

PCC Scholarship Update

The PCC Development Office is now screening scholarship applications and will be notifying recipients no later than early September. PCC would like to acknowledge the continued support from all scholarship benefactors. *PCC-Based Scholarships: Moylan's Insurance Scholarship, Prince Lebuu Scholarship, Pierantozzi Scholarship, Polycarp International Enterprise Scholarship, Roman Tmetuchl Scholarship, and Shell Company (Pacific Islands Ltd.) Scholarship.*



Rodrigo B. Misajon of Shell Co. (Pac. Is. Ltd.) Scholarship(!) presenting a \$1000 scholarship check to PCC Vice President LeoBen Teriong.



On behalf of the Roman Tmetuchl Family Trust, Hillora Ikesakes(!) presents a \$1000 scholarship check to PCC Development Office Director Jay Olegeril.

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

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expresses our sympathies to PCC staff **Larry Wakakoro** on the loss of his brother **Lucky Wakakoro**.

Our prayers and thoughts are with Larry and his family during their time of bereavement.

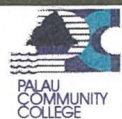
Contributions to Larry may be submitted to Upward Bound Office no later than 4:00 pm today.

Celebrating Birthdays



Vincent Ito August 23
Josepha Tutii August 28
Mistsko Walter August 28

Happy Birthday To You!!!



Mesekiu's News

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Mr. Diaz Visits Campus on First Day of Class

(story on front)



New and returning students share their summer break experiences while witnessing Palau's most popular radio personality, Mr. Diaz in action at the PCC Mesekiu Bai. Mr. Diaz conducted his Monday morning talk-radio program live from the PCC campus - guests included PCC President Tellei and other college administrators.

RECRUITMENT FOR ENDOWMENT CONTRIBUTORS' CLUB MAKES WAY FOR THANKSGIVING FUNDRAISER

Since January of this year, this section of the Mesekiu's News has been devoted to featuring new enrollees to the PCC Endowment Contributors' Club. These enrollees chose to donate a certain amount directly out of their paychecks to the PCC Endowment Fund. Then at the end of the year, PCC will issue receipts for these donors who will then apply for and get their money back as PCC is a non-profit organization!

We are proud to announce that since January, we have recruited over 563 national and state employees, as well as employees in the semi-autonomous agencies. All ministries of the national government have staff on the Endowment Club. Employees of the Koror and Aimeliik state governments too, in addition to the Ngaremlengui state governor. We have members from Palau National Communications Corporation, Palau Housing Authority, National Development Bank of Palau, including one member from the Palau Pacific Resort.

These members, as of the last government pay period, collectively donate over \$1,000 to the PCC Endowment Fund; thus, giving a big boost to the future financial viability of Palau's only institution of higher learning. Combined with the bi-weekly donation of PCC staff who are also on the Endowment Contributors' Club, nearly \$2,000 is deposited into the Endowment every two weeks! Indeed, we at PCC are humbled by the support that the entire Palau community is showing towards the College. Then again, we are excited as well that we all share the common belief that **PCC IS OUR COLLEGE** and **TOGETHER WE MUST ENSURE THAT IT CONTINUES TO EXIST TO MEET THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING NEEDS OF OUR STUDENTS FOR YEARS TO COME.**

The College is by no means ceasing to accept new enrollees to the Club. We continue to accept new members. Simply call anyone at the PCC Development Office at PCC telephone number (680) 488-2470/2471, extension 253 and they will be more than happy to come to wherever you are and help you join the Endowment Contributors' Club. Donate to the PCC Endowment and get your money back like the rest of us!!!

