

Alumni Notes

Class of 2003 (PCC)



Masato Ushibata- 2003 PCC graduate with a Certificate in Office Administration. He is currently working as an Administrative Assistant for the Ministry of Resources and Development's Division of Public Works.

Class of 2004 (PCC)



Mokoki Rechirei- 2004 PCC graduate with an AS degree in Criminal Justice. He is employed by the Palau Community College's Physical Plant Division.

Alumni Notes showcases MOC/PCC alumni who contribute to the quality of life in their local community and are positive role models for other PCC students to emulate. If you are that alumni or know someone who is, please contact the PCC Development Office at telephone number 488-2471. We would like to feature you in future issues of the *Mesekiu's News*.

Grace Alexander August 8
Celebrating Birthdays
Happy Birthday To You!!!

Mesekiu's News
Palau Community College
P.O. Box 9, Koror, Palau 96940

Vacancy Announcement

Position : Library and Information Services Instructor
Salary : \$18,730 to \$28,833 per annum (Depending on qualifications)

Palau Community College seeks an experienced full-time faculty member to teach and serve as a mentor for students in our Associate of Library and Information Services program. The Library and Information Services (LS) program is a new academic program at PCC and it is the first of its kind in Palau and the Pacific island region. The program begins this August 2005 and is designed to teach current and future library staff the skills in the areas of library organization, cataloging, reference, research, community outreach, instruction and library management.

Examples of Duties

Responsible for teaching courses in accordance with the approved course outlines and developing curriculum for his/her respective division; maintaining accurate attendance; counseling and advising students as needed; submitting required reports; serving on college committees; enforcing college policies and performing other duties as assigned.

Employment Qualifications

Education and Experience: Masters Degree in Library and Information Science or equivalent level of qualifications plus five years experience in the academic field with progressive levels of responsibility. Applicants with teaching experience preferred. Knowledge of Pacific cultures and familiarity with Pacific information resources a plus. Possess excellent communication skills and sound people management skills.

General Information

Application forms can be obtained from Human Resources Division at Palau Community College - P.O. Box 9 - Koror, Palau - 96940. Send completed application with transcript(s), resume, and verification of previous employment(s), if any, to the same address. For further information, contact Ms. Karen Mobil at telephone (680) 488-2470/2471. Applications may also be obtained via the Palau Community College website at www.palau.edu.

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PCC Receives \$2000 for Annual Scholarship



(l-r) Shell Company Ltd. Country Chairman Rep./ Area Manager Frank Kyota presenting \$2000 check to PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei.

Palau Community College received \$2000 from the Shell Company (Pacific Islands) Ltd., as part of its annual contribution to the PCC-Shell Company scholarship offered to PCC students who excel in their academic studies. The check was presented by Frank Kyota, Country Chairman Representative and Area Manager to PCC President, Dr. Patrick U. Tellei who accepted the check on behalf of the College. The scholarship will be split into four different scholarships at \$500 per student. Each student will receive \$250 per semester for a total of \$500 each year. Dr. Tellei expressed his gratitude on behalf of the College to the Shell Company and Mr. Kyota for their kind support through out the years and for investing in Palau's most valuable resource, its students. Dr. Tellei said, "The generous contribution and continued support of the Shell Company and Mr. Kyota throughout the years has not only made a difference in the lives of our students by helping them pursue their educational dreams, they have made a difference in our nation, by helping us build a stronger and more educated people."

The PCC-Shell Scholarship supplements the students' expenses while they pursue their educational goals at PCC. The new recipients for the PCC-Shell Scholarship will be announced in September. The PCC-Shell Scholarship began in 2001 and there have been eight recipients of the scholarship so far. Some notable recipients of scholarship are Sunny Lee Williams who majored in Business Accounting and has transferred to the University of Hawaii; Kimberly Sukrad, who majored in Office Administration and is currently attending the University of Pennsylvania; Dina M. Ngirmekur, who majored in Liberal Arts and is currently attending the University of the Philippines; Alfred C. Pedro who graduated with a nursing degree and is currently a nurse at the Ministry of Health's Belau National Hospital; and last but not least is Janelle N. Iechad who received an Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts and will be attending the University of Hawaii this Fall 2005. The scholarship is available to all Palauan students who have graduated from high school and will attend PCC and all PCC students who are currently enrolled. For more information about the PCC-Shell Scholarship and other great scholarship opportunities please call PCC's Development Office at 488-2471/2470, ext. 252.

