

## Ministry of R &D's Land and Survey Div. Rocks Endowment Fund

Palau Community College is excited to begin the New Year by announcing the addition of new members to the PCC Bi-Weekly Endowment Fund Contributors' Club! As members of the club, these individuals donate a certain sum directly out of their paychecks to the PCC Endowment Fund. At the end of the year, PCC will help them apply for and receive 100% refunds for their donations!

These very generous individuals represent various segments of the national government. From the beautiful state of Ngarchelong, we welcome one (1) new members, **Skaruno April** who works for Ngarchelong State Government. Over at the Ministry of Resources and Development's Land and Survey Division we are happy to welcome four (4) new members, **Jacqueline Ngirdimau, Victor Joseph, Eldukl Uehara and Debed Luii**. Last but not least from the Ministry of Education, we welcome one (1) new member, **Edward Anastacio**. We would also like to thank **Benhart Baulechong**, Chief of Fire and Rescue Division and PCC Instructor **Marianne Temaungil** for increasing their bi-weekly allotments. Ms. Temaungil has increased her allotment to the Endowment Fund by 200%, and challenges her fellow PCC colleagues to do the same.

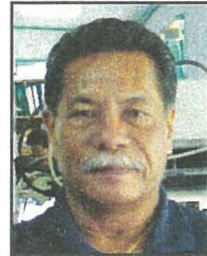
Once again, we welcome these new members as they showcase their commitment to support PCC's continued efforts to providing quality education to the students from Palau and the Micronesian region. If you would like to join the PCC Endowment Fund Contributors' Club, please call Hulda, Dilubch, or Temmy at PCC telephone number 488-2470/2471, extension 253. They will be very happy to assist you!



Skaruno April



Edward Anastacio



Benhart Baulechong

### Adult High School 2005 Spring Semester Calendar

January 10-28	Registration Old and New Students
January 26	Teachers' Workshop
January 27	Orientation, New Students
January 31	CLASSES BEGIN
March 9-10	MIDTERM EXAMS
March 14-18	Spring Break - NO CLASSES
March 15	HOLIDAY: Youth Day
April 1	PCC CHARTER DAY - NO CLASSES
April 21	Last Day of Instruction
April 25-26	Final Exams
May 3	Grades Due
May 5	HOLIDAY: Senior Citizen's Day
May 20	Commencement Exercises

### Celebrating Birthdays

Byron Tellei	January 23
Huan Hosei	January 24
Epimachus Moses	January 28
Joan Philip	January 28

Happy Birthday To You!!!

### Spring Semester 2005

December	27-30 (M-TH)	Placement Testing
January	3-5 (M-W)	Freshman Orientation & Advising
January	6 (TH)	Registration
January	10 (M)	<b>First Day of Instruction</b>
January	10-14 (M-F)	Late Registration/Drop & Add Period
February	18 (F)	<b>Last Day to Remove Incomplete Grades for Fall Semester</b>
March	7-11 (M-F)	Mid-Term Period
March	14-18 (M-F)	Students' Spring Break
March	15 (T)	Holiday: Youth Day
March	25 (F)	<b>Last Day For All Withdrawals</b>
April	1 (F)	PCC Charter Day Celebration
April	2(S)	PCC Charter Day
May	5 (TH)	Holiday: Senior Citizens' Day
May	6 (F)	Last Day of Instruction
May	9-11 (M-W)	Final Examination Period
May	11 (W)	Graduates' Grades Due
May	16(M)	Grades Due
May	20 (F)	Commencement Exercises End of Spring Semester Students' Spring Recess

### Attention PCC Staff and Faculty

The PCC Maintenance Staff would like to remind everyone that the garbage collection time remains at 4:00 pm daily. Please have your garbage brought to the appropriate locations for proper disposal by 4:00 pm. Please don't put any trash out after the 4:00 pm pick-up time. Thank you for helping to keep PCC clean and beautiful.



# Palau Community College MESEKIU'S NEWS

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## PCC Alumni Makes a Difference Tutoring High School Students



UBMS Tutor Dilbuil Kanai works with PHS Juniors Omtab Ngiraikelau and Velma Godwin with their English skills

The College would like to welcome Dilbuil Kanai as the new English tutor for the Upward Bound Math and Science (UBMS) Program. The Upward Bound Math and Science Program is a U.S. Federally funded program whose goal is to help the participants recognize and develop their potential to excel in math and science, and encourage them to pursue post-secondary degrees in the fields of math and science. Dilbuil who graduated last year with an Associate of Arts Degree in Tourism and Hospitality is back at PCC. This time around she is helping to make a difference in the lives of high school students as a UBMS tutor. Her job is to improve the English reading and writing skills of some thirty-nine students from various high schools throughout Palau. In a kind of role-reversal, Ms. Kanai finds it ironic that she is now a role model and teacher to so many students. "Because I was just recently a student myself, I understand what a lot of these kids go through and can relate to them. I feel like I have a real positive and natural connection with my students," she said. According to Dilbuil, the job can be challenging at times, but overall she feels that working with the children is also very rewarding and fun.

