

Important Deadline Reminder!!!

TODAY, Friday, August 23, 2002 is the final day to submit all scholarship applications to the Development Office. Only the Pierantozzi Scholarship is due on August 30, 2002. All applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. today at the Development Office behind the library. Any late applications will not be accepted.
Call 488-2471, ext. 253 for information.

Tourism & Hospitality Program Welcomes Students

Instructors and Students of TOURISM and HOSPITALITY extend the SPIRIT of "ALII" to all new students, most especially to those who have chosen the field of Tourism & Hospitality.

Your academic and social challenges are ours too. Feel free to visit us @ Tourism Office. *ngii dil taem.*

TOURISM OFFICE: Located @ Tirtau building (lowercampus)

OFFICE HOURS: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Any questions regarding the Tourism and Hospitality program, please contact us at (680) 488-6008

Celebrating Birthdays



Vincent Ito August 23
Josepha Tutii August 28
Mitsko B. Walter August 28

Happy Birthday To You!

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Library News

New Books: (Micro-P Collection) Imengel Mad, Library Technician

1. Constitution of the State of Ngarard
2. Kili Island: Study of the relocation of the Ex-Bikini, Marshalls
3. Video: Can We Talk, Mom
4. Yearbook: "Mindszenty Cardinals S-Y 2001 - 2002"

Periodicals/ New Video (Media) Pioria Faungy, Media Specialist

Vanity Fair: Unholy Communion
U.S. New & World Reports: The Aging of AIDS
Time: Lost Chance
Newsweek: From Rags to Riches

Kids "K"orner: Miriam Kual, Library Technician

1. A Giant Lift-the-Flap Book, by Keith Faulkner
2. Mousekin's Golden House, By Edna Miller
3. The Night Before Christmas, by Clement Clarke Moore
4. Dimpled Lunatics, by Suzanne Slesin

Book Donations:

Francis X. Hezel sj: Video donation
AIMS Library (Australia): Science Magazines
Mindszenty High School: Yearbook

Information for New Students:

If you have any questions regarding any library information such as the use of computers, how to check-out books, or how to acquire a library card, please call Debra Neas or any Library Technician at (680) 488 - 2470/ Ext. 261 for assistance.

Have any book requests? Submit your requests to Sunshine Garcia at the Circulation Desk!!!

Library Hours:

Monday - Friday: 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Saturday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Sunday: 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM



Palau Community College MESEKIU'S NEWS

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Weekly Newsletter

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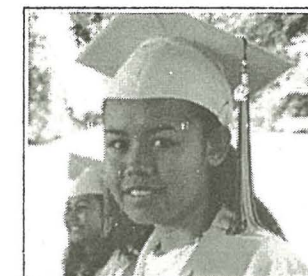
PCC Attracts Top Graduates From High Schools in Palau Fall Enrollment at All-Time High

Relentless and diligent recruitment effort by Palau Community College to recruit high school students seems to be paying off with this Fall semester's enrollment at an all time high since the college became Palau Community College back in 1993. According to the latest numbers from the newly-established Registrar & Records Office as of yesterday, over 685 students have officially registered. With today being the last day for late registration, it is highly likely for the total number of Fall 2002 students to climb even higher by the day's end.

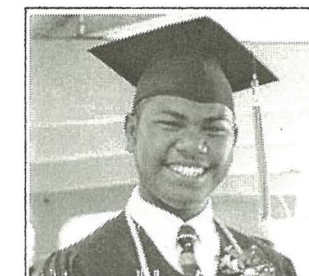
Along with the high number of high school students coming to PCC from Palau and the micronesia region, the College has also attracted a number of top local high school graduates. The Palau High School Class of 2002 Valedictorian, Lauren Joseph has enrolled in the Business Accounting program while Athena Wally, Ngirmeriil Ngirmeriil, Shannon Toribiong, Rilang Roberto and Tewid Elechuus have opted for the Liberal Arts program. All are recent graduates of Palau High School except for Shannon Toribiong who is from Mindszenty High School. All six student are also graduates of the PCC Upward Bound Program and were enrolled during the Summer in the Dual Enrollment program at PCC, a program offered to selected high school juniors and seniors to earn college credits prior to their high school graduation.

As a reward for their high academic achievement, all six incoming freshmen were selected as recipients of the highly exclusive Congressional Scholastic Award. The award provides each student with a one time grant of \$5000 dollars to be used to further their educational effort. Congratulations to you all! PCC is both proud and honored that you have chosen to start your post-secondary educational endeavour with us.

Lauren Joseph was the PHS Class of 2002 Valedictorian. She is the daughter of Lorenza Joseph of the PCC Business Office.



