellectually. Palau Community College began the process of applying for full accreditation in early 1972 and was finally granted initial accreditation status in June 1977 when it was then Micronesia Occupational Center. Since the initial accreditation in 1977, the college had undergone five (5) comprehensive evaluation reviews by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, and has been successful in securing reaffirmation of its accreditation in all five attempts. The five subsequent comprehensive evaluation reviews occurred in 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, and the most recent on in 2003.

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New Publication on "Medicinal Plants in Palau"



Publication is Available at PCC's CRE Office

The publication features colored photographs of 53 important medicinal plants, the Family to which the plant belongs, scientific name, English and Palauan names, description, distribution and habitat and medicinal uses in Palau and other places. It also includes an illustrated appendix on the terms used for leaf descriptions, a glossary of botanical and pharmacological terms and an index on medicinal uses of the plants. If you are interested to have a copy of this publication, please call PCC-CRE at telephone numbers 488-2746/4983, fax number 488-3307 or e-mail tarothomas@yahoo.com.

Mokedau.Com Raises almost \$1,000

Mokedau.com Canoe Team carwash fundraiser held this past Saturday, June 26, 2004 at the Palau Community College shop area parking lot raised almost a thousand dollars in pledges and monetary donations. The money raised will be used to pay for registration fees as well as purchase necessary equipment for the Mokedau.com Canoe Team to participate in upcoming canoe racing tournaments. Team manager, Joan Philip, on behalf of the entire team would like to express her thanks to all the people who pledged a donation and who gave their support. Joan Philip said, "Your support and donation will go a long way in helping our team to be the best they can be. Thank you for your support."

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Copies of the Self-Study Report and the Commission's ruling are available at the PCC Library and the Dean of Students' Office. PCC President Tellei on behalf of the Board of Trustees and the entire College would like to thank PCC staff for their steadfast support and contribution to PCC's accreditation process. Bilung Gloria G. Salli, BOT Chairperson: "Please know that your daily effort, especially the time and dedication you gave to the development of our Self-Study Report is most appreciated. The reaffirmation of the College's accreditation status is a testimony of your value to our team."

PCC President Patrick U. Tellei said: "I would like to thank the members of the accreditation evaluation team, and the members of the Accreditation Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) for granting PCC's six-year accreditation. With your support, you have insured that Palau will continue to have an educational institution that will not only meet the developmental needs of the community but also fulfill the dream of a young nation."

PROJECT BEACON STUDENTS VISIT PNCC

This past Friday June 25, some fourteen (14) PCC students participated in a tour of the main headquarters of the Palau National Communications Corporation (PNCC) located in Airai state. The students met with PNCC Myers Techitong, Special Project Administrator, and Orlando Orak, Palaunet Billings Clerk as well as division supervisors and staff. The Students were given a well rounded tour throughout the PNCC Complex with visits to the Finance Office, Customer Service, Maintenance, Operations, Broadcast and Marketing. During the course of the tour, Mr. Techitong took time to explain the overall PNCC operations as well as services available to the general public. He stressed the need for students to possess good communication skills, a positive attitude, and good work ethics for them to succeed in any work environment. Techitong encouraged students to use their time in school to gain a solid educational foundation and hone their skills to better prepare themselves for the real world of work. Cynthia Malsol, Career Counselor accompanied the students as part of Project Beacon career orientation program. Cynthia feels that such field trips give students a better idea of what types of careers they may wish to pursue because it gives them an opportunity to speak, listen and interact with various professionals. Cynthia Malsol stated, "I would like to thank Myers, Orlando and the entire PNCC staff for their warm hospitality and very informative presentations. It was truly a learning experience for my students and myself. Thank you."

UBMS Students Visit Dolphins Pacific

Students from Upward Bound Math and Science Program went on a field trip to Dolphins Pacific facility last week. The focus of their field trip was to observe marine mammals in captivity and learn more about their feeding habits, life cycle and reproduction patterns. UBMS Staff accompanied the students on the excursion. The students had an exciting learning experience visiting the facilities and having a personal interaction with the dolphins and their trainers.

UBMS Staff Geraldine Rengiil stated: "The students had a wonderful time and learned about various potential science related careers that will one day inspire them to pursue their educational goals in the field of science." Here are some additional comments from excited UBMS students who experienced Dolphins Pacific for the very first time:



Photo of UBMS Students at Dolphins Pacific

Trusila Anton (Chuuk) said, "It was my first time to see dolphins and I like it. When I saw the place, I was kind of scared but I was amazed that the dolphins understood the trainers." Maggie Asher (Kosrae) said, "I learned a lot and it was da-bomb." Constantino Loyola Jr. (Ponhpei) said "I learned that dolphins are really smart." Prolynn Brien (Palau) said, "It was very educational because I learned things I never knew before." Adam Paulino (Guam) said, "It was my first time seeing dolphins. It was a fun and wonderful experience. The staff and students from the UBMS Program would like to thank the staff and management of Dolphins Pacific for making the trip the most memorable and funnest possible!

