

## PCC Staff to Help with the South Pacific Forum




PCC staff will be Liaison Officers for the South Pacific Forum. (front, l-r) Armstrong Debelbot, Sherman Daniel, Laura Mangham, Alvina Timarong, Carol Emaurois. (back, l-r) Ismael Anastacio, LeoBen Teriong, Presley Etibek, Jay Olegeriil, and Mario Katosang (standing).

This year, Palau has the honor of hosting the 30th South Pacific Forum. This is the last Forum of the millenium and will perhaps be one of the most important political meeting that Palau has ever hosted. The Forum is the focus of the highest level of political and economic attention in the Pacific Island Region.

Palau Community College will be heavily involved with the Forum as the Forum Media Center will be based on campus and the PCC cafeteria will be used for press conferences.

Over 300 participants, including foreign delegations, observers and international media personnel are expected to attend the Forum.

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The 16 member countries of the South Pacific Forum are:

Australia	Republic of Palau
Cook Islands	Federated States of Micronesia
Fiji	Kiribati
Nauru	New Zealand
Niue	Papua New Guinea
Samoa	Republic of the Marshall Islands
Solomon Islands	Tonga
Tuvalu	Vanuatu

Post Forum dialogue partners:

Canada	France
Japan	Korea
Malaysia	China
United Kingdom	USA

Persons with questions or comments regarding the South Pacific Forum may contact the SPF office at 488-6490/6492 or send e-mail to [spfoc@palaunet.com](mailto:spfoc@palaunet.com).

### ATTENTION STAFF & STUDENTS!!!

Please submit your articles for our weekly newsletter, **Mesekiu's News**, to **Armstrong Debelbot at the Development Office no later than 3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Thank you for your support!!!**

### Parking Lot Reminder

The main parking lot is reserved for students and guests of the college. All staff and faculty are encouraged to utilize their assigned parking spaces as designated by the President's memo. Thank you for your cooperation.

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# Palau Community College MESEKIU'S NEWS



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## PCC: Teaching Teachers for the Benefit of Students

While most PCC students are entering their 5th week of classes at the college, others are just beginning. These include two special groups known as "cohorts", who are working toward their two-year degrees in Education on a schedule different from other students.

The first cohort consists of 35 newly hired teachers; some are coming three nights a week to complete ED 110: Introduction to Teaching, by October 25th. As soon as they finish that course, they will begin ED 201: Human Growth and Development. Keeping with this schedule, they should receive their degrees in May 2002. Saturday classes are also offered to accomodate those teachers that come from as far away as Kayangel.

The second cohort contains approximately 40 elementary school teachers who have been in the classroom for a while. They will begin classes on October 9th and will complete ED 110 by the end of Fall Semester. Again, because some of the cohort members are coming from as far away as Angaur and Kayangel, evening and weekend classes are offered to accomodate them.

The cohort groups are not, however, the only teachers receiving extra training. Since August, English instructor John Gabriel has been teaching 15 Palau High School teachers in communication techniques so that they can more effectively teach the new Career Development course to their high school students.

Even PCC instructors need a helping hand occasionally. On September 17th, more than 20 instructors stayed after working hours to participate in the Great Teacher's Workshop conducted by instructors Julie Anastacio and Serelina Ridep. The workshop was the result of Julie and Serelina's participation in a similar workshop in Hawaii last August, and provided a welcome opportunity for PCC instructors to share both innovations and expertise.

PCC is proud to be at the forefront of teacher education in Palau and looks forward to improving the quality of education for our children as a result.

## FREE COPY

PALAU COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE  
1999 THANKSGIVING  
FUNDRAISING DINNER

PALAU PACIFIC RESORT  
November 24, 1999

GRAND PRIZE: Brand New Toyota  
Pick-Up Truck

1st Prize:	\$2,000.00
2nd Prize:	\$1,000.00
3rd Prize:	\$500.00
4th Prize:	\$250.00
5th-10th Prizes:	\$150.00

Lots of other  
great  
prizes.....



Only 500  
tickets are  
available, so buy your ticket today!  
Contact PCC Development Office at Tel: 488-2471.

Tickets will be for a buffet dinner and entertainment at Palau Pacific Resort.

All proceeds from this fundraising event will go to the Palau Community College Endowment Fund.

