

PCC CLINIC - NOW OPEN

This is an official announcement that the Palau Community College Clinic is now open for all PCC students and staff. The clinic hours are:

Mondays 9-11:30 am
Fridays 9-11:30 am

The clinic is located across from the Red Cross Office on campus and offers the following services:

Doctor Evaluation and Treatment of Injuries and Illness
Birth Control/Family Planning
Health Assessment and Counseling
Stress Assessment and Counseling
Confidential HIV Testing

For information about the PCC Clinic, contact telephone number 488-2001/2002.

Our Condolences

PCC conveys its deep condolences to Minister of Education Mr. Mario Katosang on the passing of his father Katosang Rimirch. Minister Katosang, while no longer with the College, was a long time employee of PCC, dedicating over 20 years of service here at Palau's only institution of higher learning. He is now into the third year of a four-year term as minister of education and remains a close friend of the College. The funeral for his father will be held tomorrow at Minister Katosang's residence in Ngesaol, Koror State. Everyone is encouraged to pay their respects by attending the funeral.

As already noted, PCC conveys its condolences to Pioria O. Wally and her children on the death of Ostenso Faungy. Our prayers and thoughts are with you during this your time of sorrow.



Celebrating Birthdays

Veronica O. Sengebau January 21
Huan Hosei January 24

Happy Birthday To You!!!



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ENDOWMENT CONTRIBUTORS' CLUB GAINS NEW MEMBERS

The PCC Endowment Contributors' Club continues to gain new members. PCC staff Mr. Roger Vergara has enrolled in this program where he donates directly out of his paycheck every two weeks. At the end of the year, the college issues a receipt for the total of his donations, which he submits to the ROP Tax office for a full 100% refund. Roger wishes to challenge fellow staff and faculty to enroll in this noteworthy cause, if they have not yet done so. Call Development Office at extension 253 and they will be very happy to assist you enroll.

In the meantime, several government employees working with the Ministry of Resources and Development have also joined the Endowment Contributors' Club. These are former MOC/PCC students and they are quite excited to join and challenge others to do likewise. They include:



Mr. Roger Vergara works in the PCC Physical Plant Division



Mr. Dennis Blaluk, Class of '93 General Electronics Technology



Mr. Burton Wong, Class of '97 General Office Clerk



Victoria Ngirdengoll, Class of '97 General Office Clerk



Jelynd Ngirmang (l), Class of '98 - General Office Clerk and Della Mobil (r), Class of '91 - Secretarial Science



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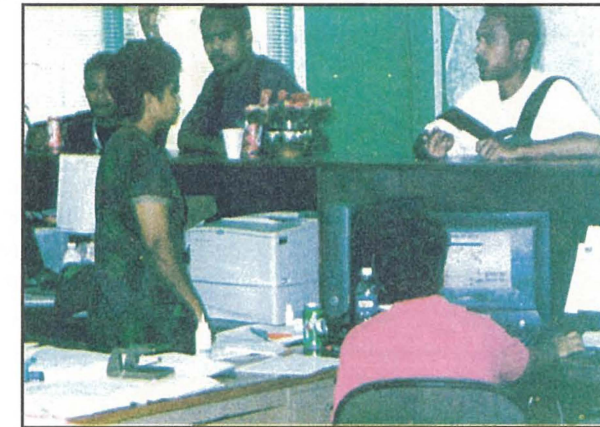
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Weekly Newsletter

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Spring 2003 Begins at PCC

The spring 2003 semester at PCC began this week with fervor as over 650 students clamored to attend class which started Monday while registration continues until the end of today. The Office of Registrar and Records have indicated that with the flow of students who are still registering for classes, the number of students for this semester will surpass the number of students last spring. The College welcomes all new, returning and continuing students and encourages them to make this semester a productive and learning one by utilizing all programs and services available for them.



SDSU Master's Degree Students Pass Comp Exam

Earlier this week the College was informed by San Diego State University that all 18 students who make up the Palau Cohort pursuing their master's degree in Educational Leadership have successfully passed their comprehensive exam. The exam was the final requirement for these students who began this program in January 2000. The program consists of 10 courses, a research project and then culminates in a comprehensive exam. It was conducted via face to face interaction as well as through distance learning medium such as internet and e-mail. Prior to receiving word on the results of the comprehensive exam, all students had been understandably anxious. However, after learning that all students passed, they now can begin to plan for their commencement exercises. The College congratulates these master's degree candidates and encourages the second cohort, which began the same program last year, to continue and follow the footsteps of this first group.



