

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

Palau Community College continues to accept applications for the following scholarships:

- ✓ Polycarp International Enterprise Scholarship
- ✓ Moylan's Insurance Scholarship
- ✓ Roman Tmetuchl Scholarship
- ✓ Prince Lebuu Scholarship
- ✓ Shell Scholarship

Application forms for the scholarships and the student exchange program are available at the PCC Development office located behind the library. For more information, please call Jay Olegeriil at 488-2471, ext. 250.

NOTE: Do not wait until the last minute! It serves you better to submit your application early and find out if you have also provided all the required supporting documents.

All PCC students are also strongly encouraged to apply for the Palau National Scholarship, Palau Student Loan, as well as the Palau Merit Scholarship. Applications for these scholarships are available at the National Scholarship Office located across from the Ministry of Education. With a deadline set for July 31st this year, everyone is reminded to submit their application and supporting documents to the Scholarship Office by the deadline date. You may call the office at telephone number 488-3608.



GIS Instructor Kelly Raleigh at the Graduation Ceremony



TOEFL Test Dates

2002 - 2003

Test Dates	Registration Deadline
September 14, 2002	(receipt date at the TOEFL Office)
October 19, 2002	July 29, 2002
January 18, 2003	September 2, 2002
May 10, 2003	December 2, 2002
	March 24, 2003

Score Report Mailing Dates

October 23, 2002
November 27, 2002
February 26, 2003
June 18, 2003

- *The Test of Written English (TWE) is given with the TOEFL test. It is a 30-minute writing test that is required of everyone taking the paper-based test. The TWE score is reported separately and is not added to the TOEFL score.*
- *Test Fee - \$110.00*
- *Information Booklet and Registration forms are now available at the Student Life Office.*

PCC President, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, faculty and staff, and most especially the students would like to congratulate University of Guam on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary.

Celebrating Birthdays



Lesley B. Adachi July 15, 2002
Marensia Edward July 15, 2002
Don S. Hanser July 17, 2002

Happy Birthday To You!



Palau Community College

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Weekly Newsletter

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GIS Program is Successful

Article By: Peter Ma

Palau Automated Land and Resource Information System (PALARIS) will serve as a network to link major bureaus, departments, and agencies, both public and private, in the utilization of information by which leadership will be able to better manage the personal resources, natural resources, and protect the environment of Palau.

After three years in operation directly under the Ministry of Resources and Development, PALARIS has graduated a second generation of GIS professionals through the OMIP program at the Palau Community College. Graduates of the 2002 GIS class will lead Palau into the future as the foundation to support planning, conservation, and management of human and natural resources.

Spanning a broad range of offices and government agencies, like PCC, PICRIC, PCS, MOJ, BMR, Environmental Health and Sanitation, and EQPB, students have obtained cutting edge knowledge in operating Geographical Information Systems. Commonly known as GIS, the term refers to a computer-based process of intergrating tabular data from a record and geographic data from a map, into a powerful tool of information for decision makers.

Using GIS, students from the Cultural Affairs office were able to locate all culturally and historically significant areas in Babeldaob. By identifying particular areas affected by a proposed golf course in Airai, they were able to present decision makers in specific areas more suitable for a golf course with respect to existing culturally significant areas.

In a different application, students from the Ministry of Justice were able to convert police reports into digital form and represent them as points on a computer based map. By clicking on one point, it provided the user with information about the selected incident. This tool will help decision makers apply preventive measures, such increased patrol in high incident areas or faster response tactics to domestic fires.

What about the long term affects of global climate change? Is Palau going to be affected by sea level rise in the next 100 years? This question was asked by a group of students representing the Office of Environmental Response and Coordination, Palau Conservation Society, and the Office of Marine Resources. Using GIS and information from a global model, the students were able to

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PCC's Dilubch Samil Received Certificate for Successful completion of the GIS Training