More Photos of UBMS Students Visiting the CRE's Research Station and Dolphins Pacific:



BITS AND PIECES...

Happy Constitution Day Palau!

Palau Community College joins the rest of the nation as we celebrate Palau's Constitution Day this coming July 9, 2004. As the only institution of higher learning in Palau, we at PCC are proud to be at the forefront in providing educational and training opportunities to Palau's citizens.

Happy Independence Day U.S.A.!

The College would like to take this opportunity and wish one of our country's greatest friend, the United States of America, a very happy Independence Day, the 4th of July 2004. Here at the College we have our share of American co-workers and we join them in celebrating the anniversary of the independence day of the world's most powerful nation. Long Live U.S.A.!!!

Happy Constitution Day Aimeliik!

On Thursday this week, July 1, 2004, the people of Aimeliik celebrated the state's 21st Constitution Day. The College boasts special ties with the state of Aimeliik as it is the first state whose government and elementary school employees have been bi-weekly donors to the PCC endowment fund for the last five years. This is the longest among all non-PCC entities. Thus, PCC extends a special congratulatory message to the people of Aimeliik for achieving this yet another milestone and stands ready to continue providing for their higher educational training needs.

Japanese Art Exhibition

Do you have a deep interest in Japanese art? If you are you're in luck as a beautiful private collection of Japanese embroidery and Mizuhika art by Michiko Kidokora and Senga Shimizu will be on display at the PCC Cafeteria. The exhibition will begin on July 8 to 9, 2004 and starts from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. So, set the dates on the your calendar and come on down to PCC to observe this exquisite art form.

9th Pacific Arts Festival Kicks Off Another Concert

9th Festival of the Pacific Arts is presenting Palau's music artists in concert at Long Island, Koror on July 11, 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

Bookstore Dinning Area Now Open

PCC Bookstore has now opened its very own lounge and dining area for students to enjoy their meals in a cool and comfortable setting. In addition, the lounge area is a great place for students to do homework, read and study for their exams. So come on down and check out PCC's new hangout!

CRE Holds Grant Workshop

Palau Community College hosted the Pacific Grantsmanship Workshop on June 28th and 29th. PCC was chosen to represent of the College of Micronesia. Dr. Michael Harrington, Executive Director of the Western



Dr. Michael Harrington (2nd Right) Poses with CRE Staff

Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors facilitated the workshop. Dr. Harrington is traveling around Pacific Islands conducting this workshop on capacity building to help grant writers locate funding sources and improve their writing methods and procedures. He wants grant writers to be able to "catch a big fish", in other words become more successful at getting their grant projects approved. Thirteen participants from PICRC, BMR, Tia Belau, PCC-Project Beacon, and PCC-CRE attended the session. Everyone found the session to be informative and now with newly acquired skills they can reel in the big one!

CRE Concludes Young Environmentalist Class

Palau Community College-Cooperative Research and Extension conducted a two-week Summer Environmental Education class in Ngaremlengui June 8th-18. Thirteen 7th and 8th graders from Ngaremlengui



CRE Young Environmentalists are All Smiles

Elementary School attended. The class focused on Aquatic Biology, Botany, Water Quality Testing, and Agriculture. During the first week the students planted trees at the PCC- R & D Station, harvested cassava, conducted soil nutrient testing, and started their own vegetable garden. The second week they visited the Ngaremlengui Waterfall to observe aquatic organism and tested the water quality of the Ngermeskang River and took a kayak trip down the Ngatpang River into Ngermeduu Bay. They also took a tour of the Palau Mariculture Demonstration Center and the Belau National Museum. The students really enjoyed the class and PCC-CRE hopes to conduct similar classes in the future for students all over Babeldaob and Koror.

Former PCC Classmates Wanted

Would you like to get in touch with your MOC/PCC classmates? We can announce (via this newsletter) that we have your contact number/address; thus, anyone who went to school with you and wishes to reach you may simply contact the PCC Development Office and we will help connect you to your classmate(s). If you want to try and locate your classmates, simply email to temmy@palau.edu and PCC will announce that you want to get in touch with your classmates.