

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.

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.

THE LIBRARY IS CLOSED

The PCC Library will be closed today from 1:00pm to 5:00pm to enable staff to conduct necessary clean up. At 5:00pm the Library will resume services. Thank you everyone for your understanding and for helping to keep our PCC Library clean.

We also would like to express some heartfelt 'Mesulang's' to the following individuals who continue to support the PCC Library by donating reading materials for all our patrons: **Ms. Sarah Buchanan, Dan Miller, Ms. Clara Rechebei, and Mr. Masaharu Tmodrang.**

When I got (my) library card, that was when my life began. Rita Mae Brown
 Check out your PCC Library!!!

Celebrating Birthdays

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

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Endowment Club Welcomes Two New Members

The employees of the Palau National Government have, for the past few months, been enrolling in the PCC Endowment Contributors' Club on steady basis. This week the trend continues with the addition of the latest and newest donors to the PCC Endowment Fund. These people donate to a worthy cause and in the end get their money back because PCC is a non-profit organization! We are excited to welcome these new friends who are enrolling in this program to support Palau's only college, PCC.

At the Ministry of Education's Kayangel Elementary School, we welcome one (1) new member **Sophie Gibson**. And, at the Ministry of Finance's Office of Planning and Statistics, we welcome one (1) new member **Surech Bells**. Anyone who would like to join our growing Endowment Contributors' Club may call anyone at the PCC Development Office at telephone number 488-2471 and they will be more than happy to assist you!



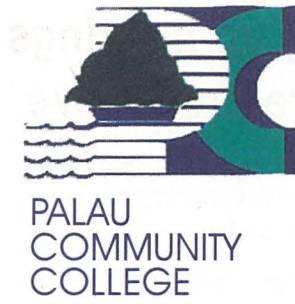
MOF employee
 Surech Bells

PCC Students Visit PNCC

On Friday July 4th, some sixteen (16) PCC students participated in a three-hour tour of the main headquarters of Palau National Communications Corporation (PNCC) located in Airai state. The students met with PNCC general manager Mr. Ed Carter as well as division supervisors and staff. During the course of the tour, Mr. Carter took time to explain the overall PNCC operations as well as services available to the general public. He emphasized the need for students to possess basic skills in areas of communication in order to be qualified for entry level position at PNCC. He also took the chance to encourage the students to pursue careers in business communications. The PCC students would like to express their big Mesulang (Thank You) to PNCC's Mr. Ed Carter and his staff for their warm hospitality and valuable and informative presentations. It was indeed a learning experience!



PCC staff and students pose for a group photo with PNCC general manager Ed Carter (center-front) and his staff



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Summer Session 2003 Statistics

Entities	Class Level				Student Status		Gender	
	Freshman	Sophomore	Dual	NA	Full Time	Part Time	Male	Female
Palau	227	85	37	9	250	108	119	239
Yap	81	13	0	0	70	24	61	33
Pohnpei	6	3	0	0	1	8	7	2
Kosrae	22	4	0	2	6	22	20	8
Chuuk	7	2	0	0	1	8	5	4
Marshalls	5	2	0	0	3	4	4	3
Japan	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Korea	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0
Philippines	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
Sub-total	348	110	37	13	331	177	218	290
TOTAL	508							

This week marks the end of the 2003 Summer Term here at PCC. We congratulate our students for having successfully completed the short but intensive summer session. We also thank our students for having given us the opportunity to serve them this summer. Many thanks go to the Ministry of Education personnel who graced our campus once again as they continue to pursue their higher educational goals. We also thank our friends from the Federated States of Micronesia who flew to Palau just to take PCC summer classes. Finally, we also express gratitude to everyone who took advantage of PCC offerings this summer.

We hope that we lived up to your expectations and met your needs; therefore, if you have suggestions on how we at PCC can better serve you, stop by the PCC Development Office and share your ideas and thoughts with Jay Olegeriil. Who knows, maybe you have just the idea or suggestion that could further improve your college.

In the meantime, we at PCC continue our efforts to offer programs and services to meet the needs of our customers. Hence, we encourage everyone to inquire about

our upcoming 2003 fall semester. We may just have the right program to meet your needs. Contact anyone of our friendly staff at the PCC Admissions and Financial Aid office at telephone (680) 488-2470/2471 and they will be more than happy to assist you. You may also want to see the Fall 2003 Placement Testing, Registration and Orientation Schedule on page 3 of this paper. It can help you arrange your calendar and ensure you do not miss those important dates. As always, being the only post-secondary institution in Palau we have no choice but to make room for you - WE PROMISE YOU WILL FIT RIGHT IN!

UB Holds 20th Graduation Banquet Today

Today the Upward Bound Program will hold its 20th Graduation Banquet, honoring the 38 seniors who have successfully completed the two year program and will all be enrolling in a post-secondary institution of their choosing. The Graduation Banquet will be held at the PCC Cafetorium starting at 10:00 am. The College congratulates the graduating seniors for their achievement and encourages the remaining 42 juniors who will continue with the program this coming school year to follow in the footsteps of their predecessors. The College also commends UB Project Director Kuye Belelai and her able staff for yet another year of resounding success!