# Community Users of the PCC Library: June-August, 1999

In addition to monthly users representing virtually all elementary and high schools in Palau, the PCC Library is used by many government agencies, NGOs, and local businesses. Furthermore, the PCC Library attracts visiting researchers. The following listing, from just two and one-half months, gives a good overview of the range of users whom the PCC Library regularly serves:

- Aichi University of Education (Japan)
- Amigo's
- Behavioral Health Division, Ministry of Health
- Belau Medical Clinic
- Belau National Museum
- Belau National Museum Research Library
- Bureau of Lands and Surveys
- Bureau of Public Service System
- CIP
- Close Up Foundation (USA)
- Coral Reef Research Foundation
- Division of National Youth Affairs
- East-West Center (USA)
- Golden Associates
- Hatohobei State Government
- HK Market
- HK Motel
- IBC
- Koror State Government
- Kyoto University (Japan)
- Land Court
- Ministry of Health
- Morei's Dress Shop
- NECO
- NEMO
- Ngarchelong State Government
- OEK Library
- OEK staff
- Palau Conservation Society
- Palau Horizon
- Palau Red Cross
- Palau Sea Ventures
- Peace Corps
- PECI
- PNCC
- Palau Pacific Resort
- Public Health
- Public Works
- SDA Clinic
- Splash
- Supreme Court




- Surangel and Sons
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- University of Hawaii, Manoa (USA)
- University of Hawaii, Hilo (USA)
- University of Queensland (Australia)
- Utility Division
- Victory Chapel
- Water Department
- Yamaguchi University (Japan)
- Yano's Market
- Y2K Office

## Airai Elementary School Students Visit PCC Library



Jane Barnwell, PCC Librarian (c) and Imengel Mad (r) help the 4th graders from Airai Elementary School with their library card applications.

### Ensure Your Future And Enroll In One Of PCC's Newest Program!!!



Study **Nursing** at Palau Community College. Earn an Associate Degree that will enable you to become a Registered Nurse. Don't delay. Contact Damiana Kunihiro at 488-2471, ext.272 for more information.

# RETENTION WEB PAGE

## SHINING STARS FOR THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students who have successfully completed all 30 hours of Reading:

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Kaluu, Alex           | Sasao, Elizabeth S. |
| Martin, Marissa       | Sisior, Enda Lyn    |
| Ngiratumerang, Bryson |                     |

## FRESHMAN SURVIVAL TIPS

You have made a wise decision to attend college, and your freshman year is likely to be the most memorable. Consider the following tips and practice them:

**Understand clearly why you are attending college.** Some of the most frequent reasons for not surviving are that a student may attend college simply to please parents, to get away from home, or simply to follow the crowd. These reasons often result in boredom, inattentiveness, and even failure. College is a serious matter and requires clear understanding and focus on its purpose, objectives, and requirements.

**Maintain a positive attitude.** A positive attitude is an invaluable asset for survival in college - from getting along with a roommate, to getting along with peers, to adjusting to various academic matters. It is natural to experience disappointment and disenchantment at times; however, you must not allow those feelings to circumvent your getting off to a good start and persisting through the year.

**Look at college as a job.** Your job is that of a college student, and you will spend a certain number of hours each week working to accomplish certain tasks and goals. Furthermore, the amount and quality of your work will determine the benefits of your efforts. Always work diligently by doing your best.

**Maintain a wholesome attitude about yourself.** Feel good about yourself as an individual who has abilities and aptitudes that are valuable and unique. You may meet students who may seem to exceed you in those qualities, but believe in yourself and work to develop the potential of your own capacities.

## Exercise care and caution in selection of friends and the degree to which you seek popularity among peers.

Make friends with students whose interests and goals are similar to yours. As such, you are likely to be diverted from the real reason for being in college. Avoid situations that may impact or influence you negatively. To be popular among peers is admirable, but not to the extent that it becomes the main focus. Academic excellence and a positive standing in the college environment is the key to survival.

## Develop and practice good study habits, and set aside specific times for study in a conducive atmosphere.

Review your class notes and read your textbook or reference, highlighting or noting major points as you study. More specifically, for every credit hour that a course carries, you will need to devote a minimum of two hours a week for that course.

**Strive to maintain a healthy body.** A healthy body is vital for you to perform at your highest level. Thus, proper nutrition, adequate sleep, exercise, leisure, and relaxation are essential.

### Academic Calendar Fall Semester 1999

October 1st	(F)	Holiday: Independence Day
October 4th	(M)	Last Day to Remove Summer '99 Incomplete Grades
October 11th - 15th	(M-F)	Midterm Period
October 18th	(M)	Last Day for All Withdrawals
November 25th	(TH)	Holiday: Thanksgiving Day
December 10th	(F)	Last Day of Instruction
December 13th-15th	(M-W)	Final Exam Period
December 17th	(F)	Grades Due (End of Fall Semester)