For those of you who have become familiar with the College's annual Thanksgiving Endowment Fundraiser, you will realize that it is that time of year when PCC launches the sale of our raffle tickets featuring what have become the nation's most diverse and fabulous prize packages. The offerings of prizes for this year will challenge those of last year's in terms of number and diversity. From hotel packages to makeovers to airline tickets to home appliances to fish dinners to car tune ups to plants to massages, etc. Indeed, we at PCC are preparing a raffle drawing that will make you want to obtain your tickets as soon as possible. However, be patient. We are currently setting up the mechanisms to support this endeavor. In the meantime, continue reading this section of this newsletter. We will keep you posted as progress is made toward the holding of our 5th Endowment Fund Thanksgiving Fundraiser.



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Mr. Diaz Graces PCC Campus

Visits on First Day of Class

Students rushing about the campus making their way to and from their classes and stopping in between classes at the college bookstore to pick up those costly textbooks they've been putting off buying 'til the last possible minute. Others pleading their cases with their advisors or the college registrar regarding the dropping and adding of new classes, while others are still negotiating the final terms of their promissory notes with the accommodating staff at the business office.

This is the typical scenario at colleges and universities all across the united states and Palau Community College is no different as hundreds of new and returning students converged on campus on Monday, August 18, 2003. Students darted here and there but seemingly with purpose as they appeared pre-occupied with



PCC President Patrick Tellei (!) outlining current college programs during the morning talk-radio program on Monday with Alfonso Diaz of WWFM.

their classes, books, classes, promissory notes, more classes, etc. This is one of the few times where you could not interest the students' captive minds with anything, unless of course you had textbooks to boot, money for their outstanding balances from last semester or your name is Mr. Alfonso Diaz and you are the owner of the most popular radio station in all of Palau.

Barry Barmelio Wins Class of '79 Scholarship

The highly competitive Palau High School (PHS) Class of '79 Scholarship has been awarded to Barry Barmelio, a 2003 graduate of PHS from the state of Ngaremlengui. As a recipient of this scholarship, Barry receives \$2,000 which he receives in installments of \$500 over four semesters. This year saw eight applicants for this scholarship which is awarded to a student who attends Palau Community College.

Barry, while attending Palau High School, also enrolled in the PCC Upward Bound Program during the

last two years of his high school career. Under Upward Bound, he took PCC courses this summer; thus, he begins the fall 2003 semester with six college credits already under his belt.

Barry is a full-time PCC student majoring in General Electronics Technology. He has expressed gratitude to the committee that selected him to be the recipient of this scholarship and promises to do his best in his coursework to prove he is worthy of this generous assistance that he has received. Congratulations Barry, and good luck on your educational endeavor!



Of course free money and textbooks as we all know is wishful thinking to say the least, but Mr. Alfonso Diaz was indeed a reality on Monday as he broadcasted his Monday morning talk radio program live from the PCC Mesekiu Bai on the College campus.



Students line up the PCC courtyard early Monday morning to witness the live broadcast from the PCC Mesekiu Bai by Mr. Diaz. (more pictures on back)

Mr. Diaz's live broadcast from the PCC Mesekiu Bai sure did turn a lot of heads and even stopped many students in their tracks as whispers and gesture were exchanged; the normally fast and busy "first day of instruction" pace slowed considerably and eventually came to a halt for some as they took notice of the popular broadcaster and entrepreneur. It is only hoped that those who did stop to witness the live campus broadcast eventually made it to their classes on time.

Mr. Diaz accepted an invitation from PCC President Patrick Tellei to hold a live broadcast on campus to coincide with the first the first day of class for the Fall semester 2003. PCC President Patrick U. Tellei along with vice presidents LeoBen Teriong and Thomas Taro joined Mr. Diaz in gracing the talk-radio program. They were joined by Deans Alvina Timarong and Presley Etibek; directors Dahlia

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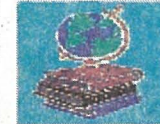
ETS EAGER TO SERVE YOU

It is a new school year for all Palau elementary and high schools, and the PCC Educational Talent Search (ETS) program is ready and eager to recruit and serve Palau's students. Last week Thursday and Friday, ETS staff went on a trip to recruit new six graders from Iobang and Ngarchelong elementary schools. We are excited that more and more schools located in Babeldaob are also interested in joining the program. As such, arrangements have been made to meet the needs of those students in these schools.