8 Ideas for spreading laughter around your office

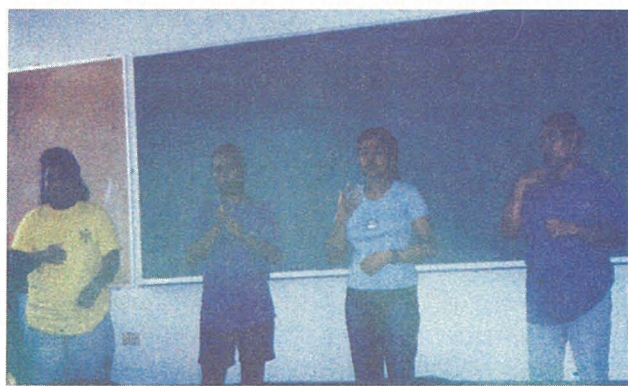
The following article is taken from *HR on Campus* Volume 6, Issue 4. It is provided as a tool for improving the office atmosphere.

Try these ideas for incorporating humor and joy into your workday, recommends **Sandy Barth**, training manager for personnel services at **Oklahoma State University** and an expert on humor in the workplace:

- 1. Hang around positive people who brainstorm solutions to problems.** Avoid "joy suckers" who dwell on problems.
- 2. Think long-term.** When a problem is so consuming that you can't think of or see anything else, stop and ask yourself where the problem will be five years from now? Often, our seemingly biggest problems will be gone in days.
- 3. Laugh at yourself.** Open a meeting by sharing one of your embarrassing moments.
- 4. Sprinkle a little humor into your public speaking.** If you use humor when speaking, even if it's about budget figures, listeners will have 700 percent greater retention than if you just stood and gave a speech," Barth says.
- 5. Show appreciation for others.** Barth writes thank-you notes, attaches them to small bags of M&M and gives out M&M (meaningful and measurable) awards to staff. "People don't leave because of money, people want to be recognized and given an opportunity to make a difference," she says.
- 6. Spread joy to others.** Put smile faces on memos or cards that you send to staff members and colleagues.
- 7. Keep a joy journal.** On each page, write a few words or sentences to remind you of a happy memory. Then, take a couple of minutes each day to read your joy journal. (This idea came from the book *You Don't Have to Come Home from Work Exhausted* by Ann McGee Cooper.)
- 8. Enjoy funny materials.** Try books, newsletters, tapes and conferences (such as the **International Humor Conference** in Saratoga Springs) about humor.

BELAU ER KID in Sign Language

On Tuesday this week, students in ED120, taught by Aimeliik chief RECHEDIOUL Jemmy Blelai performed Belau Er Kid (Palau National Anthem) in sign language as part of their final exam. The students are teachers in the Palau Ministry of Education who are pursuing their associate degree in education here at PCC.



Techniques for livening up meetings and making them more productive

The following article is taken from *HR on Campus* Volume 6, Issue 4. It is provided as a tool for meeting buffs to help them improve the quality and effectiveness of their meetings.

Let's face it. Supervisors and managers, particularly those on college campuses, aren't always chosen because of their speaking abilities. But unless you want your messages to be lost during boring staff meetings, you need to learn how to maintain a captive audience.

The best way is to make the meeting interesting, even when mundane topics are being discussed. Try these techniques to liven up your next staff meeting.

Involve the group. The single most important way to keep people interested is to involve them in the discussion. Ask for input and opinions, and set aside time on the agenda for the group members to discuss anything that's on their minds.

Tell a story. A short, tasteful joke or personal vignette is a good way to capture everybody's attention. Just make sure not to take up too much time.

Prepare an agenda. Have a well-organized plan before you enter a meeting. Skipping around from one topic to another with no cohesiveness makes you seem unprepared, detracting from the point of the meeting and discouraging input. Distribute an agenda beforehand and stick roughly to the plan.

What about making meetings less tedious?

Meetings are a way of life in higher education and are necessary to communicate university policies and project goals, but they are often tedious and time-consuming. It is up to managers to ensure that meetings provide a productive exchange of ideas rather than a way to kill time.

