

## Who Was the First District Administrator for Palau ???

The Micro-P Collection's Library Technician has compiled a list of all Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands High Commissioners and District Administrators for Palau District including their years in the office. The compilation of this list was collected from various sources such as Micronesian Reporter, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands Report and other valuable sources in the Micronesia-Pacific Collection. The Trust Territory Photo Archives through UH Website was one of the sources used for compiling the list. This is compiled for reference purposes. We welcome any corrections and other inputs on how we can make this list comprehensive for our patrons use. Please stop by at PCC Library and visit Micronesia-Pacific Collection and check out the list.



1st Photo - Third Annual District Administrator's Conference, 1955. Left to right: Donald Heron, Palau; Maynard Neas, Marshalls; Henry Hedges, Ponape; Willard Muller, Truk. Front row, left to right: Edward Kobayashi, Rota; Robert Halvorsen, Yap. 2nd Photo - Admiral Louis E. Denfeld USN, First High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands July 18, 1947-April 17, 1948 (Trust Territory Photo Archives)

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students not only learn their subjects but more importantly build lasting and fulfilling friendships with one another."

Director Tadao added: "The program is ongoing and although the program's summer component has ended, we at the UBMS are here throughout the year to provide counseling and extensive tutoring for all our students to help them succeed in their classes. I congratulate all our students for a job well done and wish them a safe and enjoyable summer. UBMS is more than an educational program, we are family and we are here for you."

### UBMS Achievement Award

Alicia Borja (Japanese, Physics and Physics lab), Davina Bukurrou, (English and Chemistry), Robina Waguk (Geometry and Chemistry lab), Gilby Gilbert (Algebra), Sheena Henry (Trigonometry)

### Recognition Award

Sheena Henry, Marvin Ludrick, Andreas Nelber, Tennyson Ilemelong, Robina Waguk, Davina Bukurrou, Alicia Borja, Constantino Loyola Jr., Ikelau Ito, Maggie Asher, Sherrie Lynn Paulino

### Academic Excellence (GPA of 3.8 or above)

Alicia Borja, Davina Bukurrou, Sheena Henry, and Robina Waguk

## Project Beacon Held A Summer Study Marathon



Project Beacon Program, in coordination with the Office of the Dean of Students, held a Summer Study Marathon on Saturday (July 3) and on Monday (July 5). The aim of the marathon was to help students by providing a venue where they could study and review notes, including previous exams for Math, English, Science and any other subjects in preparation for their final exams during July 5-7. Program staff, peer tutors, as well as a couple of volunteers were on hand to assist the students. Snacks and refreshments were also provided. Many students showed up to take advantage of the study marathon. Although some students were interns who didn't have exams, or were already done with their final exams, they showed up on a Saturday to help with the study marathon. Students included Isaiah Waguk, Albino Esoailug, Jelson Booker, Tanya Rengulbai, Marvinna Tinnie. Much appreciation to Ms. Lelean Sigrah, a PCC graduate of Spring 2004, who volunteered her time as well. We would like to thank our dedicated Peer Tutors: Anisa Hanser, Janelle Iyechad and Balty Sikyang.

### Celebrating Birthdays

Don S. Hanser July 17  
Grace Merong July 22  
*Happy Birthday To You!!!*

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## PCC Hands Over Canoe House to Festival Committee

Last week PCC turned over the newly constructed Diangel (Canoe House) and four huts it built for the upcoming Festival of Pacific Arts. These structures will be used to house the Kabekel or the traditional Palauan war canoe. This is an exciting occasion as the showcasing racing of the traditional canoes will be one of the main events of the Festival. The College invited members of the Festival's Organizing Committee to a small luncheon and see the newly completed structures. Special thanks to PCC's maintenance department, construction crew and volunteers for working hard and building these incredible structures. The canoe huts are representation of Palau's traditions and its emphasis on teamwork, community and dedication, values PCC strives to promote as a member of the Palauan community and as Palau's only institution of post-secondary learning.



Bilung Gloria G. Sali, PCC BOT Chair and PCC President Tellei Pose with National Leaders and Mr. Diaz

PCC Patrick Tellei said, "A symbol of our seafaring heritage, the Diangel reflects Palauan cultural values that are still important today as they were for our ancestors of yesterday: commitment, hard-work and national pride. As the Republic will become the center stage for the entire Pacific region, let us demonstrate those same values and show the world, that the Palauan people are a strong, proud and harmonious people. But most of all, let us demonstrate that the true beauty of Palau is not only in our rock islands and pristine natural environment but also in the hearts and minds of our people."

