

THANK YOU!!!

Kemam el ngalk ra Pohnpei el kiei era Belau a somam el oureng a sulir lirkel mlera Party er kemam el mlarngii ra Island Choice er sera July 29, 2000.

Tirkal mlei ra PEC Conference a kmal mle enjoy, especially sel delegation ra Pohnpei.

Special thanks el mora Ayano Baules, Howard Charles, Ezra Takeo, Julie Anastacio ma Alvina Timarong.



Sulang,
Rosita Weilbacher

Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Test


The GRE test for school year 2000-2001 will be administered on October 14, 2000 at Palau Community College. The registration fee is \$125.00

Interested individuals may contact Marensia Edward, Palau GRE Center Supervisor at 488-3036.

TOEFL Information for School Year 2000-01

Test Dates	Registration deadline	Scores mailed
Oct. 21, 2000	Sept. 4, 2000	Nov. 29, 2000
Jan. 20, 2001	Dec. 4, 2000	Feb. 28, 2001
May 12, 2001	Mar. 26, 2001	June 20, 2001

* Registration fee is \$110 and you may contact the PCC Counseling Office at 488-3036 for more information.

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Omereng el Saul

I would like to express my deepest appreciation to Palau Community College and its staff for their kind sympathy and thoughtful contribution extended to me during my time of sorrow. Your sympathy and support was of greatest comfort to me and I will forever be grateful.

Debra Ngiraingas



No matter how old we are, losing a mother is one of the deepest sorrows a heart can know. I would like to extend my deepest gratitude and appreciation to all my PCC colleagues and friends, last but not least, the "Kusiyu Maru" for the kind expression of sympathy and personal help extended to me during my time of bereavement.

Thank you and may God Bless You All.



Sophia Tonayo Gibson

Students and program staff Sherry, Yim, Dannies, and thomas, would like to recognize and thank Lori Colin and Emilio Basilius from Coral Reef Research Foundation, and Joel miles from PCC Education & Training for their volunteered time and effort that contributed to the success of this year's Summer Marine Science Workshop. The workshop for high school students was held at the Science Center from July 11-21, 2000.

Celebrating Birthdays



Jane Bamwell July 30
Merelyn Omelau Aug 3

Happy Birthday to you two!!!



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Weekly Newsletter

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PCC Signs MOU and Agreement with UH-Hilo

Palau Community College's President, Patrick Tellei and Chairman of the Board, Masa-Aki Emesiochl affixed their signatures on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Agreement, together with UH-Hilo's Chancellor, Rose Tseng and the Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Bill Chen last month.

The MOU and Agreement is part of an ongoing effort by both institutions to better the academic articulation and transfer of courses between them. PCC students and graduates, especially Liberal Arts majors can now easily transfer to UH-Hilo with all credits taken at PCC.

Both PCC and UH-Hilo are fully accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, (ACCJC) Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

The following is part of the Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement between Palau Community College and University of Hawaii-Hilo:

WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii at Hilo and the Palau Community College recognize the mutual benefits of the academic articulation and transfer of courses between the UH-Hilo and PCC;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the terms and conditions stated below, the UH-Hilo and the PCC agree as follows:

1. That UH-Hilo will consider the Associate of Arts (AA) Degree in Liberal Arts from PCC as having fulfilled all of the General Education requirements for the

Bachelor's Degree offered at the UH-Hilo, unless specific course requirements are needed for a given major or specialty. (All of the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree program, the Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A) Degree program, and the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Degree program with a major in Liberal Studies-Recreational Management requiring specific course requirements as part of the General Education requirements.)

2. That UH-Hilo will accept the transfer of credits of specific PCC Liberal Arts courses as equivalent to specific UH-Hilo courses. These course equivalencies have been determined using the 1999-2000 UH-Hilo catalog and the 1998-2000 PCC catalog. Note that for some PCC courses, no equivalent exists at UH-Hilo; in such cases, UH-Hilo will grant transfer credit for the course as a "Lower Division Elective".

