

Deadline for Scholarship Applications IS NEXT WEEK!

This is an announcement reminding all graduating high school seniors and current PCC students from Palau who will be attending PCC this coming school year 2003-2004, that applications for the following PCC based scholarship programs are available at the PCC Development Office:

Moylan's Insurance Underwriters, Inc. Scholarship
Prince Leeboo Scholarship
Shell Company (Pacific Islands) Limited Scholarship
Polycarp International Enterprise Scholarship
Pierantozzi Scholarship
Roman Tmetuchl Scholarship

Application packets are to be completed and submitted to the PCC Development Office no later than **Friday August 15, 2003, the deadline date.** For more information about these abovementioned scholarship programs, contact PCC Development Office at telephone number 488-2471, extension 253.

Finally, the Mobil Oil Guam Inc. and Mobil Oil Micronesia, Inc. Scholarship Foundation announces the availability of applications for its scholarship program. Deadline is August 15, 2003 and applicants are urged to complete and mail their application packets, which are available at PCC Development Office, courtesy of PCC.

This newsletter would like to feature Endowment Club members' accomplishments and birthdays. Call Jay Olegeriil or Armstrong Debelbot at PCC Development Office at 488-2471, extension 253 and they will be very happy to assist you!

Celebrating Birthdays

Grace Alexander	August 8
Marcus Hangaripaii	August 12
Marlyne L. Olkeriil	August 12
Kashilda Bruno	August 13
Juan Camacho	August 14
Dilubch Samil	August 14

Happy Birthday To You!!!

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Endowment Contributors Club: MOE Staff Top Enrolles This Week PNCC Comes Through Yet Again "Loud and Clear"

The PCC Endowment Contributors Club continues to grow by leaps and bounds with twenty (20) new members joining each week from various government ministries as well as semi-government agencies.

This week saw fourteen (14) new members from the Palau National Government and six (6) from PNCC join the Endowment Contributors Club. Kudos and a big welcome to thirteen of the fourteen enrollees from the government who are from the Ministry of Education. They are: **Warren Fukuichi, John N. Pedro, Siles Ngiraremiang, Gresencio Antonio, Salazaar Joseph, Stephanus Gabriel, Davis Saburo, Baules Sambal, Godines Renguul, Gregory Ksano, Rose Andrew, Delphina Sumor, and Christiana T. Joseph.** We also welcome **Liza King-Ich** from the Minsitry of Health (X-ray Dept.) who rounded out the government employee enrollees.

New members from the semi-government agency of PNCC include: **Cleaver Rechelluul, Loretta Shmull, Judy Saiske, Kraskes Yakuchil, Hiram Reched, and Dudley Ililau.** Thank you for joining your other colleagues in supporting our college's endowment fund drive.

Thank you all for showcasing your commitment to the continued existence of Palau's only institution of higher learning. Together, let us ensure that future generations have the same opportunity and access to higher learning as presently provided by our college, Palau Community College!

As always, PCC is most grateful for the tremendous support it has received and continue to receive for its Endowment Contributors' Club and profoundly thanks all supporters. Add your face to the many that have joined the Endowment Contributors' Club by contacting Jay Olegeriil or Armstrong Debelbot at PCC-telephone number 488-2471.



Warren Fukuichi (l) of the Min. of Education with Dilubch Samil of PCC Development Office.



(l-r) Salazar Joseph, John Pedro, Stephanus Gabriel, and Siles Ngiraremiang - MOE.



Delphina Sumor, Gresencio Antonio, and Rose Andrew - MOE.

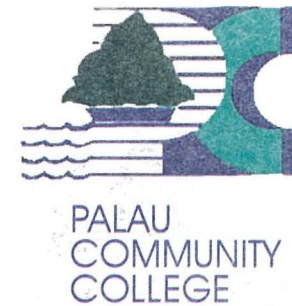


Godines Renguul - MOE.



Davis Saburo, Baules Sambal, and Gregory Ksano - MOE.

