

# TOEFL TESTING DATES 2004

Test Date	Registration Deadline 1 (Mail Deadline)	Online Registration 2 (Online Deadline)	Score Report By Phone	Score Report By Mail
Oct. 16, 2004	Aug. 30, 2004	Sept. 13, 2004	Nov. 17, 2004	Nov. 24, 2004
Nov. 20, 2004	Oct. 4, 2004	Oct. 18, 2004	Dec. 22, 2004	Dec. 29, 2004
Jan. 15, 2005	Nov. 29, 2004	Dec. 13, 2004	Feb. 16, 2005	Feb. 23, 2005
May 14, 2005	Mar. 28, 2005	April 11, 2005	June 15, 2005	June 22, 2005

1 Registration Deadline 1 is the date when your mailed registration must be received by the TOEFL registration office in Princeton, NJ, USA.

2 Registration Deadline 2 is the date when your online registration form must be received by the TOEFL registration office in Princeton, NJ, USA. The Palau Test Center fills up quickly so be sure to register early so the Center has a space for you.

3 Score Reports will be mailed approximately four weeks after the day of the Test. Under no circumstances will the score reports be mailed earlier. However, you may obtain your scores by phone by the phone dates listed above.

#### NOTE

- Testing and Service Fees - \$130.00
- Pick-up mail Registration Forms at the Student Life Office

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

### Adult High School 2004 Fall Semester Calendar

September 1-17	Registration For Old and New Students
September 20	Teachers' Workshop
September 21	Orientation for New Students
September 22	CLASSES BEGIN
October 1	HOLIDAY: Independence Day
October 8	Teachers' Meeting
October 25	HOLIDAY: UN Day
November 24-25	MIDTERM EXAMS
November 15-16	Midterm Teachers' Evaluation
November 25	HOLIDAY: Thanksgiving Day
November 30	Teachers' Meeting
December 8-9	Final Exams
December 15	Grades Due
December 20	Report Card Day/AHS Students' Christmas Get-Together
December 21	Teachers & Staff Meeting
May 21 (F)	Commencement Exercises

### Ministry of Health Behavioral Health Division Presents Clinical Counseling Classes

The ministry of Health along with Palau Community College Continuing Education presents the second round of Clinical Counseling Classes. Earn up to 295 hours of substance abuse specific education in counseling toward your international addiction certification license. Class syllabus is as follows:

- Introduction to Chemical Dependency Counseling
- Professorial Ethics
- Confidentiality
- Basic Counseling Skills
- Group Counseling Skills
- Counseling Theories
- HIV/STD's/AIDS
- Pharmacology
- Cultural Diversity
- Chemical Dependency Diagnosis
- Addiction/Treatment/Recovery
- 12 Core Functions of a Counselor (In Depth)
- Preparation Review for International Certification Examination

For more information please contact Mike Marinelli or Ellen Chiokai at 488-4711/1164. There will be a \$50 Certificate fee. The class is limited to 25 students.

### Celebrating Birthdays



Anne Mobil	September 6
Midas Ngracheluolu	September 8
Sue Ikertang	September 9
Joshua Bedangel	September 9

Happy Birthday To You!!!

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## PCC Helps PNCC Telecommunication Staff Become Certified



PNCC Tech Staff and Acting GM Misch Pose with Associate Dean Daniel

PCC's Sherman Daniel, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs in collaboration with PNCC helped coordinate the first ever long distance learning program of this kind where 30 PNCC employees have been enrolled in a Career Diploma Program in telecommunication technology. This program will allow PNCC employees to gain telecommunications knowledge and practice hands-on training with the tools of the trade while learning vital skills in the complex and ever changing world of telecommunication. Through this distance learning program the newly enrolled PNCC employees will be able to go online to receive training in the latest technology of telecommunications without ever leaving Palau. This program will also allow PNCC technicians to upgrade their skills, and become U.S. certified telecommunications technicians. Daniel expressed his appreciation to PNCC for participating in this new and innovative

program and for giving PCC the opportunity to help train Palau's Telecommunication professionals. During the initial orientation of the program Daniel assured the PNCC staff that the College stands ready to assist and support them in completing the program. Daniel stated, "On behalf of the College, I thank PNCC and their technical staff for embarking on this journey of learning. I know that this program will be challenging for many of you because it's the first of its kind for professionals in your field of telecommunications. However, I am confident that all of you have the commitment, desire and knowledge to succeed. And if you have any difficulty, PCC is here to help you."

Acting General Manager for PNCC Richard Misch stated, "I thank PCC for helping us coordinate this distance learning program, an educational program where our people can reinforce what they already know while learning new skills in the telecommunication field. This is a wonderful opportunity for PNCC's telecommunication professionals to receive their Telecommunications Technician Career Diploma."

Misch added, "This is a vital area because the Palauan people rely on PNCC for their telecommunication needs, PNCC is ready, we have the staff and the resources to insure the telecommunications needs of Palau are met."