SDSU Students who have been pursuing their master's degree in Educational Leadership include:

Maurine Alexander	Regina Mesebeluu
Baskasio Oiterong	Cynthia Malsol
Jay Olegeriil	Faith Kloulubak
Wilma Sukrad	Maile Andreas
Thomas Taro	Marianne Temaungil
Tchuzie Tadao	Theodore 'Ted' Borja
Vernice Rechebei	Faith Swords
Huan Hosei	Roland Tangelbad
Alvina Timarong	Sinton Soalablai

PCC Mourns Death of Fellow Employee

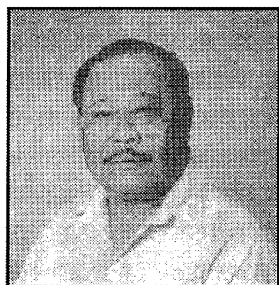
One of PCC's much beloved employees, Mr. Ostenso Faungy, died Tuesday night in a tragic mishap. Faungy was called to eternal rest while fishing with family members in the waters near Airai state. His association with PCC goes back to 1983 when he was first hired as a Dormitory Manager.



Mr. Ostenso Faungy

On June 10, 1984 he was appointed to become a Security Guard. On January 1, 1994 He was promoted to become Security Guard Supervisor, a position he would hold until March 1996, when he became a Technician with the College Physical Plant Division. Faungy was married to another PCC employee Ms. Pioria O. Wally. They have three children, Wililah who is currently attending the University of Hawaii at Hilo, Dileah who is attending Xavier High School in Chuuk-FSM, and Kenjiro who is a 7th grader at Koror Elementary School. All PCC employees are saddened by this tragic loss and extend their condolences to Pioria and her children.

'Mios' Retires after 25 Years at PCC



William 'Mios' Mobil, Retires from PCC as Assistant Professor

Long time PCC employee Mr. William 'Mios' Mobil has finally begun reaping the fruits of his hard work. Mios retired from service after 25 years of working at PCC first as a classroom teacher in 1977, and retiring this year as Assistant Professor. During his many years of teaching at PCC, Mios has taught many Palauans and Micronesians who have become leaders in their respective island states.

Not only the students will miss Mios' expertise in the classroom. The College will surely miss Mios' insight and how he manages to look at matters from a unique perspective. Thank you Mios, for your many years of dedicated service to PCC and the students of Palau and the Micronesian region.

Self Study Committee Appointed

With PCC up for re-accreditation along with a comprehensive visit in the Spring of 2004, PCC President Patrick U. Tellei announced the appointment of several PCC employees to serve as members of the Steering Committee to spearhead the College's Comprehensive Self-Study Report. As stated in President Tellei's memo, "one of the major tasks in a comprehensive self study review process is a development of a comprehensive self study report. This report should be completed by December 15, 2003, in order for us to send it to the Commission two months prior to the actual date of visit".

In appointing the committee members, President Tellei acknowledged their prior experience with self study involvement as well as their commitment as demonstrated in past years. With Dean of Students Presley Etibek as Accreditation Liaison Officer (ALO), therefore charged with the overall coordination of the self study review process, he has called for a first meeting of the Steering Committee to be held on Tuesday January 21, 2003. President Tellei encourages everyone to participate actively in the preparation of the self study report as it can be a very productive learning experience while at the same time provide an opportunity for the College to improve and enhance our programs and services. Members of the Steering Committee and the standards are as follows:

Standard 1 - Institutional Mission and Effectiveness
Co-chaired by Jay Olegeriil and Kuye Belelai

Standard 2 - Student Learning Program and Services
Co-chaired by Alvina Timarong, Marensia Edward and Willy Wally

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BITS AND PIECES...

PCC Mesekiu Bai and Bai ra Lebuu Repainted

During the Holiday season when everyone and everybody were busy with all kinds of activities, the PCC maintenance crew devoted some time to put some improvement touches on the two bais located on campus, Mesekiu Bai and Bai ra Lebuu. This could not have come at a better time as we begin a new year and a new semester. Thank you maintenance crew, especially Keorung and Leonard!

Scholarship Recipients Take Note

All PCC students who are current recipients of the Palau National Scholarship and Loan Funds are reminded that in order to receive the second half of their school year 2001-2002 award, they need to go to the Palau National Scholarship Office with the following:

1. Original Grade Report or an Official Copy of Transcript that includes Fall 2002 semester/quarter grades
2. Spring 2003 Semester class schedule indicating full-time status

ELAUS WITHOUT Gains New Members

The ELAUS WITHOUT club here at PCC continues to gain new members. Ms. Mitsko Walter and Marlyne Losii Olkeriil have recently joined their colleagues who have opted to chew betel nut without cigarette. Anyone and everyone is invited to join this club as we strive to promote good health.