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PCC Gets \$260K Thru OMIP



Back from left are Jonathan Dunn (DOI, OMIP), Patrick U. Tellei (PCC President), Joe Barboo (USACE), Cheryl Jodoi (DOI, OMIP), Don Hanser (PCC), and FSM Senator Josaiiah Saimon. Front from left are Haruo Wilter (DOI, OMIP), Kosrae Speaker Hiteo Shrew, and Alvina Timarong (PCC)

Two officials from the Washington D.C. Office of Insular Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), met with PCC President Patrick U. Tellei on Monday, July 28, 2003. The primary purpose of the visit was to complete the signing of a notification of grant award in the amount of \$260,000 to the College for a Micronesian Regional GIS and Benchmark Training Program. Operations and Management Improvement Program (OMIP) Program Manager Cheryl Jodoi and OMIP Grants Manager Jonathan Dunn, traveled to Palau last week to participate in the Pacific Power Association Conference that was held here, as well as to meet with various government and agency officials in Palau. The group, which included local and Department of Interior officials, as well as PCC administrative personnel, enjoyed a cordial luncheon hosted

by the college president and a tour of the campus. Both regional and local training that the College conducts were discussed by the various individuals in the group.

The grant is being made under the Operations and Maintenance Improvement Program (OMIP) of the Department of the Interior. Geographic Information System (GIS) is a computer-based technology that is used to collect, organize, store and display information. The information is usually referred to as data, and it is related, or linked, through a computer software, to a map. The College has been developing and conducting GIS training for the past three years, using local expertise, through its own OMIP project. Utility and Ministry personnel from throughout the government have been trained in this area, and are developing a reputation in the region for being leaders in using this "cutting-edge" technology. The Office of Insular Affairs has recognized the quality of our local training program, and are interested in having PCC replicate its program on a regional scale.

Planning has begun in order to bring the initial stages of this training to American Samoa, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Commonwealth of Northern Marianas. The College hopes to work with the other community colleges and branch campuses in the region to conduct the first phases of the training. Curriculum and textbooks will be distributed to these colleges, and local instructors trained. The top trainees at each campus completing the first courses will then come to Palau to complete the training program at PCC. The goal is to enable all of the countries and states in the region to make use of the powerful new tools that will assist in their national development.

29 Graduates Ready to Join Hospital Workforce

Last week Thursday July 31 saw 29 participants of the first ever Health Careers Foundation Training Program graduating; thus, adding much needed labor force to the Palau Ministry of Health. These 29 graduates had been undergoing training at Palau Community College and will be spread out into the various health agencies under the Ministry of Health.

Health Organization (WHO), Workforce Investment Act (WIA), Palau Community College (PCC), and the Palau Ministry of Health.

Even with the addition of these 29 graduates, Palau is still suffering from a shortage of nurses. Thus, any individual interested in pursuing a nursing or health related career is encouraged to enroll in PCC's Nursing Program, where you may obtain your AS degree right here at home. Call Admissions Office at 488-2471 for more information.



Graduates sing 'Belau Er Kid', Palau National Anthem, at their Graduation Ceremony held at the PCC Cafetorium

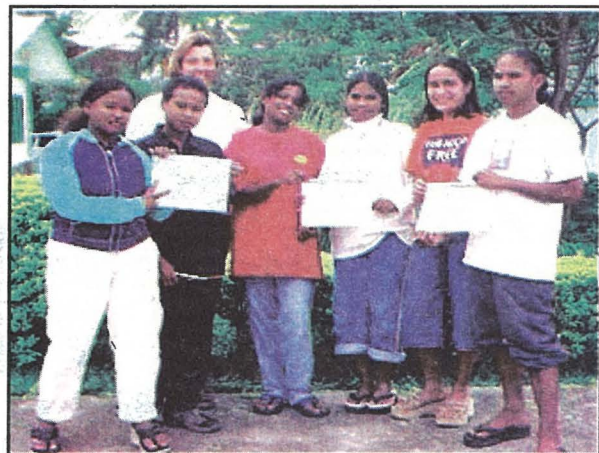
PCC-CRE Wildlife Class Ends

On Friday July 18th, six high school students completed the Cooperative Research and Extension's Outdoor Wildlife Class. This was a three-week class that covered many areas of terrestrial science. The students spent time in the classroom listening to informative lectures on insects, invasive organisms, medicinal plants, reptiles, amphibians, birds and mammals. They also conducted many hands-on activities to reinforce the lecture material and to keep the learning fun.