This training is the result of the Thomson Education Direct program, the world's largest and most respected distance learning institution. Education Direct learning programs allow individuals to learn on their own time, in their own homes, and at their own pace. Interested individuals are able to choose from over 80 distance learning programs. If you are interested on embarking on a new career path or learning a new skill with convenience of learning online, please contact Associate Dean Sherman Daniel at 488-2471/2470 ext, 254.

## UBMS Director Speaks to PCC's Office Administration Class



UBMS Director Tchuzie Tadao Speaking to Students

Tchuzie Tadao, Director of the Upward Bound Math and Science Program was a guest speaker at Ms. Wilma Sukrad's Office Administration Class. Director Tadao

focused on was the comparison between the role of an employee with a specific function within an organization to that of a supervisory position where one has to manage the organization as well as its employees. Tadao drew examples from his real life experience to give students a better understanding of what it is like to adapt from being an employee who is supervised to actually becoming the supervisor. He was able to draw from his personal experiences from his work with the Palau Visitors Authority, PCC's Student Services Program as Career Counselor and finally to becoming the Director of the Upward Bound Math Science Program. During his presentation, Tadao stressed trust and respect for your employees, open communication, good planning and proper training.

Director Tadao, recalling his early experience as Director, said at first he was rather scared, but with time he grew more confident by learning to trust himself, his staff and believing that if you have a good game plan, solid objectives and surround yourself with smart, hard-working and capable people, you can achieve success.

Tadao stated: "There are many strategies to becoming an effective manager, but if I was to focus on the most important ones, I would have to say, respect and trust your employees, have faith in yourself, be able to listen to others and have patience."

## USDA Approves Two CRE Research Project Proposals

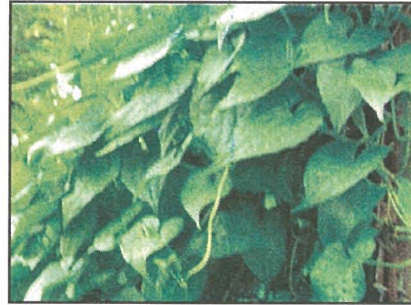


Dr. Nelson M. Esguerra, PCC-CRE Researcher

The United States Department of Agriculture Cooperative State Research, Extension, Education Service (USDA CSREES) approved for implementation two research projects. These projects are: "Biological Control of Mile-A-Minute Weed, *Mikania micrantha* Kunth in the Republic of Palau" and "Biological Control of the Melon Aphid in the Republic of Palau". Dr. Nelson M. Esguerra, a PCC-CRE Researcher, who wrote the project proposals will implement them in Palau as Agriculture Experiment Station (AES) Projects. This assures the Palau Community College – Cooperative Research and Extension (PCC-CRE) a share of the Hatch Funds annually allocated by USDA to the College of Micronesia.

The project on the biological control of mile-a minute weed involves importing an effective biological control

agent, *Actinote antea*s. It will be reared to pure culture in the screenhouse, study its biology, behavior and other attributes including host specificity studies. Later, the nymphalid butterfly will be mass reared for release in areas in Palau infested with the mile-a-minute weed.



Mile-A-Minute Weed, *Mikania micrantha*

This will complement the eradication work being done by the *Mikania* Clean-Up Community Group, by controlling the weed in areas inaccessible to man such as on edges of forests, marshy areas and thick forested Mile-a-minute weed areas in Palau.

The other research project approved for implementation is on the biological control of melon aphid. A wasp parasitoid *Lysiphlebis testaceipes* will be imported from Guam to control the melon aphid that attacks taro. The parasitoid is well established in Guam and Rota and can



Melon Aphid

be collected easily from field populations of the melon aphid. Dr. Ross Miller, Entomologist from the University of Guam will collect and rear them to establish a pure culture of the parasitoid before sending them to Palau. Once on Palau, the parasitoid will be reared to several generations in the screenhouse on potted taro plants infested with the melon.

The parasitoid will also be tested on other species of aphids that attack other plants such as corn aphid, citrus aphid and banana aphid. Finally, the parasitoid will be released on field plantings of taro infested with the melon aphid at the PCC R&D station, and then to other taro farms later. For further information contact PCC – CRE at Tel. No. (680) 488-4983 / 2746; Fax No. (680) 488-3307; or e-mail tarothomas@yahoo.com.

## Check Out What's New at the PCC Library

Written by PCC Library Technician Ms. Imengel Mad

The PCC Library provides information, resources and services necessary to support academic programs and research for faculty, students, staff and the college administration. The library serves as a community resource, open to everyone in Palau. With this in mind, the library staff make every effort to meet our patrons' needs in regard to their research or reading enjoyment. We encourage every patron to make use of the available resources in our library and to ask any of our friendly staff for any assistance.

Some of the available services are:

- Self-service Xerox machine
- Online catalog
- Technology center for research
- Email computers for PCC students

Patrons are encouraged to use the online catalog to search for their materials. While not all materials are available online, other very useful materials are available in our vertical files or you may find them in the back issues of our local newspapers. Plan to spend some time in the library, and ask assistance from the library staff in doing your paper. You will be surprised to find that there may be more materials and information available, and the staff are friendly and willing to help.

