

Project Beacon Staff Welcomes Students

Project Beacon is a federally funded Student Support Services Program that offers Tutoring and Counseling Services. The following is a listing of staff and services that are currently being provided:

Huan Hosei, Math Instructor	Midori Mersai, English instructor
Tutoring in all math Courses	Tutoring in development English
Math Pilot Programs	English Pilot Programs
Accounting	English Tracking
	Reading Lab

Mekreos Silil, Project Counselor	Tchuzie Tadao, Career Counselor
Academic/Personal Counseling	Career Counseling
Financial Aid Counseling	Transfer Counseling
	(2year/4year initiative)

Tutoring in science will commence as soon as a Science Instructor is hired. A number of activities are also conducted throughout the semester by the program staff. Activities include Study Skill Workshops, Resume Workshops, Job Site Visits, and Cultural Site Visits.

We encourage all the continuing students, and especially the new students to strive to make this a successful semester. Take it upon yourselves to inquire about the college, and to utilize available resources to your advantage. Participate fully in your classes, and in your school activities and you will get more out of your stay here at Palau Community College.

Celebrating Birthdays

Mitsko Walter
August 28
Josepha Tutii
August 28

Happy Birthday to you!!!

Our Condolences

The entire PCC family expresses our condolences to Armstrong Debelbot on the passing away of his mother; and, to Petrus Italmong also on the loss of his mother.

It's a Two-Way Street Getting Along With Your Roommate

Open communication, flexibility and respect are three essential components of a successful roommate relationship. It is important to understand that you and your roommate are unique individuals with different beliefs, attitudes and values. If you acknowledge and respect each other's differences, you will find that living with a roommate is an enjoyable, positive learning experience.

Guidelines For a Healthy Roommate Relationship

1. Understanding that you and your roommate do not have to be best friends.
2. Communicate openly with your roommate from the start. Discuss certain issues when you first move in to prevent possible misunderstandings, such as:
 - Use of personal Items
 - Use of stereo
 - Study Time in the room
 - Time for socializing
 - Sleep schedules
 - Space for clothes/luggage
 - Visitation and guests
 - Food in the room
 - Cleanliness/tidiness of the room
 - Noise level in the room
3. Avoid the temptation to put off a discussion. Problems do not go away if you ignore them.
4. Be a responsible roommate.

Roommate Bill of Responsibilities. The quality of your living and learning experience in the dormitory depends on the consideration you show toward your roommate and your neighbors. As a roommate and as a resident, you have certain responsibilities.

They include:

1. Maintaining a clean living area, both in the room and the dormitory facilities
2. Respecting your roommate's belongings.
3. Resolving problems (dormitory staff members are available for assistance in resolving conflicts).
4. Allowing your roommate to read and study in the room without undue interference.
5. Allowing you roommate to sleep without undue interference.
6. Providing your roommate with personal privacy.
7. Allowing your roommate to be free from fear of intimidation and physical or emotional harm.
8. Ensuring that guests respect the privacy of your roommate and other residents.
9. Providing reasonable cooperation in the use of the room and other shared items.



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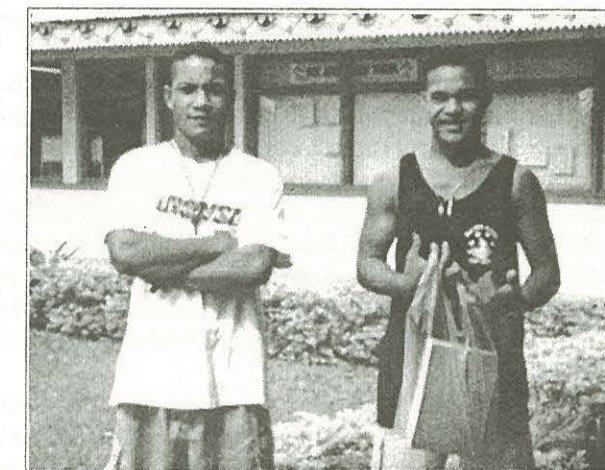
FALL 2001 OFF TO A GOOD START

Fall 2001 orientation for new students and registration came and went quietly and smoothly without major drawbacks. This smooth operation is mainly due to the pre-registration of continuing students having taken place two weeks prior to general registration (and by alphabetical order). This approach significantly reduced time spent by students waiting in lines to receive service. As for the new students, they were administered the placement tests one week prior to orientation and registration period, and were registered by program at central locations which again eased long lines at each point of service. Thanks to the staff at the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid, Student Life and Housing, Retention Office, Project Beacon, Student Account, Cafeteria, Academic Advisors, Student Services and Academic Affairs, this semester's beginning is off to a smooth start.