GIS Graduates

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| 1. Rita Olsudong | Bureau of Arts & Culture |
| 2. Errolflyn Koulechad | Bureau of Arts & Culture |
| 3. Melson Miko | Bureau of Arts & Culture |
| 4. Calvin Emesiochel | Bureau of Arts & Culture |
| 5. Ilebrang Olkeriil | Palau Conservation Society |
| 6. Margie Ngirmidol | Fish & Wildlife Protect. |
| 7. Dianne Tajima | Bureau of Public Safety |
| 8. Losii Samsel | Ministry of Health |
| 9. Debbie Toribiong | Substance Abuse Prevention |
| 10. Caleb Ulitch | Nat'l. Emergency Mgmt. Office |
| 11. Mike Aulerio | PALARIS |
| 12. Galbraith Gabriel | PALARIS |
| 13. Johnson Nagata | PALARIS |
| 14. Evelyn Oiterong | Ministry of Res. & Dev. |
| 15. Donna McBride | Ministry of Res. & Dev. |
| 16. Russell Roman | Design & Engineering |
| 17. Alma Ridep Morris | Ministry of Res. & Dev. |
| 18. Elmera Syozitara | Ministry of Comm. & Trade |
| 19. Helenda Oime | Ministry of Comm. & Trade |
| 20. Dilubch Samil | Palau Community College |
| 21. Tarita Holm | OERC |
| 22. David Idip, Jr. | Palau Int'l. Coral Reef Ctr. |
| 23. Lolita Penland | Palau Int'l. Coral Reef Ctr. |
| 24. Ann Kitalong | The Environment, Inc |
| 25. Rosania Ongrung | Env. Quality Protection Board |
| 26. Robin Demeo | NRCS |
| 27. Brainard Kloulechad | Ministry of Finance |
| 28. Randy Kloulechad | Palau Public Utilities Corp. |

GIS, from front page...

represent areas of Palau severely affected by a one-meter rise in sea level from Kayangel to Angaur. Many landowners and Congressional leaders would be shocked to see what land might be under water in the next hundred years.

The third rotation of classes for GIS training begins in July of this year. It's an intense course that offers six weeks of basic PC training in MS Word, Excel, and Access. After this, students are subjected to 3 five-week GIS courses, two hours a day, four days a week. I encourage all offices interested in the training to contact Don Hanser at the Palau Community College OMIP training center.

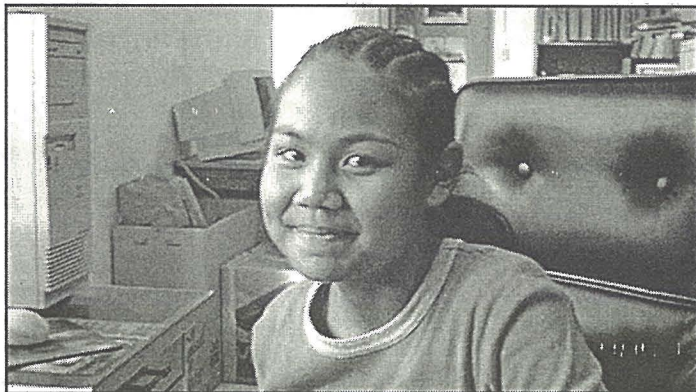
Congratulations to all the students who have been awarded GIS certificates; their hard work and dedication will put them ahead of most professionals in the world. I wish you well in helping Palau to achieve its vision of sustainable development.

Upward Bound Program Summer Trainees pursue career opportunity

PCC's Upward Bound Program has developed a new program called Community Learning Services Project, which places students in several government offices and PCC Campus. The CLSP program places students in those offices which hold the career interests of these students. CLSP program helps students learn first hand experience that will help them set their goals for their future careers. Students in the CLSP program get an additional stipend with the regular \$30.00 per week for the whole summer.

This is the first time for this program to operate on campus and outside. CLSP is a non-profit organization that operates under the Upward Bound Program. This year, fifteen students were selected and placed in those office which carries these students career interests. Jessica San Nicolas who is one of Upward Bound's student was placed on this program. She is now placed at Palau Community College's Development Office, where she trains in the field of media. This includes going out and making interviews and taking pictures for PCC's Mesekiu news letter.

If you have any questions regarding Community Learning Services Program (CLSP), please contact Kaye Belelai Upward Bound Director at 488-2470/2471. Extension 260.



Jessica San Nicolas joins PCC Development Office as summer trainee

CRISIS HOTLINE WORKSHOP & TRAINING

Establishment of Palau Crisis Hotline

The establishment of a twenty-four hour, seven days a week hotline for Palau has long been envisioned by many community members and different agencies within the government of Palau.

Statistics show that in Palau, from the years 1999 to the present, a resident of Palau is more likely to die of suicide than homicide. There have been studies done in Micronesia and Palau follows the island of Chuuk with the most suicides. Statistics also show that the majority of suicide victims are young people, in addition, increased number of young people attempt to commit suicide.

In 1999, during a workshop for the CoPopChl (Committee on Population and Children) the youth of Palau, high school students representing the various private and public high schools of Palau attended the seminar. The Committee asked these high school representatives what the youth of Palau need and they unanimously agreed that they wanted a hotline where they can seek assistance for emotional and psychological needs without being "labeled" or their identification "revealed".

In addition, these young people wanted to speak to adults other than their parents or relatives. They wanted to be able to speak to a third party with a more objective viewpoint. Hence, the need for this hotline was identified by the youth of Palau, Palau's future leaders.