Supervisors on campus must overcome these **Seven Deadly Sins** that stifle meeting effectiveness:

- 1. Meetings are too long.** Participants tend to get bored and stop paying full attention. Keep the agenda relatively short, and move from one issue to the next quickly.
- 2. Staff members don't take meetings seriously.** Let the participants know the meeting is essential to the work they have to do. This is not the time for socializing. There is important information to be relayed.
- 3. Staff members get off track.** Avoid digressing about topics that are not important to work, and encourage others to do the same. It only drags the meeting on. Stick closely to the agenda and move forward.
- 4. Creativity is stifled.** While digression should be limited, it is important to allow attendees to participate. Include everyone in the discussion and allow them to start group discussions department-related topics.
- 5. People don't tell the truth.** Often, staff members don't want to share problems they feel they can handle themselves once the meeting ends. Other times, participants are not confident in their ideas and do not want to speak in front of the group. Allow for anonymous agenda items or a suggestion box.
- 6. Follow-through fails.** Make sure the work gets done once the meeting ends. Outline a specific action plan and follow up to make sure the steps are taken.
- 7. Decisions are postponed.** Often, some important information is missing, causing a decision delay. Do your homework. Come to the meeting prepared with all the salient information.

BITS AND PIECES...

Japan Study Team To Visit PCC

Palau Community College has received word from Kyosuke Takaoka, Resident Representative at the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Palau Office, that on July 28, 2003 a Study Team from Miyazaki, Japan will be visiting the College campus. During the visit, the Study Team will meet with present JICA Volunteers working at PCC, Ms. Shiomi Hata and Ms. Mistuko Kobayashi. Information regarding the Study Team's Palau visit may be obtained at the JICA Palau office at telephone number (680) 488-5373. In the meantime, all PCC staff and students are requested to extend a warm 'ALII' to our friends from Japan when they visit the campus on July 28.

PCC Donates to UH Foundation

The Palau Community College has recently donated \$100 to the University of Hawaii (UH) Foundation. By doing so, PCC helps in UH's efforts to ensure quality programs as well as provide needed resources to programs that benefit the lives of UH students. Now, why does PCC donate money to another institution? UH is not just another institution. Because of its proximity to Palau and the many educational options it offers its students, many of our PCC graduates who decide to further their higher education goals enroll at UH. Some even transfer to UH before graduating. Thus, by supporting UH, PCC continues its commitment to our students and graduates by extending our services to them! Because of our generous donation, PCC President Patrick U. Tellei has received an official note of appreciation from the University of Hawaii which pledges to continue its efforts to 'deliver a quality education' for our students. You're welcome, UH!

UB Students Beautify Campus

Last Friday July 4th, the Upward Bound (UB) students devoted part of the morning doing volunteer community services by planting some 50 plumeria flower trees on the PCC campus. The students planted the trees along the PCC Daycare Center all the way to the Palau Wind Orchestra. One of the students remarked that when she goes to college and returns after four years, one of the first things she will do is to visit the tree she planted and hopefully collect flowers from under it. Thank you UB students for helping to further beautify our campus!

Scholarship Opportunities for FSM Students

Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) students currently enrolled in PCC's Nursing or Agriculture programs who would like to know information about scholarships for Australia and New Zealand are requested to see Ms. Rosita Weilbacher at the PCC Cafeteria. Ms. Weilbacher may be reached at telephone number 488-2357 or 488-1557. All FSM students are also asked to see Ms. Weilbacher regarding their participation at the upcoming Olehotel Belau Fair to be held in October.

PCC Summer Camp at Melekeok

On Monday this week the College started what could become a tradition. Twenty (20) students ranging from 8-14 years old began a week-long Summer Camp that is unlike any other that has come before it. These students, nine boys and eleven girls, settled in Bailechesau located in Melekeok state and began a journey that would bring them closer to understanding the lifestyle of Palauan men and women of generations past. On Sunday July 20 (two days from today), these students will receive certificates for having successfully undergone practical training in as well as having been exposed to the following areas:

- Basket-Weaving**, taught by Ngedikes Tellei
- Spearmaking**, taught by Benedict Tellei
- Learning about local birds and plants in Ngerdokou**, taught by Collin Joseph
- Net-fishing**, taught by Benedict Tellei
- Palauan Chant**, taught by Belsechel Philip
- Storytelling**, taught by Ngerachuladokou Ubal Tellei and Belsechel Philip
- Groupsharing**, taught by Magaria Tellei

Even though this is the first time PCC holds this summer camp, the College will be ready to offer it next summer should there be a request for such. Hence, anyone who is interested in this PCC program may contact Ms. Eileen Babauta at PCC telephone number (680) 488-2470/2471.



These Summer Camp students excitedly spear fish after having successfully trapped them using fishing nets.

Fall 2003 Placement Testing, Registration and Orientation Schedule

DATE	TIME	PLACEMENT TEST	LOCATION
August 4 to August 8	9:00-11:30am & 1:00-4:30pm	English, Math & Science (Walk-in testing)	Project Beacon
August 5 to August 5-8	9:00am All Day	Keyboarding Test Registration for Continuing, Returning, and Readmitted students	Room 67
August 7	1:00pm	Keyboarding Test	Room 67
August 11 to August 11-13	1:30-4:30pm All Day	English, Math & Science (Walk-in testing) Orientation, Advising and Registration for New and Transfer Students	Project Beacon
August 12	1:00pm 1:30-4:30pm	Keyboarding Test Walk-in testing continues	Room 67 Project Beacon