3. That UH-Hilo will not accept the transfer of credits of courses offered as part of the following vocational programs at PCC: Air Condition and Refrigeration, Automotive Mechanics Technology, Construction Technology, Electrical Technology, General Electronics Technology, Office Administration, Small Engine and Outboard Marine Technology, and Tourism and Hospitality. PCC courses in Auto Body Repair, Belauan, Blueprint Reading, Library Science, Masonry, Plumbing, Surveying, and Welding will also not be transferrable.

4. That UH-Hilo will provide a list of courses students can take at PCC to begin fulfilling requirements for specific majors offered at UH-Hilo.

5. That unless a PCC student has earned credit in EN 159 with a grade of "C" or better, applicants will be required to submit a TOEFL score report as part of their application admission to UH-Hilo.

6. That the terms of this agreement shall commence on the day of complete execution of this agreement by all signatories and shall continue in full force and effect thereafter for a period of five (5) years unless terminated by thirty (30) days written notice of either party to the other.

7. That addition and/or deletion to the course listing can be executed by mutual agreement between both parties. Both parties shall exchange catalogs as they are published, either annually (UH-Hilo) or bi-annually (PCC).

Complete details and list of all transferrable courses can be obtained by contacting Alvina Timarong at 488-2471

**USDA to Fund
PCC-CRE
Research Project**

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USDA Approves a New Research Project Proposal for PCC-CRE

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Services (USDA-CSREES) recently approved a research proposal on Biological Control of the Taro Leafhopper in the Republic of Palau. This new Hatch funded project aims at collecting and rearing for 2 generations at R&D Station in Ngermeskang, Ngaremlengui, an effective biological control agent for the taro leafhopper. Pure cultures of the mirid bug, *Cyrtorhinus Fulvus*, will be released in different areas of Palau where taro plantings continuously suffer from leafhopper infestation.

The taro leafhopper is an important insect pest of taro in Palau. Nymph and adult leafhopper prefer to stay on the undersurface of leaves and on petioles.

They suck the sap from taro making the plant appear sickly and unthrifty; causing the plant to produce under-sized corns at harvest. In other countries in the South Pacific, it is known to transmit serious diseases of taro.

A mirid bug, *C. fulvus*, specifically feeds on the eggs of the taro leafhopper. Hence in a few months, the bug can reduce the taro leafhopper population to a very low level enabling farmers to successfully grow taro in their taro patches and farms.

This research project started on June 30, 2000 and will end by June 30, 2003.

For more information, contact PCC-CRE at phone #488-2746, Fax #488-3307 or E-mail Asuta@palaunct.com.

I had the opportunity to see the different exotic creatures and plants in the ocean that I never really knew about. I enjoyed this program and hope that more students will come next year. It will make you care more about our beautiful island and be involved in finding ways to care for it.

Kanichiro Azuma
12th Grade, Mindszenty High School

I learned a lot from this class (Summer Marine Science Program). The things I learned made me understand that measures must be taken to protect our precious ocean and marine life. If we protect them today, future generations of young Palauans can enjoy and experience what we learned and saw during this summer program.

Deborah Shay
10th Grade, Palau High School

Corals, I never even thought about looking at them when I go swimming. When I learned their names, I got interested in them. I also learned how to classify corals and other aquatic organisms. I visited places I've never been to before and saw crown-of-thorns up-close for the very first time. Seagrass...I didn't know there were so many different kinds of seagrass...also learned about algae. I am beginning to grow an interest about the ocean...it is such a beautiful part of the earth. Ahh, mangroves! Joel Miles made learning about mangroves interesting and funny. We got to experience how the real professionals monitor and collect data in strong currents. Things we had to go through were challenging, exhausting, and fun. The grand finale were the marine lakes; the hike up Jellyfish Lake was hard! There were millions of jellyfish in the lake. It was so cool! We visited a second lake that had more fish, sponges, and corals in it. I had a great time and learned so much! Pretty fascinating stuff out there and it is all ours!