Palau High School student Omtab Ngiraikelau who is a student in her class commented that, "Ms. Dilbuil is a very understanding and a patient teacher and I really enjoy learning from her." Dilbuil who previously attended the University of Guam said that young Palauans' perceptions of PCC as a college of choice is changing. "It used to be popular to go off-island for college after high school. However, more and more high school graduates are choosing to stay home and attend PCC and that is indicative of a lot of things that PCC is doing right," she said. She further added, "PCC is affordable and accredited with the same standard as many other two-year colleges in the U.S." Her advice to her fellow PCC classmates who are still pursuing their education is to "never give up and keep on trying!"

## PCC Donates \$1000 to Tsunami Relief Fund

Tmetuchi Baules,  
PCC SBA  
President  
Presenting \$250  
check to Merelyn  
Omelau, Helene  
Moros and  
Etirong Olkeriil,  
volunteers for the  
Tsunami Relief  
Fundraiser



From back to front  
(L-R) Minister of  
Finance, Elbuchel  
Sadang, PCC President  
Patrick U.  
Tellei, Dilmei Olkeriil,  
Anna Sakuma, Sandra  
Matsuda, Rose  
Ongalibang and  
O'Quinn Sakuma in a  
red t-shirt with a float  
piggy bank



Palau Community College joined the national drive yesterday to provide support to help our neighboring nations as they struggle to recover from the tragic effects of the Tsunami and earthquake that hit countries from Southeast Asia and Africa on December 26, 2004. As such the College has set aside \$500 in addition to the \$344.15 donated by PCC staff and \$250 from the PCC Student Body Association (SBA) for a total donation of \$1,094.15 toward the Tsunami Relief Fund. The College joins Palau and the world as we pray for our friends and neighbors from Asia and Africa as they recover and rebuild their lives.

Young O'Quinn Sakuma generously donated the \$28.96 he collected from his piggy bank to the Tsunami Relief Fundraiser. O'Quinn said he donated the money because he wanted to help the country of his adopted brothers, Dais and Edison from Indonesia. Dais and Edison were part of group of Indonesian fishermen who were caught illegally fishing in Palau. Because of their young age, the two Indonesian boys were taken in and raised by O'Quinn's father, retired police Chief, Columbus Sakuma. Since then the boys Dais, Edison and O'Quinn have been good friends and brothers ever since. Despite his small stature and young age, O'Quinn's heart is as big as they come. Such a generous act is a beautiful example of what the power of friendship and kindness can do. Great Job O'Quinn, you make all of us proud!



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# Prince Off-Site Catering

## LESS TIME TO PREP, MORE TIME FOR YOURSELF

Submitted by Lisa Abraham, Director of the Palau Small Business Development Center



Rosita Weilbacher

A New Year, new addition! Prince Off-Site Catering services...another boost into the Palau food industry. So what's new? The uniqueness of Prince Off-Site Catering is to provide catering services to you at your venue in a buffet style presentation, so your food is fresh, hot, and ready to eat. It lives up to its name, "Prince", as it keeps you young like a handsome prince! It can take care of you and your stressful responsibility of preparing for an occasion that might have been a "last minute" and/or for a lot of people that you did not expect. Less culinary preparation and more time for you to prepare yourself for the occasion...after all, New Year, new look, new resolutions to make, got to look your best!

Prince Off-Site Catering is locally owned by a couple, Mr. Fred Rechebei and Ms. Rosita Weilbacher. The husband and wife business has opened its doors to provide catering services to meet your needs; local custom; child birth, marriage ceremonies, funerals, parties, and many more. "When Mr. and Mrs. Rechebei came to Palau SBDC, they have already formulated their business plan and the only assistance they needed was to formulate their financial plan, which is what they did with former director, Mr. Clinton Ngemaes and counselor Mr. Alfred Fung", commented Lisa Abraham, current director of Palau SBDC. The couple submitted their business proposal to Pacific Island Development Bank (PIDB) and it was approved. Now, Prince Off-Site Catering currently employs three employees, Mr. Rechebei, Ms. Weilbacher as the owner/employee and another cook assistant. Orders and menu's may be obtained by calling (680)488-1557 or visit the business site at T-Dock. Prince Off-Site Catering is flexible and can prepare everything from bento boxes to international cuisines. Advanced notices are requested to enable quality deliveries.

The Palau SBDC congratulates Mr. Rechebei and Ms. Weilbacher in their giant leap into entrepreneurship and wishes them good luck for a prosperous future. In addition, the Palau SBDC would like to convey its appreciation to PIDB in its successful effort to help Palauan entrepreneurs. The Palau SBDC will continue to offer workshops for prospective businesses, pre-ventures, and existing businesses to further encourage small business development in Palau.