In the past years, several different groups and governmental agencies, including persons with disabilities, MOH Primary Care Units and other organizations have all planned to establish a hotline with the same goal in mind, Milad 'L Dil, (NGO) with the support of TIUL Belau (NGO) spearheaded a task force to establish the Crisis Hotline.

The introduction workshop was held in February 2002, it boasted of 15 attendants. The workshop was held at the Vice-President's Office; Dr. Steve Kuarteri of the Belau National Hospital, Mrs. Benita Decherong, Ministry of Education and Ms. Seba Tiobech, Behavioral Health were initial instructors for the workshop.

Public Health, under the directive of Dr. Otto, Ms. Berrymoon Watson from Family Care Services as well as Ms. Anne Glass from the Primary Care Services, all divisions under the auspices of the Ministry of Health have given their commitment to establishment of this Hotline, in addition, the Palau Community College, have pledged their assistance in this endeavor.

Hence, from this standpoint, we are asking the public for volunteers to be trained in becoming a volunteer telephone specialist for the Palau Crisis Hotline. Training will be a total of 10 weeks, scheduled training to be announced.

Training will include classroom training and clinical training. Volunteers from the community are asked to call PCC, Continuing Education, Mr. Willy Wally for more information.

Application for Internship for Fall Semester 2002

In preparation for Internship placement for **FALL SEMESTER 2002**, we need to know the number of students who will be eligible to participate in the training and their respective trade areas at this time. This will allow us to identify and secure commitments from appropriate employers who will be providing training to our students.

To assist in this effort, Student Advisors are requested to review their advisees folders and to advise those who will be eligible to participate in the training to come to CE Office and see the Extension Program Coordinator, Mr. Vincent Ito, and fill out required application forms. **APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW READY FOR PICK UP ANYTIME DURING WORKING HOURS. Deadline for submission of completed application forms is Friday, August 9, 2002 in order for student to be considered for the training.**

Internship is provided as final requirement for students who have completed all their course requirements on campus or at least have one remaining to be taken concurrently with internship. It allows students to be placed on the job in their respective field of training working on a full time basis as intern trainee for the semester. The practical experience gained from the training will be counted, as credits required to graduate.

Your prompt assistance and support on this matter is much appreciated.

Cc: Admissions and Financial Aid

2003 Pacific Basin Interagency Leadership Conference Planning Begins

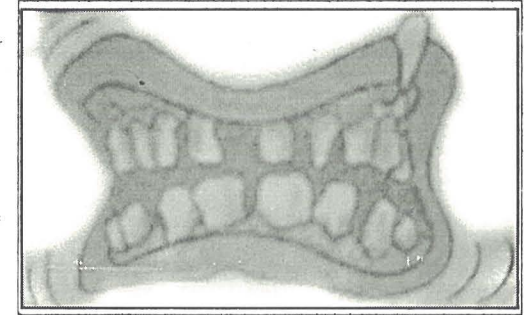
On July 2, 2002, a memorandum was given out to certain staff and faculty members to inform these people of the up coming 2003 Pacific Basin Interagency Leadership Conference (PBILC) that will take place here at the College. Jay Olegeriil was appointed as chairmain for the logistics committee. The Republic of Palau's Vice-President and Minister of health, Honorable Sandra S. Pierantozzi is the overall chairperson while the President of the College Patrick U. Tellei is the Vice Chairman of the overall committee.

For initial planning purposes, President Tellei designated several campus staff to serve on the Logistics committee.

Staff and faculty members are asked to assist on this special conference. First committee meeting will take place prior to the beginning of the conference.

Any questions regarding this committee or any members of the logistics committee, please contact Jay Olegeriil at 488-2470, Ext. 250 or 253 for further information.

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Mouth disease

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"Reminder to all Palau National Scholarship Applicants"

For those who are applying for Palau National Scholarship and Student Loan, please be advised that upon submitting your applications:

Provide:

- ✓ Copies of your birth certificates.
- ✓ Copy of your transcript.
- ✓ Be sure to submit your documents prior to the deadlines.
- ✓ Late applications or other supporting documents will not be accepted.

If you have any questions, please contact Chur Oiph at Palau National Scholarship Office at 488 - 3608.

PCC Constitutional Day Message

The PCC President, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, faculty & staff, and most especially the students of Palau Community College, congratulate the Republic of Palau as we celebrate our nation's 22nd Constitutional Day.

As always, PCC stands ready to meet the educational & training needs of Palau and the Micronesian region. Call PCC Admissions Office at 488-2471, Ext. 234 for admissions and registration information, you may also e-mail admsfai@belau.org, jayo@belau.org, or toddn@belau.org.

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