In fact, I studied everything under the seawell, not really. Before all of these things (marine science activities), I just thought of them (underwater creatures) as displays for the eyes to see. Now I know that without corals, our lands can be destroyed by waves, and without mangroves there will be no barracuda (Joel Miles' favorite). So not only was it fun, but very educational. This is the greatest thing I have ever done during the summer. It will never fade into oblivion.

Sharlene Decherong
11th grade, Mindszenty High School
These two weeks I've learned a lot about our ocean and the things in it. I got to understand why Americans and other foreigners would spend a lot of money just to come here to Palau and dive.

Marine World Adventure, PCC-CRE Summer Students

When students return to school this August, they will be asking each other the same question, "What did you do this summer?" Among the hundreds of high school students, only four students will share with their friends the same story - their summer adventure while attending Summer Marine Science Student Workshop at PCC-CRE Science Center.

The following are clippings from the students' journals recounting their experience when they revisited Palau's underwater world with their new-found knowledge from the PCC-CRE Science Center.

Sharon Ngirutang
10th Grade, Mindszenty High School
During the two short weeks of the marine life program, I learned and expanded my knowledge of sea life, I learned about corals, algae, mangroves and lots of complex scientific names.

ATTENTION 2000 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!!!

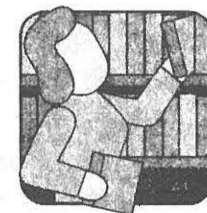
PCC would like to encourage all 2000 high school graduates to seriously consider enrolling at PCC for the first two years of your higher education endeavor. PCC has successfully been an accredited institution since 1977, by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). Our accreditation status has been reaffirmed time and again with no exception. Moreover, we have articulation agreements with many universities and colleges in the Pacific region such as the University of Guam, University of Hawaii-West Oahu, Hawaii Pacific University, Chaminade University of Honolulu, University of Hawaii-Hilo, Brigham Young University-Hawaii, and others. PCC offers programs and certificates/degrees in the following areas:

Agricultural Science	Criminal Justice	Education
Liberal Arts	Nursing	Business Accounting
Office Administration	Tourism & Hospitality	Air Conditioning & Refrigeration
Automotive Mechanics Technology	Construction Technology	General Electronics Technology
Electrical Technology	Small Engine & Outboard Marine Technology	

Come to PCC and let us provide you with the foundation for a successful experience in higher education. Come to PCC and secure your future! Please call Bennie, Lourdes, Losii, or Elsie at 488-2471, ext. 265 for an application form and assistance.

Total PCC Library Users 1998-Feb. 2000

(duplicated numbers due to multiple users)



YEAR	# of Users
1998	86,076
1999	141,348
2000 (Jan-Feb)	17,954

Elementary and High School Users of PCC Library (Nov. 1998-Feb. 2000)

(duplicated numbers due to multiple users)

- Palau High School - 3,687
- Palau Mission Academy - 517
- Emmaus & Bethania High School - 57
- Mindszenty High School - 626
- Koror Elementary School - 797
- George B. Harris - 128
- Marisstella School - 88
- Meyuns Elementary School - 97
- Seventh Day Adventist Elm. School - 189
- Airai Elementary School - 19
- OTHER - 3,157
- TOTAL - 9,362**



Portia Franz (r), PCC student receiving her Summer Work Experience Program (SWEP) certificate from Eugene Murrel. Portia was assigned to the Judiciary Office and was instrumental in restoring thousands of old birth certificates, some of which date as far back as the early 1900s.

Academic Calendar Summer 2000

August 2-16	Pre-Registration for Continuing Students
August 7	Class schedule issued, Cont. Students
August 7-9	Placement Tests
August 10-11	Financial Aid Session for New Students
August 14-16	Orientation for New Students
August 15	Pre-Registration for New Students
August 17	REGISTRATION DAY
August 18-25	Late Registration Period
August 21	First Day of Instruction