



MESEKIU'S NEWS



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President Tellei's Welcome Message to Students



President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei

On behalf of the PCC Board of Trustees, Administration, Faculty, and Staff, I would like to express a warm welcome to all the new, returning, and transfer students to PCC. For the next few months, we look forward to providing you with the quality instruction and learning resources you need to succeed with your educational goals.

Here at PCC, our warm and friendly staff are committed to providing a positive,

community-oriented and caring learning environment for you, our students. PCC is more than a College, we are your family and we are with you every step of the way to ensure that you succeed with your educational dreams and aspirations.

You are the building blocks of the future of our nation and our region, and when you fulfill your education goals, you build a better and brighter future for all of us.

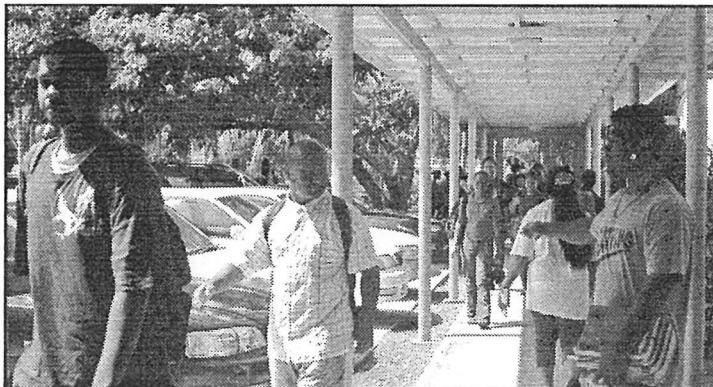
Again, I welcome all of you to the PCC family and wish everyone a successful and productive Fall Semester.

Sincerely,
Patrick U. Tellei, EdD
President, Palau Community College

500 Plus Students Register for Fall Semester

According to Registrar Lesley Adachi, over five hundred students have registered since the opening day of registration.

However, we anticipate a total of six hundred students to enroll this Fall Semester as the late registration and the drop and add period draws to an end today.



Students crowd campus walkways near Btaches building to attend classes.

See *Mesekiu's News* next week for a more detailed report of the Fall 2008 enrollment status.

Library Technicians Attend PLTI in Hawaii

By: Pioria Asito, Library Technician



Library Technicians Grace Merong (2nd from right) and Pioria Asito (standing behind Merong) with the other participants of PLTI. (Photo contributed by Sandy Fernandez).

Grace Merong and Pioria Asito, PCC Library Technicians, were among 17 library staff from throughout Micronesia and American Samoa selected to attend the Pacific Library Training Institute (PLTI) recently held at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa (UH-Manoa) from July 21 to August 8, 2008. The PLTI is a three-year project funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Laura Bush 21st Century Librarians Program, which is administered by the Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL). This year the opportunity was specifically designed for staff working in special libraries, archives and museums, as well as those working with special collections. Dr. Karen Peacock, the lead instructor, covered many important topics that were beneficial to our library, including rare books, preservation, cataloging, and strategic planning. Dr. Peacock's father, Daniel Peacock, the author of *Lee Boo of Belau*, shared his thoughts on "Books You Should Know About," which was a special session for all of the participants.

College Welcomes All Students!

Please feel free to clip this page and post it on your wall or desk for easy reference)

The Palau Community College administration, faculty, and staff welcome all continuing students back from the fall recess and extends a warm welcome to all the returning, readmitted, and new students who enrolled this 2008 fall semester. Best wishes for a successful semester!

Stay tuned to These Networks.

School can be a frightening place for new students. People of diverse cultures, older students, commuters, and people with special needs can feel excluded. Some people attend classes for years and still feel they are standing alone on the outside, looking in.

You don't have to be a stranger to school life. Networking is one way to break through the barriers that keep students isolated.

Students who overcome feelings of isolation increase their chances of staying in school and succeeding. Networks can also prepare students for the world of work, where most projects involve teamwork. You can begin networking immediately. Here are some techniques you can use:

Introduce yourself to classmates. Get to class early and break the ice by discussing the holidays.

Plan to meet people. Write an Intention Statement promising to meet three new people each week. Plan who these people will be and how and when you intend to meet them.

See your instructor. If you feel lost in a class, make an appointment to see your instructor outside class. You might discover a human being who wants you to succeed.

Join a Club. A Builders club, Tourism & Hospitality club, Environmental Club, and Student Body Association can put you in touch with potential friends.

Form a study group. Peer pressure can be positive. Study with students who excel and also look for partners from different racial, ethnic, or religious

backgrounds. Diversity will add depth to your group and stimulate everyone's thinking.

Play ball. You don't have to be a world-class athlete to play sports. As a matter of fact, keeping fit is one of the marks of a master student. Most schools have intramural leagues, and PCC definitely has intramural sports for you to take advantage of!

Use school media. School newspapers can alert you to interesting activities and people. Bulletin boards can be sources of information about clubs and social activities. Also, check the school catalog.

Study at the library. It's quiet, it's comfortable, and it's a place to meet other serious students.