In addition to time in the classroom, the students went on many field trips around Palau to observe the diversity of Palau's terrestrial life. They went to Airai to collect insects and to the Ngatpang Waterfall to examine the diversity of animal life along the river. The highlight was the overnight at the PCC R&D Station in Ngaremlengui where the students got a chance to do some stargazing at night and the following day visit the impressive Ngardmau waterfall.

All six participants of the program earned their Certificate of Achievement by passing the final exam and completing two lab projects. The students have all said that they had a good time in the program, learned many new things and cannot wait until next year.

If you would like information about this youth education program or any of CRE's other youth programs, please contact Kris Lloyd at PCC telephone number (680) 488-4983/2746. *The picture below shows the six participants of the Cooperative Research and Extension's Outdoor Wildlife Class proudly displaying their certificates with instructor Kris Lloyd (3rd from left).*



PCC Campus Sees Signs of Fall

This week the campus was abuzz with the hustle and bustle of students who are taking placement exams and registering for the fall semester classes. Activities this week were focused on continuing, returning and readmitted students. Next week, the College will shift attention to new and transfer students as well who will also be taking placement tests prior to registering for their classes. Preliminary stats indicate that the College will have a good number of students this semester; however, it is still too early to project an actual estimate. Thus, we will wait until registration is complete before providing the final number of students for the 2003 fall semester.



Kaselehlie from Pohnpei!

The Garden Isles of Federated States of Micronesia is very proud to host the 13th Pacific Islands Association of Libraries and Archives. This year, the PIALA conference will be held from November 3-8 with the theme, "Voyaging from the past, to the present, and into the future: knowing your heritage". All Palau Association of Libraries (PAL) members and anyone interested in obtaining more information may contact Mrs. Carmin Lihpai, PIALA President at ppl@mail.fm. You are all encouraged to mark you calendar and plan to attend this conference. All our friends in Pohnpei are working hard to make all the arrangements and your presence and participation will help make the conference a success.

Library Collections

As your local library, we are here to provide our patrons information and materials needed for their research and reading enjoyment. Thus, we welcome any suggestions and input on areas where we need to expand our resources or services to help meet our patrons' needs.

We continue to be grateful for all donors for the past years who have continued to support the PCC Library. Through your generous support, you have helped expand our collection and have made the PCC Library a fun place to visit.

Some of the available newspapers for reading enjoyment and to keep you up with the latest news are **Pacific Daily News, Palau Horizon, Tia Belau, Marshall Islands Journal, Kaselehlie Press, Marianas Business Journal, Marianas Variety, Taiwan Journal**, and many more.

"If there is anyone who has had the most impact on the economic and political evolution of Palau as a nation, it has to be Roman Tmetuchl. Hard working and combative with a sharp mind and a quick tongue, Tmetuchl also found himself in most national and local controversies, ranging from political status to elections to land matters." -- Tia Belau. *Roman Tmetuchl -- A Palauan Visionary* by Donald R. Shuster is available in the PCC Micronesia-Pacific Collection.

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"In the nonstop tsunami of global information, librarians provide us with floaties and teach us how to swim." -- Linton Weeks (Washington Post Article, 13 January 2001). Stay alive with your PCC Library!!!

Reminder - PARKING SPACE

With the start of a new school year right around the corner, all College staff are reminded that the parking lot by the main highway is reserved for PCC students and visitors. Let us utilize parking space located in front of the BTACHES bldg., DEMUL bldg., as well as the parking lot between the MIICH bldg. and the Cafeteria. *Happy Parking!*

BITS AND PIECES...