## PCC Online Classes Teach in a Virtual Classroom



Online Lab Assistant Joyce Heck Poses with fellow PCC student

Come to class whenever you want! Choose your course schedule according to your own convenience! Access your class work any time of the day! How can you do this you ask! Well, PCC students taking En 112/En 114 online are doing what students in the past could only dream about. Imagine attending class without actually being in class. Doing all your school work in the comfort of your home or workplace. Now, PCC has made the dream of a virtual classroom a reality by offering English courses online. PCC offers high quality internet learning without the daily obstacles of commuting to

and from school. Now students can take English courses that offer lectures, coursework and discussions entirely online. Students need only to have access to a computer with an internet connection. This new program is part of the English Department's innovative online curriculum where students taking the EN 112 or the EN 114 courses do not meet in a conventional classroom setting but online via the internet. In other words students do not meet their teacher or each other in the classroom but rather use the internet to learn, do assignments and interact with their instructor. There are no walls, no desks, no teacher, and no time clock, just the students learning at their own pace with the two basic tools at their disposal, the computer screen and keyboard. According to PCC English Instructor Marianne Temaungil, the class was meant for those students who were unable meet in a traditional classroom setting due to their family obligations or their jobs. She said that this type of a class format allows much more flexibility and convenience for students who are also busy professionals. For more information on any of the excellent courses offered online, please contact the PCC Admissions Office at 488-2470/2471.

## Palau SBDC

The Palau SBDC helps the local business community by assisting individuals with their Feasibility Studies, Market Research, Surveys, Business Plan Development, Loan Packaging, Operational Assistance and Procurement

- Assistance, Manufacturing, Management, Compliance and Problem Solving.
- The SBDC does not make loans.
- Business Plans take time to develop.
- Business Plans require your personal effort.
- Schedule an appointment by calling 488-6004 or stop by the Palau SBDC office

## BITS AND PIECES...

### PHS Students Take Over PCC.....

PCC would like to welcome 15 Palau High School Seniors who have enrolled here at the College. These special students are part of the Ministry of Education's Dual Enrollment Program where PHS seniors who have fulfilled their graduation requirements are eligible to take college level courses at PCC.

These students get to have first-hand experience on what college life is all about while earning college level credits. This is a great way for high school students to gain valuable experience at the college level while giving them a preview on the rigors of attending a Post-Secondary institution.

Under the dual enrollment program students may take math or English college level course while continuing to take their classes at PHS. Tuition for the students is paid for by the Ministry of Education.

### PCC CE Office Offers Basic Chinese Language.....

Learn to speak basic Mandarin in eight weeks. Yes! It is true. A highly qualified Chinese language instructor is working at Palau Community College teaching Chinese language. PCC Continuing Education is now soliciting community interest and registering interested individuals for the first scheduled Chinese language class scheduled to begin on February 7, 2005.

For more information or to register, please contact Eileen or Taruu at the CE at 488-6223. Day and Evening classes available.

### GVSU Offers Scholarships for PCC Students.....

Grand Valley State University (GVSU) is offering qualified applicants from PCC the opportunity to receive an annual scholarship. 2-3 scholarships will be offered each fall semester. An international application can be found at the university's web site at <http://admissions.gvsu.edu>.

The deadline for consideration is May 1, 2005. Mr. Jim Crawley, Associate Director for International Recruitment at GVSU, can be contacted at [crawleyj@gvsu.edu](mailto:crawleyj@gvsu.edu) for address and other relevant information. He will have an application for admission mailed or e-mailed to those interested in applying to GVSU.

## Special Education Bureau Thanks PCC Instructor

Photo and article submitted by Roland Tangelbad



Special ED Physical Therapist, Roland Tangelbad poses with PCC Instructor Lester Rekemesik

Special Education Coordinator, Mr. Evans Imetengel and the parents of Christi Mad would like to thank PCC Instructor Lester Rekemesik for donating his time and skills in repairing Christi's wheelchair. The outcome of his work has helped Christi Mad to return to school and resume her regular schedule. Thank you Mr. Rekemesik for being a "Good Samaritan" and for helping those who are most in need.

## AHS Looking for New Recruits



Members of the AHS Student Body (SBA) pose with Learning Specialist Debra Neas (in the back-right)

The PCC Adult High School (AHS) program offers alternative High School classes to those adults who are 18 years old or older who have not completed their high school education. AHS is offered to all Palauans who wish to earn a high school equivalent diploma, and continue on to college. It can also help individuals gain valuable skills that will enable them to secure employment in the occupation of their choice. The PCC Adult High School program teaches academic classes, life-skills instruction, and occupational skills instruction.

Tutoring services are offered to students to ensure success in their academic classes. It is anticipated that some student will have been away from the school environment for a number of years, and all efforts will be made to assist students with their program courses. The program is free but students may be required to purchase their own tools for the occupational skills component. The courses will offer competency based modules, allowing students to work at their own pace, and students will also be tested and placed in the appropriate levels. The program courses are offered to accommodate the schedule and level needs of students, but students must take and pass each level before continuing on to the next.

We understand that there are many circumstances and situations that have prevented you from acquiring your high school credentials. We want to help. So whether you are 23 or 53, please let us help you accomplish your goals. Please come and enroll for the Spring Semester today. It is never too late for an education! Call 488-2471 x 244 and ask for a Counselor to assist you in the enrollment process.