Use Student Services. These include career planning, testing services, counseling services, student health services, financial aid, student body association, student organizations and student activities. These services are free to students. Going to school puts you in contact with an extraordinary network of services. All that remains is for you to use them.

2008 FALL SEMESTER

Aug. 18-22 (M-F)	Late Registration/ Drop & Add Period
Aug. 22 (F)	Last Day to Change to CR/NC and AUDIT Grading Options
Sept. 1 (M)	Holiday: Labor Day
Sept. 26 (F)	Last Day to Remove Incomplete Grades for Summer
Oct. 1 (W)	Holiday: Independence Day
Oct. 6-10 (M-F)	Mid-term Period
Oct. 17 (F)	Last Day for All Withdrawals
Oct. 24 (F)	Holiday: UN Day
Nov. 27 (TH)	Holiday: Thanksgiving Day
Nov. 27-28 (TH-F)	Students' Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 5 (F)	Last Day of Instruction
Dec. 8-10 (M-W)	Final Examination Period
Dec. 15 (M)	Grades Due End of Fall Semester Students' Fall Recess
Dec. 22 (M)	Last Day for Change of Grades

Phone Numbers to Keep Handy

Registrar and Records - 488-2470/2471, extension 247, 257, 274
Admissions & Financial Aid - 488-2470/2471, extension 233-235, 265, and 273
Business Office - 488-2470/2471, extension 231, 263, 264, and 268
Student Accounts - 488-2470/2471, extension 262
Bookstore - 488-2470/2471, extension 236 or 275
Library - 488-2470/2471, extension 230, 243, 261 or 488-3540
Cafeteria - 488-2357
Student Life and Housing - 488-3036
Student Services - 488-2470/2471, extension 229 and 249
Recreation Office - 488-3885
Dorm Office - 488-3074
Project Beacon - 488-3073 or 488-5654
Student Body Association - 488-2461
* PCC Directory Assistance - 488-2470/2471
* Academic Affairs Office - 488-2470/2471, extension 245, 246, 269, and 270



BITS AND PIECES...

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships Now Available..

The following scholarship funds for PCC students are now available at the PCC Development office: Karita Asanuma Scholarship; Prince Lebuu Scholarship; Pierantozzi Scholarship; Moylan's Insurance Scholarship; Roman Tmetuchl Scholarship; Shell Company (Pacific Islands) Ltd. Scholarship; and Library & Information Services Scholarship.

Please stop by the PCC Development office located behind the library and pick up your application forms. Submit completed application forms to the Development office before the end of August 2008.

REMINDER

Textbook "Clearance" Ends Next Week...

The PCC Bookstore would like to remind all PCC students that textbook clearances will conclude next week, August 29th, 2008.

For more information, please contact Helene Moros or Gibson Towai at the Bookstore at 488-2470/2471 ext. 236 or 275.

CORRECTION

Muller Hired by SSS-Project Beacon...

In last week's issue of Mesekiu's News, it stated that outgoing Student Trustee Leena Muller was 'helping to tutor students with the Project Beacon office'. As a matter of fact, because of her excellent grades and active participation as a client of the Student Support Services (SSS)-Project Beacon office, she was actually hired by the SSS-Project Beacon office to work as a peer tutor.

PCC Welcomes New Faculty Members



Joseph "Joe" Pfalzer



Prescott Yuri



Kimiko Hatsuda



"Elilai" Rachana Agarwal



"Ginger" Tzu-Ching Chen



Evangeline Andrew

As the new semester begins, we not only see new students around campus, but a diversity of new instructors as well.

Joseph "Joe" Pfalzer; Prescott Yuri; Kimiko Hatsuda; Rachana "Elilai" Agarwal; "Ginger" Tzu-Ching Chen; and Evangeline Andrew will be joining the hundred plus faculty members as full-time instructors. Joseph "Joe" Pfalzer who arrived from Ohio, is the new Math and Computer instructor. Prescott Yuri will be teaching Business and Computer classes. Another instructor, Kimiko Hatsuda, a former JICA volunteer, will be continuing the good work of the last Japanese language instructor

and JICA volunteer, Yuko Sawada. "Elilai" Rachana Agarwal a doctorate student from Brandeis University in the United States will be teaching Math courses while working on her dissertation, Youth & Education. Elilai was introduced to Palau by her advisor Dr. Richard J. Parmentier, author of the famous book, "The Sacred Heart" about Ngeremlengui State. Republic of China-Taiwan volunteer, "Ginger" Tzu-Ching Chen, is also new this semester teaching Mandarin language classes. Evangeline Andrew, who transferred from Palau High School after 14 years, will be teaching English courses. Andrew is also a recent graduate of the PCC-SDSU Online Master's cohort program.

The College is proud to have these individuals join the PCC team, and we are positive that they will make a significant contribution to the growth and development of our College for many years to come. Welcome aboard!

Succeeding in College- Part 1

Taken from Study Tips.com at www.how-to-study.com

Just as in elementary school through high school, your success in college requires high motivation and effort, strong study skills, effective time management, and good test-taking strategies. But college success requires much more. Once you move from high school to college, you will generally find that students are more motivated and competent than in high school; teachers are more demanding; the work is more difficult; and students are expected to be independent. Further, if you are living away from home for the first time, you will have many new experiences. Here are some ideas that will help you succeed in college:

Have Clear Goals

College success requires commitment and a lot of hard work. You must be very certain about the importance of a college education.