PCC Class Registration for Fall Semester 2005

The Office of Registrar and Records would like to inform the public regarding this Fall 2005 Semester Activities. The following schedule of each activity has been set to accommodate both continuing, returning, re-admitted, new and transfer students. In order for all students to maximize and receive all the services that are available to them, we are requesting that you follow the schedule below:

Date	Activity
August 8-12 (M-F)	Placement Testing
August 15-16 (M-T)	Registration for all Students
August 17 (W)	Freshmen Orientation, Advising Registration for New and Transferring Students
August 18 (TH)	Last Day for Registration
August 22 (M)	First Day of Instruction
August 22-26 (M-F)	Late Registration (\$10.00 Fee will be assessed)

For more information about registration, please contact the Office of Registrar and Records at 488-2470/2471, ext 247, 257 or 274. Our office hours are from 8:00 am - 5:00pm, Monday to Friday.



PCC President and Chairman of the 7th South Pacific Mini Games Organizing Committee, Dr. Patrick U. Tellei would like to extend a warm farewell to all of the Delegations to the 7th South Pacific Mini Games. Dr. Tellei expresses his gratitude to Palau's National leaders, the SPMG staff, volunteers, athletes and to the people of Palau for making the Games a big Success!

SSS-Project Beacon Recruits New Participants

What is SSS-Project Beacon? SSS-Project Beacon is an in-house name for our Student Support Services (SSS) program here at Palau Community College. The goal of the SSS-Project Beacon is to increase the college retention and graduation rates of program participants, and facilitate the process of transition from PCC to a four-year college or university. Program counselors and instructors provide assistance and activities that are geared at engaging and motivating students toward successful completion of college. Project Beacon offers services to include the following:



SSS-Project Beacon students who are also peer tutors for their fellow PCC classmates.

- **Tutoring:** Instructors and peer tutors provide help in English, Math, and Science.
- **Basic Skills Instruction:** One-on-one or small group classes for English Math & Science.
- **Study Skills/Information Workshops:** Workshop on subjects that benefit students.
- **Cultural Exposures:** Trips to various cultural sites/events around Palau
- **Personal Counseling:** Counseling regarding personal issues.
- **Academic Counseling:** Advising and counseling to ensure academic progress.
- **Mentoring Program:** Peer counselors/tutors assist in the follow-up of participant to ensure participation in program activities and services.
- **Financial Aid counseling:** Assistance with financial aid application (FAFSA).
- **Career Counseling:** Advising and assistance related to career exploration.
- **Transfer Counseling:** Assistance in applying to a 4-year college/university.

- **Computer Lab:** Computers available for students to do their assignments.
- **Reading/Writing Lab:** Supplemental reading and writing assistance for English classes.
- **SSS Grant Aid:** Monetary assistance awarded to help with educational costs. Awards are dependent upon financial need.

To qualify for the program, a student has to meet some of the follow eligibility requirements:

- *Citizen or national of the United States or meets the residency requirements for the Federal student financial assistance (Palau, FSM and RMI qualify).
 - *Enrolled as a full-time student at PCC.
 - Demonstrated need for academic support.
 - Economically disadvantaged (low-income).
 - "First generation" college student (parents do not hold a bachelor degree).
 - Individuals with disabilities.
- *Required*

SSS-Project Beacon is now recruiting new participants for this school year (2005-2006). If you are interested in becoming a participant, please stop by at the Project Beacon office to fill out an application form. You can also call the Project Beacon Office if you have any questions or to find out more information at telephone number 488-3073 or email to Adora Nobuo-Andreas, Project Counselor, at adoraa@palau.edu. Project Beacon is currently funded to serve 180 students, and so students are encouraged to apply early. Selection of participants is based on a first come, first serve basis.

Student Support Services - Project Beacon Staff



Vernice Rechebei
Director, Student Support Services



Midori Mersai
Instructor, English



Hamada Vitarelli
Instructor, Science



Mekreos Silil
Project Counselor



Cynthia Malsol
Career Counselor



Adora Nobuo-Andreas
Project Counselor

BITS AND PIECES...