PCC-CRE To Begin After-School Program

The Cooperative Research and Extension (CRE) Department at PCC will be starting an After-School Science Program for students from grades 3-12 starting in February 2003. The program will cover a variety of interesting topics such as how volcanoes work, picking the perfect sport shoe, how clouds form, chemistry in the kitchen, and much more. By conducting hands-on experiments, students will be able to see how science affects their daily life and give them a better understanding of the scientific world.

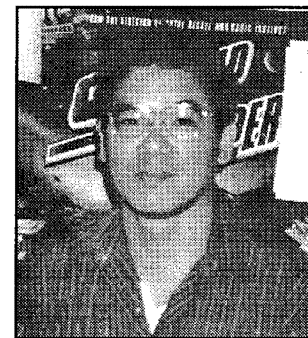
The first class will be open for students in grades 9-12 and will run from February 4th through March 6th. The second class will begin on March 11th and end on April 10th and will be for students in grades 6 thru 8. The final class will be for students in the 3rd grade thru fifth and will run from April 15th - May 15th. Each class will meet on Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm at the CRE Office and is free of charge. For more information about CRE's After-School Science Program or to register, please contact Kris Lloyd at the CRE office at 488-4983.



Ms. Kris Lloyd

Epi Moses To Graduate With Masters Degree

PCC Instructor Epimachus Moses will be graduating tomorrow with a Master of Science degree in Instructional Technology and Telecommunications. Moses was able to continue teaching at PCC while pursuing his master's degree from the Western Illinois University as this was made possible by a special arrangement by and between Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL), Western Illinois University, the Palau Ministry of Education and Palau Community College. Tomorrow's virtual graduation ceremony for Moses as well as Ms. Vernice Elechuu, who is employed at the Ministry of Education and is in the same program, will be held at 9:00 am in the Office of the Minister of Education while an evening reception to be held in their honor will be held at the Palau Sunrise Villa at 7:00 pm.



Mr. Epimachus Moses



Ms. Vernice Elechuu

Self Study, from previous page

Standard 3 - Resources
Co-chaired by LeoBen Teriong, Vincent Ito, and Bruce Rimirch

Standard 4 - Leadership and Governance
Co-chaired by Todd Ngirangior and Thomas Taro

Additional Members:
Joe Tutii Chilton or designee (Faculty Senate)
Lance Wally or designee (Student Senate)
Charlyn Basilio (Student Trustee)
Laura Mangham (Recorder)

Support Staff:
Fran Kinsang (Researcher)
Marianne Temaungil (Editor)
Debra Neas (Editor)
Grace Alexander (Technology Support)
Dilubch Samil (Clerical Support)

Once again, the College encourages everyone to serve as members of at least one of the above standards. The knowledge you will gain from this experience will benefit you as an individual as well as a professional in the field of higher education. For information about PCC and the upcoming re-accreditation visit, contact Presley Etibek at 488-2470/2471. Or, you may want to e-mail him at presleye@belau.org.

PCC Vacancy Announcement

ANNOUNCING
VA #: 02-005
Open: 11/13/02
Close: Until filled

Position: (1) Librarian
Salary : \$16,010 to \$18,730.00 per annum depending on qualification

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

Provide professional library services to the College and its clients including but not limited to, assisting individuals and groups in locating or obtaining library materials. Maintain and update the library circulation and reference collections of print resources such as general and technical books, serial publications, documents, and other material; maintain and revise, as required, index, control systems for general, technical books and other library printed materials; assist in selecting, ordering, cataloging, classifying, processing of information to students, faculties, public, regarding library activities such as services/facilities available, procedures and policies; develop and implement a variety of library orientation programs to a client; assist in the preparation of the library budget; assist faculty and other clients in developing bibliographies, promotion, outreach services and activities; and serve on the College committees as assigned; select, direct, train and supervise student library workers; and, perform other related duties as assigned by supervisor.

Minimum Qualification Requirements

Master or Bachelor's degree from an accredited higher education institution in library science or, possess field experience, possess knowledge and skills required to perform the duties and responsibilities of a community college librarian. Previous successful librarian experience in higher education institution is preferable.

General Information

Application forms can be obtained from Human Resources Division at Palau Community College P.O. Box 9 Koror, Palau 96940, tel. no. (680) 488-2470/2471, fax no. (680) 488-2447. Send completed application with transcripts, resume, and verification of previous employment, if any, to above address. Please feel free to contact us at the above numbers should you have any questions or need further information.

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