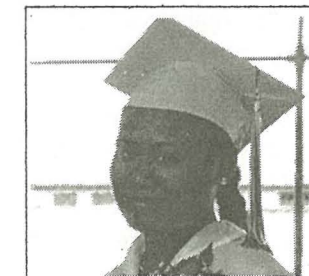
Athena Wally, was a straight-A student in high school. She is the daughter of Willy Wally, Dean of Continuing Education.



Ngirmeriil Ngirmeriil is a Liberal Arts major who plans to continue his studies abroad after PCC.



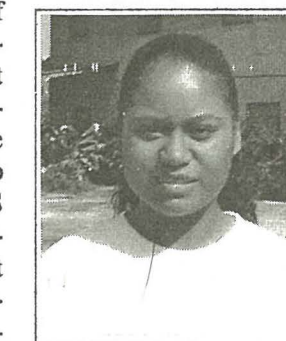
Tewid Elechuus(l) during her high school graduation ceremony.



Rilang Roberto graduated in the top five of her high school class.

Valeria Gabriel Receives \$1000 Dollars Scholarship from PHS Class of '79

The Palau High School - Class of '79 recently awarded a \$1000 dollars scholarship to PCC student Valeria Gabriel. Gabriel is the second PCC student to receive the scholarship. Michelle Mengidab was the first recipient. The PHS Class of '79 Scholarship is different from other scholarships as it excludes high honor student and focuses rather on the average/below-average student that perseveres and shows great potential of succeeding academically. Many thanks to Noe Yalap and the PHS Class of '79 for their continued support to PCC and its students.

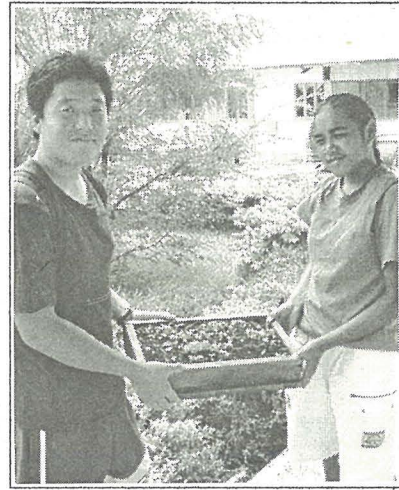


Valeria Gabriel

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High School Students Finish Enriching ADAP Internship With PCC-CRE

From June 3rd to August 9th, 2002, Rona Telmang and Samuel Yie were common fixtures at the Cooperative Research and Extension (CRE) Office as they were this year's participants of the Agricultural Development in the American Pacific (ADAP) High School Internship program. This 10 week internship is designed to help create an interest in the wide area of Agriculture and give students an idea of what a career in the agriculture profession would be like.



PCC-CRE's ADAP Interns

During their time at CRE, Rona and Sam were able to participate in CRE's Marine Science and Outdoor Wildlife Classes. This gave them a chance to learn about the diversity of plants and animals life here in Palau. They also assisted the CRE Agriculture staff at the Research and Development Station in Ngermeskang, Ngeremlengui. Rona and Sam got to observe the biological control techniques with Dr. Nelson Esguerra and help harvest cassava for the germplasm collection with Dr. Aurora Del Rosario. Dr. Joel Miles and Shiomi Hata of the PCC Agriculture Program involved Rona and Sam in Agriculture Department's chicken project. They also had them maintaining the pepper plants, turning compost, and learning to plant mushrooms. Finally the interns were able to learn a little bit about aquaculture when they assisted Dannies Uehara of CRE in measuring and maintaining the coral samples being used for a CRE demonstration project.

The interns also had their own projects to work on. First Rona and Sam had to complete their own research paper. Sam wrote a very informative paper on ostrich farming. While Rona reported on the benefits and uses of hydroponics. Secondly, to gain more hands on experience, each intern established their own cucumber plot and also planted Chinese cabbage seeds to compare how the two vegetables would grow here in Palau. This project not only gave them a basic working knowledge of farming techniques and how to use simple farm tools, but it also gave them an insight on how to handle disappointment as all of their cucumber plants and 75% of their cabbage seedlings died due to dehydration.

Throughout the 10 weeks, both interns agreed that they learned a lot. Rona commented that she didn't regret giving up her summer vacation in order to be an intern, because being an ADAP intern was a rewarding experience. Both Rona and Sam want to thank everyone that helped make their internship a success.

If you would like any information regarding the ADAP internship program or any of CRE's other educational programs, please contact the CRE office at (680) 488 - 4983.

Six George B. Harris Elementary School Students Attend PCC's CRE-EFNEP Program

By: Seba Tutii

From July 17 to July 30, 2002, six students from George B. Harris Elementary School participated in a two-week program called "Healthy Body, Healthy Mind Campaign." The campaign was conducted mainly to educate the students on healthy eating habits and tips on safe food handling and storing to avoid food-borne illnesses. Determining the body mass sure caught the students' attention as they weighed, measured their height and calculated to find their weight/height differences. The other enjoyable part of the program was the actual preparation and cooking of some healthy recipes introduced earlier in the class.