Some of the many programs and services provided by ETS include but are not limited to the following: Tutoring, Mentoring, Workshops for both students and parents, Educational and Cultural Field Trips, etc. To obtain more information, please contact Veronica Kloulechad, Angelio Anthonio, or Jolene Joseph at (680) 488-2470/2471/3926.

Fall 2003 Academic Calendar

First day of instruction	August 18
Late Registration/Drop & Add Period	August 18-22
HOLIDAY: Labor Day	September 1
HOLIDAY: Indep. Day	October 1
Last Day to remove incomplete Summer Grades	October 2
Mid-term Period	October 13-17
HOLIDAY: UN Day	October 24
Last Day for all Withdrawals	October 27
HOLIDAY: Thanksgiving	November 27
Last Day of Instruction	December 5
Final Exam Period	December 8-10
Grades Due	December 12



LIBRARY Gears Up for Busy Fall

Written by PCC Library Technician Ms. Imengel Mad

Interested in Diving in Palau?

The Micronesia-Pacific Collection has a book titled, Palau: Dive Sites, History & Culture compiled by Gunther Deichmann, Kevin Davidson, Ethan Daniels and Gunter Taus. Three years in the making, this comprehensive guide book on Palau's dive sites documented with over 238 photographs, includes chapters on history, culture and easy to read maps. Features on the Palau Conservation Society, Koror State Rangers and marine research organizations focusing on conservation. Top marine biologist identified and described marine life and habitats in detail including their scientific names. Listing of hotels, dive and tour operators and much more makes this guide book a valuable resource of information. ("Nature's gift to man, so easily abused, yet rarely appreciated." -- Gunther Deichmann)

"If all people in the world had access to a library, we would not be facing illiteracy and its related problems. --- Unknown. Check out your PCC Library!"

Hold That Smile...

Three-quarters of adults over age 35 are affected by periodontal disease that weakens the gums and can loosen teeth to the point of falling out. What causes it: Plaque buildup that helps pockets of bacteria to form. Prevention: Brush teeth after meals (at least twice daily) with fluoride toothpaste, floss at least once a day to remove plaque and get regular check-ups and cleanings. **FACT: It takes 43 face muscles to frown, but only 15 to smile.**



(Source: TopHealth, the health promotion and wellness newsletter)

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Katosang, Kuye Belelai, Jay Olegeriil and dorm manager Ephraim Ngirachitei. The program was aimed at informing and updating the community at large on the current and new programs at the College including student enrollment, admission and financial aid, scholarships, federal grants, and others.

During the course of the talk-radio program, listeners were able to call in their questions and get instantaneous reply from the college administrators.

The College is profoundly grateful for Mr. Diaz, his family, and WWFM for making possible such program to the College, and further extends its warm appreciation for the numerous charitable support and contributions it has provided in the past which includes hefty monetary contributions to the PCC Endowment Fund among other things. Thank you very much Mr. Diaz.

New Face at ETS

Written by ETS Staff Angelio Anthonio



Recently, after much struggle to find an additional Counselor/Advisor for the Educational Talent Search (ETS) program, the long search has now come to an end. Ms. Jolene Motil Joseph is the newest addition to the program. Ms. Joseph attended the University of Guam for four years where she pursued her degree in business management, with a minor on human resource management. She is a former ETS student as well!

Today, Ms. Joseph is excited and determined to continue the legacy of the ETS program by providing her expertise and efforts to help students in order to prevent dropouts while striving to succeed. In her own words, Ms. Joseph says "I believe education is the key to a successful future, and in order to succeed you must have determination and confidence. Strive for excellence and you shall prevail, and if you believe there's a WILL, there's a WAY. Always believe in yourself and never give up. Giving up is not always the solution for every obstacle you come across. Be mindful of your future, especially education, your only ticket in the real world!"