## The Upward Bound Math and Science Program Holds First Banquet



UBMS Bids Farewell to Student from Neighboring Region

The Upward Bound Math and Science Program a sister program to the Upward Bound Program held its first ever farewell banquet for the 56 students who attended their summer

program this year. In addition, the dinner was also a farewell ceremony for the off island students who hail from the neighboring islands of Pohnpei, Kosrae, Chuuk, the Marshall Islands and Guam. The ceremony also included an award ceremony, a formal dinner and a fun night filled with skits, music and entertainment. Although the mood was festive, it was also a sad occasion as the students and staff from the UBMS program bid farewell to their friends from the Micronesia Region. These students shared fun moments as they lived together for a six-week period in the PCC dorms and built friendships that would last a lifetime. The goal of the UBMS program is similar to the UB program in that it prepares its students to pursue their college education, however the main focus is concentrated on the fields of science and math with the hopes that such preparation will encourage the students to pursue careers in the engineering, architecture, medicinal and scientific fields. Areas that are vital to developing nations as these students will one day become the doctors and scientists of the future. UBMS Director Tuzie Tadao said, "Although this is the first year of the program, it was extremely successful in that we brought students from the neighboring island region together with our Palauan student participants for a fun filled summer of learning and sharing. Our goal was to provide a positive environment where

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## UB Program Graduates 40 during 21st Graduation Banquet

Last Thursday July 8, the Upward Bound Program held its 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Graduation Banquet. UB Students and staff came together to honor the 40 students who successfully completed two years of the UB program and will continue on to pursue their college education at post-secondary learning institutions. The Banquet was held at the PCC Cafeterium with welcoming remarks given by PCC President Patrick U. Tellei, who congratulated the students and wished them continued success in their college careers. Afterwards UB Project Director Kuye Belelai presented Graduate Certificates to the graduating seniors and gave her annual farewell message. The ceremony was followed by an awarding ceremony for the students who had academic excellence and were most involved during UB program's various activities. UB Senior Representative Amanda Shiro gave the special farewell message to the graduating class. The event concluded with Cultural Awareness Program Presentation by UB Students, a benediction by Sylvester Ngirakelau, a delicious dinner served by PCC staff with musical entertainment and games. It was truly a memorable occasion as the students were joined by their family, friends and staff from UB program and PCC who came together for a fun night of good food, music and celebration.



President Patrick U. Tellei (c- holding certificate) with UB program director Kuye Belelai (3rd-left) is joined by assistant program director Helen Immanuel (2nd-left) and parents during the awarding of certificates to the graduating seniors.



Upward Bound Program Class of 2004.

President Patrick U. Tellei said, "I would like to thank Project Director Kuye Belelai and the UB staff for their dedication and commitment in their service to these young men and women. It is a testament to their hard work that so many of them have chosen to pursue their college education. You have prepared them well and given them the right tools to achieve their educational goals. It is truly a success story, for the program, our community and our nation."

President Tellei added, "To the UB students who still have a few more years, I encourage them to continue to work and do their best. And for the graduating seniors, I wish them much success and remind them that this is not the end but only the beginning of a bright journey filled with success."

### Academic Achievement Award

Nikita Adachi - freshmen class  
Leena Muller - sophomore class  
Emerald Yamaguchi - junior class  
Sim Tellei and Elorech Lechad - senior class

### Most Involved Award

Nikita Adachi - freshmen class  
Sylvester Ngirakelau - freshmen class  
Clarita Renguul - sophomore class  
Garry Renguul - sophomore class  
Kara Ngiratumerang - junior class  
Melngis Uchel - junior class

## MOKEDAU.COM CANOE TEAM DONATES TO PCC ENDOWMENT

PCC  
President  
Patrick  
U. Tellei  
Receives  
3rd Place  
Trophy  
from  
Mokedau.com  
Team  
Member  
Roland  
Halichimal



The Mokedau.com Canoe Team donated \$50 to the PCC Endowment Fund. The donation was the result of their fundraising carwash which they raised almost a thousand dollars. Mokedau.Com is a club consisting of PCC students and staff who meet after working hours and car pool to the ramp at the Palau

Pacific Resort for canoe paddling. About a year ago, Mokedau.Com was named and formed by a few PCC students and staff who were doing fundraising through selling food (makit). Right now Mokedau.Com is recruiting as many members as possible to join in the canoe paddling training for the upcoming MicroCup to be held here in Palau in October 2004. As the club grows in numbers, it will participate not only the canoe races, but also other sports available in Palau. The purpose of the Mokedau.Com is to expose students and staff to exercise and good nutrition and also to motivate students to be able to participate in canoe races abroad. Canoeing is one of the sports that hopefully someday will be one of student activities of the Palau Community College. There is no criteria required for one to be a member of the Mokedau.Com. Simply be consistent and willing to participate with club activities and believe in exercise and good health. Mokedau.Com won a 3rd place in overall short distance races held this year, 2004. Recently in July 26, 2004, Mokedau.Com won 1st place in this year's first long distance race (7.5 miles). Any interested individual who wants to become a member of the Mokedau.Com could simply e-mail to dilubch@yahoo.com or huldal@palau.edu or Joangp@palau.edu or simply call at 488-2470/2471, extension 253 and talk to Dilubch Samil or Hulda Lukas.