PCC-Based Scholarships Deadline In one week

Next week Friday, August 12, 2005 is the deadline for all PCC-based scholarship programs. PCC would like to acknowledge the continued support from all scholarship benefactors. *PCC-Based Scholarships: Moylan's Insurance Scholarship, Prince Leeboo Scholarship, Pierantozzi Scholarship, Roman Tmetuchl Scholarship, and Shell Company (Pacific Islands Ltd.) Scholarship.* The PCC Development Office is now screening scholarship applications and will be notifying recipients no later than mid-September.

Anyone who has any questions regarding these programs may contact Hulda, Temmy or Dilubch at PCC telephone number 488-2471, extension 253.

PCC's CE Office Has the Program for You

The following PCC Continuing Education classes are open for registration. Minimum number of participants required for each class to begin is ten.

- Basic Clerical Skills
- Basic Palauan Conversation
- Business Math
- Computer Training

For more information or to register for the above classes or other classes of interest, please call Taruu Nakamura or Sharon Elbelau at 488-2470/1 or 488-6223.

PCC Adult High School Recruiting for New Students

The PCC Adult High School (AHS) program is offering alternative High School classes to those adults who are 18 years old or older who have not completed their high school education. AHS can also help individuals gain valuable skills that will enable them to secure employment in the careers of their choice. The program is free but students may be required to purchase their own tools for the occupational skills component. The program courses are offered to accommodate the schedule and needs of students.

So whether you are 23 or 53, please let us help you accomplish your goals. Please come and enroll for the 2005 Fall Semester today. It is never too late for an education! Call 488-2471 ext. 244 and ask for a Counselor to assist you in the enrollment process.

Pacific Island Communications Director Visits PCC Campus



(l-r) Cassi Bergen from Roll' Em Productions, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, Ruth Bolan, PIC Executive Director and Bilung Gloria G. Salii, BOT Chairperson.

Ms. Ruth Bolan, the Executive Director for Pacific Island Communications paid a courtesy call to Bilung Gloria G. Salii, Chairperson of the PCC Board of Trustees and PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei. Ms. Bolan met with Bilung Salii and Dr. Tellei to discuss the media's role in promoting and protecting indigenous culture. In addition, Ms. Bolan was here to promote the documentary: *the Dances of Life*, which featured Bilung Salii with her commentary on Palau traditional dance and its role in preserving Palauan culture. The film was produced by Shane Seggar and

Dominique Lasseur and directed by Catherine Tatge in conjunction with Pacific Islanders in Communications. The film was shown at Palau's first ever film festival which featured some of the best short film, documentaries and cultural programs on indigenous culture throughout the Pacific. The documentary demonstrated through film the adaptability and perseverance of Pacific cultures through the facet of their traditional dances. The film examines dances from five island cultures: Maori, Samoan, Palauan, Chamorro (Guam), and Kanak (New Caledonia). This film demonstrates how traditional dances from the Pacific have evolved, adapted and changed while still maintaining their traditional roots. PIC was established in Honolulu in 1991 as a national nonprofit media arts corporation. PIC is member of the National Minority Consortia, which collectively addresses the need for programming that reflects America's growing ethnic and cultural diversity. Primary funding for PIC and the Consortia is provided through an annual grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB). (Source: PIC website)

Alumni for Upward Bound Program Returns to Work as New Counselor



Deidre Yamanguchi
UB Counselor/Advisor

Deidre Yamanguchi, an alumna from the Upward Bound (UB) program's class of 1987 has returned to the UB program as its new Academic Counselor and Advisor. Her role is to provide college placement support and career guidance to UB participants who wish to pursue their studies at a post-secondary institution. Ms. Yamanguchi recently returned from Japan where she received her Masters degree in English Literature from Sophia University, one of Japan's most prestigious universities. Deidre holds the distinct honor of being the first Palauan ever to graduate from Sophia University. Prior to pursuing her Masters degree she was a teacher at Mindszenty High School for over five years. She received her Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts from Lassen Community College and her Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature from California State University at Chico. As a teacher at Mindszenty, Ms. Yamanguchi was well liked by her students for her friendly personality and patient attitude. While attending Sophia University she also taught English on a part-time basis. Miss Yamanguchi's hobbies are reading, writing and spending time with her family and friends. The College is proud to welcome Ms. Yamanguchi, to the PCC family, and we are confident that she will make a difference in the lives of young Palauans who participate in the UB program and in our community. She is a great role model to UB students on how getting an education can lead to success in life!