The Dean of Students, Mr. Presley Etibek, takes this opportunity and welcomes each and every student, whether you are a continuing, returning, readmitted, transferred, or new, to the Palau Community College family of students. The Student Services wishes you all a successful semester and hopes that you will make PCC your college for the next two years. In fact, Dean Etibek says, "We stand ready to assist you in attaining your objectives here at PCC and to ensure that every effort will be provided in making your transition here not only an enriching experience, but also an enjoyable one."

A special message for the new students. The Student Services understands your anxiety and sometimes sense of not belonging. Do not worry. We are here for you and to help you. If you have any questions, or don't know where to go for help, just stop by the Student Services office. We will be very happy to help you or direct you to the proper office for assistance.

Once again, welcome and good luck on this new semester!



Chester and Xavier take a break from their busy fall semester schedule!

SBA WELCOMES PCC STUDENTS

The PCC Student Body Association (SBA) would like to welcome all continuing, returning, and especially the new students for the fall 2001 semester here at Palau Community College. The SBA Senate and members along with the Palau Community College faculty and staff wish to congratulate you for a wise decision to begin your post-secondary education right here at home, attending PCC. We challenge all of you to take every opportunity the College has to offer you. Through your years of college experience here at PCC, the SBA is ready to assist you in every way we can.

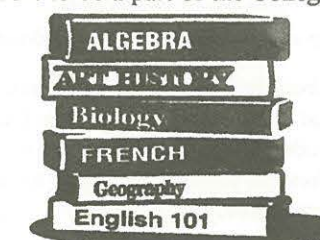
To help you start off on your college experience, we provide a list of the College's clubs and organizations that are available and may be an enriching part of your experience in college. We the SBA Senate strongly recommend each student to be a part of the College through the following clubs and organizations:

ORGANIZATION:

Palauan Students Organization
Yap State Organization
Pohnpei State Organization
Chuuk State Organization
Kosrae State Organization

CLUB:

Agriculture Club
Literary Journal Club
Fishing Club
Tourism Club



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CRE Hosted High School Interns

This summer the CRE Department hosted two Palauan high school students. The students served as interns and were sponsored by the Agricultural Development in the American Pacific (ADAP) Land Grant Program. The internship program was started by ADAP in response to low enrollment of high school students in agriculture and home economics classes. For 10 weeks Delma Gideon and Anisa Hanser were a permanent fixture at the CRE office where they participated in a wide variety of activities.

For the first three weeks the interns participated in the Summer Marine Science Class. The Interns got the chance to learn about aquaculture practices, the role of mangroves in the ecosystem, how to monitor a coral reef, and much more. While part of the class was done in the classroom, a large portion was done in the field to reinforce the classroom lectures and to give the interns hands-on-knowledge.

During the remainder of their time, the interns helped out our Agriculture and FACE staff and in the process learned some valuable skills and discovered the diversity of the agriculture job field. Anisa was fortunate enough to join the FACE staff in Kayangel to assist with their classes on sewing and food safety. Both interns learned how to properly harvest and prepare cassava, assisted the aquaculture staff with prawn project, and helped to implement the conservation land management plan at the Research and Development Station in Ngaremlengui.

As well as assisting on other projects, Delma and Anisa completed their own agriculture experiment. At the R&D Station the interns conducted an experiment to determine under which conditions Bermuda grass seeds grow best in the clay soil. The results from their experiment will be helpful in the planning of large amounts of grass seed by the CRE staff around the newly constructed aquaculture ponds to help prevent erosion and run-off.

Delma and Anisa enjoyed their time here at CRE and feel like they learned a lot. Hopefully due to the success of these two fine interns, ADAP will continue this program next year so that more students will also be able to benefit.

New Students' Tips for Success...

Maintaining a wholesome attitude about yourself.

Feel good about yourself as an individual who has abilities and aptitudes that are valuable and unique. Do not be discouraged if you meet students who may seem to exceed you in those qualities, but believe in yourself and work to develop the potential of your own capacities.

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PCC Library Always Grateful for Donations

The Palau Community College Library continues to receive generous donations from the following:

The Honorable Hersey Kyota, Ambassador of Palau to the United States

The Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute

Ms. Mary Ann Tembly

Mr. Jeff Childs

Ms. Helen Ivy

Ms. Barbara Shaw

Ms. Katsumi Shibuya

Mr. Charles Freeman

Mr. Michael Hubbard

Ms. Anita R. Suta

Ms. Tarja Virtanen

Mrs. Christina T. Michelsen

Ohio University

In addition to donations received, the Palau Community College carries the following collections:

-Languages and Linguistics: A student Review by Georgetown University Press, 1969 (Washington)

-Quest Resort Palau: Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Prepared for Morita Hotel Corporation, Inc.; by Wil Chee - Planning, Inc.

-Pacific Human Development Report: Putting People First, by United Nations Development Programme

-A Tattoo Artist's Study: Preliminary Report, Palau Documentation Project, Feb. 1 - Apr. 30, 1984; by [S.I.:s.n., 1984].