## BITS AND PIECES...

### PCC Staff and Students Beautify Campus

In preparation of the upcoming 9<sup>th</sup> Festival of Pacific Arts, PCC President Patrick U. Tellei has called upon PCC staff and student alike to join in and help beautify the College Campus. The clean up will be held today, Friday July 16, 2004. The clean up begins from a 8:00 am in the morning to 5:00 pm. in the afternoon. It is expected that everyone will pull together to do a great job. PCC President thanks everyone for taking time out of their busy schedule to help make a difference on campus. Everyone who participates in the clean up will be treated to a special lunch provided by the PCC Cafeteria Staff.

### Development Office Helps Former Classmates Keep In Touch

Would you like to get in touch with your MOC/PCC classmates? One way to do this is to have your contact number or address available at the PCC Development Office. 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](mailto:temmy@palau.edu). PCC will announce that you want to get in touch with your classmates. Who knows, maybe they are also trying to get in touch with you. Try this service and see where it takes you!!!

### PCC Library Has New Summer Hours

The PCC Library will be having new hours this summer. From Monday to Friday beginning this week the Library will be open from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. On Saturday the Library will be open from 8:00 to 12:00 pm and on Sunday from 12:00 to 6:00 pm. Library hours will remain as is until the beginning of the Fall 2004 Semester or until further notice.

### PCC Bookstore Changes Hours

The PCC Bookstore will also be changing its hours. The Bookstore hours, Monday to Friday will be from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Despite the change in hours, the Bookstore continue to provide quality food and the best service possible. Reminder to all PCC staff who sell bentos and other food items will be required to have an official food handlers certificate from the Ministry of Health is required.

### Volunteers Wanted for Festival

Bored and looking for something fun to do this summer? Well you are in luck. PCC Instructor Joe Chilton, who is heading the Festival's workshop and symposium subcommittee is looking for a few good men and women. This is a great opportunity for students who are free this summer to make a difference while getting a great view of 9<sup>th</sup> Festival of Pacific Arts festivities. If your interested, please call Temmy at PCC's Development Office to sign up at 488-2471 ext 252. So sign up if you want to meet new people, make friends and have fun

## PCC's CE Office Conducts Crisis Certification Training



Training Participants Take a break to pose for the Mesekiu News

The Crisis Counselor Certification Training was held this week from July 13-15 at the Palau Community College CE Training room for the employees from the Ministry of Health, governmental agencies, Non profit and community organizations. Gil Hoel from the Western Wisconsin Emergency Response Initiative is conducting the training. The Ministry of Health's Behavior Health Division in collaboration with the PCC and the Public Health CDC Bio-terrorism Cooperative agreement funded the project. This is Hoel's second visit to Palau and he has been working with Dr. Sylvia Andres, Chief, Behavior Health Division to develop Palau's Emergency Mental Health/Substance Abuse Response Services. The training is an ongoing effort by the Ministry of Health emergency response service. The training certified 25 individuals from the community who are now available for crisis counseling intervention.

## Graduation Day for Tidepool Grouper Class

Last week on July 2nd, fifteen students from sixth through eighth grade completed Cooperative Research and Extension's weeklong Tidepool Grouper Marine Science Class. During the week, the students got a chance to learn about corals and their importance in Palau, turtle migrations, and Palau's wide diversity of marine invertebrates. The students spent time in the classroom completing hands-on activities such as building a classroom coral reef and making sea urchins to further their understanding of the marine environment. Not all their time was spent in the classroom though. A portion of the class took place out in the ocean looking at the great variety of fish shapes and coloring and invertebrate species. The final day of the class was the best according to the students because it out in the Rock Islands. It was a wonderful day of snorkeling and beach activities and a perfect wrap to a fun-filled and educational week.

CRE still has a few opening left in their Little Minnow Marine Science Class for third, fourth and fifth graders. For more information, please contact Kris Lloyd at the CRE office at 488-4983 or at [klloyd\\_cre@yahoo.com](mailto:klloyd_cre@yahoo.com).