Reminder - PARKING SPACE

With the 2003 fall semester having already begun, we are now experiencing challenges in locating parking space. 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!*

ADULT HIGH SCHOOL Begins 4th Year

The PCC Adult High School is currently at the close of its third complete year, with the beginning of its fourth year scheduled to begin this September 2003. There have been a total of 46 students who have completed the program, with over 15 who are attending or planning to attend PCC for the fall 2003 semester. Some of the graduates have gone to schools off-island and many have opted to seek employment. The AHS fall semester schedule is as follows:

August 20-29	Pre-registration of Returning Students
September 1-19	Registration of New Students; Registration of Returning Students
September 24	Orientation of Teachers
September 25	Orientation of New Students
September 26-27	Teachers' Workshop
September 29	Classes Begin
October 1	HOLIDAY: Independence Day
October 24	HOLIDAY: United Nations Day
November 5-6	MIDTERM EXAMS
November 27	HOLIDAY: Thanksgiving Day
December 15-16	FINAL EXAMS
December 19	Grades Due
December 22- January 2	Christmas/New Year Break

For information about the PCC Adult High School, contact tel. # 488-2470/2471.

BITS AND PIECES...

PCC Donates Plants

This past summer, the College donated hundreds of pink, yellow, and white plumeria trees to Koror State Government for the latter's state beautification program.

In fact, over the past years, many individuals have come to the College to ask for plant seedlings for their home or office landscaping projects. Whenever possible, the College has always been obliging. For those few who take it upon themselves to harvest PCC plants and flowers, please come and see us before doing so. You may inadvertently injure the plant leading up to its fatal end. Please call Todd at PCC telephone number 488-2470/2471 for assistance in this regard.

Get Bright At Night!

Interested in learning a foreign language? How about carving a storyboard? Or using a computer? Call PCC Continuing Education Office at (680) 488-2471 and ask about their short term training programs. It may be just what you are looking for!

TSUJIHARA Visits PCC Again



PCC President Patrick U. Tellei, earlier this week, welcomed Dr. Makihiko Tsujihara, associate professor of the Prefectural University of Kumamoto in Japan to the campus. As mentioned in last week's issue, Dr. Tsujihara was in Palau last summer conducting an extensive architectural study on buildings that were built by the Japanese between World War I and World War II during Japan's administration of the Micronesian islands. The College UKALL building is the largest existing structure built by the Japanese that is still standing here in Koror; thus, Tsujihara spent a considerable amount of time on campus last year.

Dr. Tsujihara also conducted studies on other structures in Koror including the Belau National Museum and Palau Judiciary buildings as they were also constructed by the Japanese. During this second visit, Dr. Tsujihara presented his drawings of PCC's UKALL building to President Tellei, which he drew during his first visit along with his wife. He also presented Mr. Tellei drawings of the other Japanese structures on Koror as well. Thank you Sensei Tsujihara and your wife.

TOEFL TESTING DATES 2003-2004

Test Date	Registration Deadline (Rec't. Date at TOEFL Office)	Score Report Mailing Date
Oct. 18, 2003	August 29, 2003	November 26, 2003
May 15, 2004	March 29, 2004	June 23, 2004



- The Test of Written English (TWE) is given with the TOEFL test. It is a 30-minute writing test that is required of everyone taking the paper-based test. The TWE score is reported separately and is not added to the TOEFL score.

- Testing and Service Fees - \$130.00

- There are two ways to register for the test.

1. Online Registration - Those with American Express, VISA, JCB, Mastercard, and Discover credit cards may register for the test at the TOEFL Web site (www.toefl.org), or see Karen Mobel at Human Resources Development for an arrangement to use PCC credit card.

2. Mail-in Registration - You may obtain the TOEFL Bulletin from Myorang Besebes at the PCC Student Life Office.

For information about TOEFL registration and testing, contact Marensia Edward at PCC telephone (680) 488-3036.