-Tattooing in Palau: by Philip J.C. Dark

-PCC Yearbook, 2000-2001: by Palau Community College

-Leaves From a Grass House: by Don Blanding.

-Return to the Island: Life and Legend in the Gilberts: by Sir Arthur Francis Grimble.

-Marshallese Tattoos: by Dirk H.R. Spenneman.

-The Typhoon of War: Micronesian Experience of the Pacific War, by Lin Poyer, 1953

-New Standard Encyclopedia, (Vol. 1-20, complete); by Chicago: Ferguson

-Careers in International Affairs: by Washington D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 1997.

-The Future of the United Nations System: Potential for the Twenty-First Century; by Tokyo, Japan: United Nations University Press, 1998.

-Mid-year 1998 Preliminary Emergency Department Data From the Drug Abuse Warning Network/Office of Applied Studies: by Rockville, MD: Dept. of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 1999.

CD ROM

-Business Briefings: Strategy and Business; by Thomas J. Peters.

VIDEO TAPES

-The International Perception Task: by University of California Extension Center for Media and Independent Learning.

-A World of Differences: Understanding Cross-Cultural Communication; by University of California Extension Center for Media and Independent Learning.

If you would like to find out more about the PCC Library, or would like to donate books, magazines, or other reading materials, please contact PCC Library telephone number (680) 488-2470/2471, extension 261.

RETENTION WEB PAGE

PCC Retention Office, Tel. #: 488-2471, ext. 247

SBA and Student Trustee Election School Year 2001-2002

PCC Student Body and Student Trustee's Election is being scheduled for September 19, 2001. All candidates are encouraged to follow the guidelines and dates set for the election listed below:

Petition Deadline for Candidates	-	Thurs. Sept. 13, 2001
Election Day	- - -	Wed. Sept. 19, 2001
Swearing-In Ceremony	- - -	Friday, Sept. 28, 2001

Qualification of SBA Officers:

- Officers must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or better.
- Officers must be full-time student seeking a degree and/or certificate.
- Officers shall be from the following classes:

A. *President-elect* - must be a freshman with a minimum of 18 credits toward current major.

B. *Secretary* - shall be either freshman or sophomore student.

C. *Treasurer* - shall be either freshman or sophomore student.

D. *Class Representatives* - Four representatives; two from sophomore class.

E. *State/Republic Leaders* - One representative (president) from each of the six Micronesian entities: Palau, Chuuk, Yap, Kosrae, Pohnpei & Marshalls.

Qualification of Student Trustees:

- The candidate must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or better.
- Have completed at least one semester at PCC.
- Must be full-time student degree and/or certificate.

Petition forms will be available at Student Life Office starting on Monday, August 27, 2001.

PCC - CE Short Term Trainings

The Palau Community College Continuing Education is pleased to announce the opening of the following short-term classes/trainings for the Fall 2001 Semester:

- Computer Training: Excel, Access, Word and Power Point
- Crocheting
- Customer Service
- Palauan Grammar
- Surveying - Area

Anyone interested in the above classes may call PCC-CE at telephone number 488-2470/2471, extension 237.

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Look at college as a job.

Your job is that of a college student, and you will spend a certain number of hours each week working to accomplish certain tasks and certain goals. Furthermore, the amount and quality of your work will determine the benefits of your efforts. Always work diligently by doing your best and by submitting assignment on time. Do not skip classes. Be aware of the class attendance policy and always go to class on time.

Get to know your academic advisor.

Your advisor will assist you in selecting a major or will help you to determine whether or not the course you have selected is best for you. Moreover, your advisor can make constructive suggestions and give guidance on good study habits, utilization of academic support services to augment your learning, and other helpful advice. Find out his/her office hours and seek assistance when necessary.

Get to know your instructor.

Every instructor has office hours scheduled for student conferences. Do not procrastinate; arrange to confer with each instructor regularly. Conferences are a means of not only grasping a greater understanding of a given unit of study, but also are a means for your instructor to get to know you and provide the reinforcement you need.

Maintain a positive attitude toward your instructor.

Undoubtedly, you will hear of instructors to avoid; however, Palau Community College tries to secure the best faculty possible. It is true that every instructor is unique in academic preparation, teaching methodology, expectations of students, and personality. By following an instructor's directives and fulfilling the requirements, you should do well.

Utilize the support services the college provides.

These include Student Health Clinic Services, Recreation, Counseling Services, Academic/Personal, Tutorial for Math and English, Transfer Services and Library. Among your first priorities should be finding out where they are located, getting acquainted with what they offer, and availing yourself of the services provided as often as necessary.

Develop and practice good study habits.

Utilize the college Library. It is equipped with study areas that facilitate concentration and learning. It has a wide variety of learning materials and resources for your advantage. College Library schedule hours are as follows:

Monday thru Friday - 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
Saturday - 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
Sunday - 12 noon to 6:00 pm