- Be clear about why you are going to college.

- Establish specific goals you wish to accomplish.
- Know what it will take to reach these goals.
- Be certain your goals are consistent with your interests and abilities.
- Be flexible – change your goals if needed based on your experience as you progress through college.

Get Financial Aid if Needed

College is expensive. Even if you attend a public college or university and live at home, you still must pay for tuition, fees, and books. There are many sources of financial aid that can help you meet the high costs of college. Become aware of and pursue these sources.

- Consider all possible sources of financial aid in addition to your college's financial aid office.
- Meet all deadlines for submitting applications and documentation.

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Alumni Notes

Class of 2004 & 07 (PCC)

Kate M. Jonas -



2004 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Business Accounting (BA) and a 2007 graduate with an Associate of Applied

Science (AAS) degree in Office Administration (CA). Jonas works at the Koror State Government- Finance Department as a Tax Collector. She has been working there for the past 3 years.

Class of 1997 & 99 (PCC)

Robert Yinmed -



1997 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in General Office Clerk (GOC) and a 1999 graduate with a CA in Agricultural Science (AGS). Yinmed, who is

from Yap State, works at the FSM Immigration & Labor office as an Inspector. He has been working there for the past 6 1/2 years.

Class of 1981 (MOC)

Steven Kanai -



1981 MOC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in General Electronics Technology (GET). While attending MOC, Kanai was President

Tellei's dormmate. He is a former Palau Representative to the US Washington, D.C. office. He also served as the Director of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs before being elected to the Senate of the 6th CEK where he served as the Floor Leader. Currently, he runs his own company, Stekan's Enterprise and is a Senatorial candidate to the 8th CEK.

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.

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Celebrating Birthdays

Vincent Ito	August	23
Arlyn Ignacio	August	24
Hamilton Maech	August	25
Dilliar Franz	August	26
Josepha Tutii	August	28
Teongel Ngirkelau	August	28



Happy Birthday To You!

Attention: All Students & Staff

The election of ASPCC officers and student trustee for school year 2008-2009 will take place on September 10, 2008. Qualification for officers and student trustee (student representative to the board of trustees) are as follows:

1. Student must be full-time (12 credits or more) and maintain a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 2.00 or above.
2. Student must have no record of felony or criminal offense.
3. Class representatives shall be composed of four (4) students, two from the freshman class and two from the sophomore class.
4. Officers shall be from the following classes:
 - A. Student Trustee- Either sophomore or freshman with at least one-full time term prior to election.
 - B. * President- Elect- Freshman Student
 - C. Secretary- Either Freshman or Sophomore

D. Treasurer- Either Freshman or Sophomore

* President-Elect will serve in the capacity of a Vice President for one year and will automatically become president the second year.

Election Procedure:

1. Candidates for the Board of Trustees, Senate Officers and Class Representatives shall register at the office of the Director of Student Life no later than September 04, 2008 at 4:30 p.m.
2. Candidates must acquire a petition form with the signatures of twenty-five (25) ASPCC members which must be submitted to the office of the Director of Student Life on or before September 04, 2008 at 4:30 p.m.
3. Election of student trustee, ASPCC officers, and class representatives will take place on September 10, 2008 and to be held at PCC Mesekiu Bai from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that Palau Community College will receive sealed proposals from interested contractors thru the Office of the Vice President for Administration, Palau Community College, P.O. Box 9, Koror, Republic of Palau 96940, beginning on September 15, 2008 for the construction of the Three Storey Library building until 10:00 a.m. October 20, 2008 at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened. All bids must be accompanied by a bidder's bond in the amount of 5% of the total bid price. Bid security may be bid bond, certified check or cashiers check made payable to the Palau Community College.

The information for Bidders, Bid Form, Contract Forms, Plans, Specifications and other contract documents may be examined at:

Palau Community College
Office of the Vice President for Administration
PCC Ukall Building
Koror State, Republic of Palau

Copies may be obtained at the above office upon payment of \$250.00 for each set. The cost of each set of plans and specification is not refundable. Addi-

tional two (2) sets will be furnished to the successful bidder without additional charges.

Bidders' qualification requirements may be obtained at PCC at no cost. Pre-bid conference and site visit will be held on October 6, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at Palau Community College Conference Room and from there to the site for a site visit.

Palau Community College reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive any imperfection in the bid proposals in the interest of the College. No bidder may withdraw his bid within 30 days after the actual date of opening thereof.

For more information concerning this Bid Announcement, contact Mr. Jay Olegeriil, Vice President for Administration & Finance at telephone numbers: 488-2471 extension 228 Project Cost Range: \$700,000- 900,000.

Sazanka Strings Ensemble Concert

The public is invited to the Sazanka Strings Ensemble Concert tonight, August 22nd at 6:30 p.m. at Ngarachamayong Cultural Center! Featuring Mrs. Yuko Ito and Ms. Sakurako Ito of Japan. Admission is Free!