PCC Looking To Expand Services



Dr. Steve Spencer of San Diego State University (SDSU), PCC President Patrick U. Tellei and SDSU Dean-Division of Undergraduate Studies Geoffrey W. Chase. While SDSU continues to offer courses through PCC, the latter is currently exploring the possibility of expanding services and offerings to our students with the addition of a third party, the University of Northern Colorado.

Apprentice Training Is Successful



The first-ever PCC Apprentice Training came to a successful end on Friday August 1 with the College presenting certificates to all six (6) participants who all hail from our neighboring island of Yap, FSM. PCC President Patrick U. Tellei congratulated and trainees and thanked all the employment agencies who hired the participants for their training. Below are the trainees and the agencies they were placed in: Juanito Salap and Lorenzo Saremalyang (both auto mechanics) were placed at the NECO Plaza Auto Shop; Robert Petalmai (Agriculture) was placed at the Bureau of Agriculture; and Petra Tathoglieng (Food Service) was placed at the PCC Cafeteria. These four individuals' training began on June 23rd and ended on August 1st. The other two trainees also started their training on June 23rd; however, their training will finish on August 15th. They are Gregorio G. You (Carpentry) who is placed in the PCC Carpentry Shop, and James Rogol (Auto mechanic) who is also placed at the NECO Plaza Auto Shop.

Because the Apprentice Training was a great success, the College expects to continue offering this unique training opportunity to individuals and agencies who wish to take advantage of it. For more information, contact Ms. Eileen Babauta at PCC telephone number (680) 488-2470/2471.

Quick Hands-On Stress Relief

The following article is taken from the May issue of TOPHEALTH, a health promotion and wellness newsletter. It is provided as a tool for fitness buffs to help them improve their overall health.

Got a minute? Get a massage - a self massage, that is. These moves will relieve your tension around your head, neck, shoulders and hands:

- 1 **The scalp soother.** Place thumbs behind your ears and spread fingers on top of your head. Move your scalp back and forth slightly by making circles with your fingertips for 15-20 seconds.
- 2 **The eye easer.** Close your eyes and place your ring fingers directly under your eyebrows, near the bridge of your nose. Slowly increase pressure for five seconds, then gently release. Repeat 2-3 times.
- 3 **The shoulder saver.** Place your left hand on the right side of your neck by your shoulder. Press fingers firmly into the muscle while tucking your chin in toward your chest. Exhale and hold for 10 seconds, release, then repeat on the left side.
- 4 **The palm pleaser.** Lace your fingers together, leaving thumbs free. Slowly knead your left thumb into the palm of your right hand for 20-30 seconds. Then repeat on your left hand.

Alumna Sends Greetings from Pohnpei!

Attention MOC/PCC alumni, we have just received communication from **Ms. Grace G. Lorrin** from atop Sokeh's Rock in the friendly isles of Pohnpei, FSM. Ms. Lorrin attended MOC from 1989 to 1991. She has graciously provided her mailing and e-mail address to PCC and encourages classmates and fellow alumni to get in touch with her via this newsletter. If you would like to get in touch with Ms. Lorrin or other classmates, simply provide us your name and mailing or e-mail address and we will make it available for your friends via this newsletter. Who knows, you may be neighbors with long lost classmates and friends without realizing it. Simply contact Jay Olegeriil at jayo@palau.edu or Armstrong Debelbot at polou@palau.edu and provide the information that will connect you to your friends!

Fall 2003 Placement Testing, Registration and Orientation Schedule

DATE	TIME	PLACEMENT TEST	LOCATION
August 4 to August 8	9:00-11:30am & 1:00-4:30pm	English, Math & Science (Walk-in testing)	Project Beacon
August 5	9:00am	Keyboarding Test	Room 67
August 5-8	All Day	Registration for Continuing, Returning, and Readmitted students	
August 7	1:00pm	Keyboarding Test	Room 67
August 11	1:30-4:30pm	English, Math & Science (Walk-in testing)	Project Beacon
August 11-13	All Day	Orientation, Advising and Registration for New and Transfer Students	
August 12	1:00pm	Keyboarding Test	Room 67
	1:30-4:30pm	Walk-in testing continues	Project Beacon