**What are the symptoms of high blood sugar? How do I know if I have type I or type II diabetes?**

101 Tips for Improving Your Blood Sugar is a collection of tricks, ideas,

strategies, and common sense approaches to the daily challenges of maintaining normal blood-sugar levels. Check out this book at the PCC Library and feel better now and avoid complications later.

**The guide to basket weaving**

This book is designed to teach the art of weaving with coconut leaves. Also included are projects for those who already have weaving skills. The projects are arranged so that there is progression of the basic styles of weaving one needs to know in order to complete the items.

Nine projects are included, from a simple heart-shaped basket to a more complex flower vase. The weaving process for each project is outlined step by step, with easy-to-follow directions. In addition, a glossary provides definitions for both Hawaiian and English terms.

## BITS AND PIECES...

### Yano and Sons Market Donates Produce to PCC

The College would like to express its appreciation to the Yano and Sons Market for their generous donation of 136 pounds of Squash to the PCC Cafeteria. EzraTakeo, PCC Cafeteria Supervisor stated, "Through the kind donation from the Yano and Sons market, we will be able to provide a healthy and delicious meals to our students. Furthermore, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Yano and Sons for donating to PCC throughout the years, you have always been a generous donor and good friend of the College. Thank you."

### PCC's CE Office Has the Program for You

The following PCC Continuing Education classes are open for registration. Minimum number of participants required for each class to begin is ten.

- Basic Clerical Skills
- Basic Palauan Conversation
- Business Math
- Computer Training

For more information or to register for the above classes or other classes of interest, please call Eileen Babauta or Taruo Nakamura at 488-2470/1 or 488-6223.

### PCC Offers Exercise Program!

Do you want to lose weight, become more healthy and look good for the new Fall Semester? If you do the PCC Recreation Staff have the exercise program for you. The program is open to all female PCC students, staff and people from the community. All interested individuals who wish to learn proper exercise such as walking and stretching will meet at the Palau National Track and Field. The exercise program is early in the morning every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5:30 to 6:30 am. If you have any questions or comments please call Eriko Yahagi, Ismael Anastacio or Norman Sato, our most friendly staff at the PCC Recreation Office at 488-3885.

## SBA/Student Trustee Election Set for September 9-Don't Forget to Vote!

The general election for the new Student Body Association members and the Student Trustee member will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2004. The poll will be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and it will be held at the PCC Mesekiu Bai in the main courtyard. All students are strongly encouraged to come out and exercise your right to vote for those you believe can best serve you.

## Special Thanks to Instructor Joel Yabes

Written by PCC Students, Joy Paay and Bibbie Kumangai

On Friday, August 27, 2004, a group of young eager students in CS 100 Section 3 Class visited the PCC General Electric Classroom to listen to an in-depth lecture presented by Instructor Joel Yabes. Mr. Yabes listed and explained in detail the components that make up a computer system. He talked about the power supplies such as XT type, AT type, and ATX type; the motherboard from bios to all sorts of expansion slots and memory slots, floppy disk drive, CD-Rom drive, hard disk drive, cards, peripherals and adaptors. He further explained the physical size and the memory size and the memory capacity where students learned about hertz, bits and bytes as well as how these vary among the types of computers available on the market today. Mr. Yabes mentioned that learning all the components and how they are assembled will enable someone to assemble his or her own computer system. The class is very grateful for the opportunity to learn about computer operating systems. Indeed, the lecture was quite a lesson for the students who learned so much from such an outstanding presentation by Mr. Joel Yabes. Thank you Mr. Yabes!

## Scholarship Opportunities to Malaysia Available to Palauans!

Interested in studying in or participating in a training program in Malaysia? Do you wish to visit, learn and study in some of the best Universities in Malaysia? Well if you are interested, the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Program through the Ministry of State's Bureau of Foreign Affairs is offering scholarship opportunities and training programs to interested Palauan citizens. Interested individuals who wish to pursue Masters or Doctorate Degrees are encouraged to apply. Scholarships will include funding for tuition, travel, living allowance and housing. Please note that applications must be received by the Malaysian Government no later than October 31, 2004. For more detailed information, please contact the Bureau of Foreign Affairs at 488-2408/2490.

## Happy Labor Day To All

PCC would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Labor Day Holiday this Monday, September 6, 2004. Labor Day is a National Holiday observed by all public offices and schools including PCC. In observance of the Labor Holiday, there will be no classes. All PCC offices will be closed and only essential services will be provided during that day. Again, PCC would like to wish everyone, a safe, happy and enjoyable Labor Day Weekend.

## PCC Seeks Assistance For Employee

One of the College's employee, Mr. Luck Beketaut was faced with unfortunate loss of his home resulting from a devastating fire. Therefore, PCC is soliciting donations (monetary/Clothes) from its employees to help Mr. Beketaut and his family cope with their loss. All Donations may be brought to the PCC Administration Office this Friday. For more information please contact Derbei Meyar or Norma Adelbai at 488-2470/2471. The College would like to extend its prayers and best wishes to the Beketaut family as they deal with this crisis.