The students learning experience was done in groups where they learned not only the basics of nutrition and food safety tips but also how to slice/dice vegetables, cut chickens into cooking sizes, stir-fry, cook, clean after their mess and perform many fundamentals of food preparation in the kitchen.

It was rewarding to be able to witness the excitement on their faces every time each recipe was prepared, cooked, served, and tasted by the students themselves.

The office of the PCC-Cooperative Research & Extension would like to thank Wicliff Emull, Principal George B. Harris Elementary School for the use of his school cafeteria and all the school cooks for their support.

For more information, please call (680) 488-2746, fax # (680) 488-3307 or e-mail asuta@palaunet.com.

WANTED!!! Any OLD/USED Palau License Plates

Do you have any old or used Palau license plates laying around the house or on that wreck in your front yard? A friend of the College from the United States who is collecting license plates as a hobby would be delighted to add old/used license plates from Palau to his international collection of plates. He is especially interested in motorcycle license plates and even the "home-made" license plates that are stenciled and hand-painted.

Please bring the license plates to the PCC-Development Office behind the library or call us at 488-2471, ext. 253 for pick up. Thank you very much.

OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS & FINANCIAL AID

The last day of admission is today and we highly encourage you to register/enroll at PCC as time is running out. College education means better job, better pay. Come to the Office of Admissions & Financial Aid for more information.

Over six hundred and eighty(680) students have registered for Fall Semester 2002 and five hundred ninety-four (594) of them are eligible to receive federal student aid.

During the first day of instruction, Monday, August 19, 2002, the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid began to issue award letters to students with full-time status and have completed their applications for financial assistance. Students received financial aid packages, which composed of Federal Pell Grant and/or Federal Work-Study.

Pell Grant Program

The maximum Pell Grant award that each student can receive for this year is \$4,000, provided the following requirements are met:

1. The cost of attendance is \$4000 or more.
2. The expected family contribution (EFC) is zero.
3. His/Her enrollment status is full-time (12 credits or more)

Federal Work-Study Program

Students who were awarded work-study funds are now meeting with Work-Study Coordinator, Ms. Mitsko Walter, for job placement. The Work-Study Program allows students to work part-time and earn money to help pay for their cost of education while going to school. The average award for each student ranges from \$150 to \$600 per semester depending on the need of the student and the availability of funds.

The processing of financial aid awards will continue until all students have completed their applications and received their awards. Students who still have incomplete applications should come to the office of admissions and financial aid so we can help them complete their applications.

If you have any questions regarding any Admissions and Financial Aid Programs, please contact, Dahlia M. Katosang, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid at (680) 488-2470 or (680) 488-2471, Ext. 233 or 234.

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PATA Micronesia Education Committee Offer Scholarships

The following is a letter from Diane Bachelder, PATA Micronesia Chapter Education Committee Chairman to President Tellei announcing the three PATA scholarship opportunities:

The PATA Micronesia Education Committee is pleased to announce that we are offering three scholarships to be awarded during our September meeting to be held in Kosrae.

Our first scholarship, PATA Micronesia Regional Scholarship, is open to any student attending one of our six regional educational institutions and pursuing a tourism, hospitality, or environmental related course of study. We will be offering one \$500 scholarship for each of the educational institutions, for a total of \$3000.

The second scholarship, PATA Micronesia Tourism Scholarship, is available for any student pursuing a tourism, hospitality, or environmental related course of study and is a citizen of the island of Saipan. This is a \$500 scholarship.

The third scholarship, PATA Micronesia Tourism Scholarship, is available for any student pursuing a tourism, hospitality, or environmental related course of study and is a citizen of the island of Kosrae. This is a \$500 scholarship.

I am sending the PATA Micronesia Regional Scholarship application to you with this message. Please note that this is for a total of 6 scholarships, one for each regional educational institution.

I will be sending the other two scholarships to you separately so there is no confusion as to which application you are receiving.

If you have any questions about these or any of the scholarships that we offer, please do not hesitate to contact me.

For more information or application forms about these scholarship opportunities, contact Diane Bachelder E-mail: micrafts@ita.net.

MOJ Encourages Employees to Study/Teach at PCC

The following is a memorandum from the Minister of Justice Michael Rosenthal to all Police and Immigration Officers encouraging them to attend or teach law enforcement courses at PCC.

MEMORANDUM

To: All Police and Immigration Officers

From: Michael J. Rosenthal
Minister of Justice

It is the Policy of the Ministry of Justice to encourage employees to obtain additional educational opportunities and to provide training. Accordingly, pursuant to Title 33 PNC article 427, the Ministry will provide leave with pay to those employees who want to attend or teach law enforcement related classes at the Palau Community College.

However, leave must be authorized in advance by the appropriate Director who will determine whether the resources of the Bureau are sufficient to meet the needs of the community in the absence of the employee.