

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Talent Search Program

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All Subjects Tutors

POSITIONS: All Subjects Tutors

SALARY: Depending on individual qualifications, Salary
rane from \$40.00 to \$64.00 Bi-weekly.

LOCATIONS:

Palau High School, Mindszenty High School, Airai Elementary, Koror Elementary, Meyuns Elementary, George B. Harris Elementary, Marris Stella, Seventh Day Adventist School, Palau Mission Academy, and Emmaus High School.

DUTIES: To assist students in their classes in all subject area, especially English, Math and Science Classes.

QUALIFICATIONS: Applicants must be school Teachers, anybody with college degrees, and anybody who is a college student or retired school teachers. Must have work experience with students

APPLICATION forms can be obtained from PCC, Talent Search Office or PCC Human Resource Office. Forward Completed application forms to:

Laura S. Mangham
PCC-Talent Search Office
P.O. Box 9047
Koror, PW 96940

Celebrating Birthdays



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| Wilma Sukrad | September 13 |
| Howard Charles | September 15 |
| Sidney Kemper | September 15 |
| Dr. Gregory Dever | September 16 |
| Wilma Tmecherur | September 16 |

Happy Birthday To You!!!



Mesekiu's News

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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 Chioikai at 488-4711/1164. There will be a \$50 Certificate fee. The class is limited to 25 students.

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 Taruu Nakamura at 488-2470/1 or 488-6223.



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Palau Community College MESEKIU'S NEWS

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Weekly Newsletter

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Palau Libraries Awarded Prestigious U.S. Federal Grant

The Ministry of Education and Palau Community College Library have won a prestigious grant from the United States federal Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Library Services and Technology Act.

Palau has received a \$68,000 IMLS/LSTA grant to be used in a connectivity project that will create a republic-wide union catalog of library holdings, such as books, magazines, videos, photographs, and other resources. This will allow people across Palau to find out what resources each library has through an Internet-accessible database. The first stage of the project will be to unite the catalogs of Palau Community College and Palau Public Library and provide cataloging training to staff at these two libraries. This will involve creating searchable electronic records for the complete holdings at both libraries. This portion of the projects is slated for accomplishment by March 2005. Following the completing of stage one, we plan to catalog the collections of other Palau libraries and bring those into the republic-wide union catalog over the next three years. This is an exciting project, as it will increase access to library holdings across the country. It will allow the people of Koror and outlying States greater access to library resources and library services. And it will bring greater access to knowledge of the information resources available in Palau.

In addition to funding for the union catalog, \$24,000 of the total grant amount will be used to improve library collections across Palau. The funds will be split between Palau Community College, Palau Public Library, Belau National Museum, and Palau public schools. Over \$12,000 will be used for collection development in Palau public schools. The money will be used to purchase new books and materials for Palau High School and all elementary schools.

The Ministry of Education and Palau Community College are very excited about this grant funding because it will allow us to carry out the much-needed and long-anticipated union catalog project, including the creation of the catalog and training for library staff.

Under U.S. federal legislation, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, through the Library Services and Technology Act of 1996, provides funds to libraries using a population-based formula. Libraries may use the appropriation to support statewide initiatives and services. Libraries may also distribute the funds through cooperative agreements to public, academic, research, school, or special libraries. The funds primarily support activities using technology for information sharing between libraries and communities or community services. IMLS also funds programs making library resources more accessible to urban, rural, and low-income residents, or others who have difficulty using library services.

PCC Welcomes New Recreational Staff, Eriko Yahagi



JOCV Volunteer Ms. Eriko Yahagi

PCC welcomes Ms. Eriko Yahagi as a new staff for PCC's Recreational Department. Ms. Yahagi looks to develop innovative exercise programs for PCC students and the public while introducing healthy ways to cook authentic Japanese cuisine. Ms. Yahagi hails from Yamagata prefecture of Northern Japan, an area in Japan famous for its cherry blossoms, hot

springs and great skiing during the winter season. Yanagi says that Palau is a beautiful country and the people are extremely nice.

She is a Japanese Overseas Cooperation Volunteer (JOCV) who will be stationed in Palau for the next two years. JOCVs are similar to their U.S. counterparts, the Peace Corps volunteers in helping young nations develop their human resources through education, technology transfer and the sharing of culture.

During her two-year tenure with PCC, Yahagi not only wants to develop exercise programs she wants to introduce PCC students and the public to Japanese culture by teaching Japanese cooking classes. She says that Japanese food is generally healthy because it is low in fat but high on vegetables. Eventually, she says she will be develop a cooking class but in the meantime, Yahagi is busy coordinating an early morning exercise program for people who want become healthy, lose weight and gain more energy. Yanagi says that a healthy diet, with moderate exercise is important for living a good long life and having a happy body, mind and soul. On her plans after PCC, Yanagi said, "I want to go to graduate school and after that, I want to become a math teacher." Yahagi adds, I really enjoy working with Ismael Anastacio and Norman Sato from PCC's Recreational staff, they are very helpful and very friendly." In her spare time Yanagi enjoys swimming, reading and playing softball. She also likes to call Softball games as an Umpire. If you are interested in any of the programs Yahagi is coordinating or just want to learn Japanese culture, you can reach her at the PCC Recreational Office at 488-3885.

News From the Bulletin of Higher Education Administration

Number of Colleges—2004

There are 4,168 public, private, and for-profit colleges in the U.S. California leads the nation with 399, followed by New York with 312, and Pennsylvania with 256. The states with the fewest colleges are Alaska (8), Wyoming (9), and Delaware (10).

Source: U.S. Department of Education

Campuses with the Largest Enrollment

1. Miami Dade College
51,717
2. Univ. of Texas Austin
50,616
3. Ohio State University
48,477
4. University of Minnesota
46,597
5. University of Florida
46,515
6. Arizona State University
45,693
7. Texas A&M University
44,618
8. Michigan State Univ.
44,227
9. Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison
40,922
10. Pennsylvania State Univ.
40,828

Source: U.S. Department of Education

High School Graduation Rates

The top states are all in the Midwest—North Dakota is the number one with a 96% graduation rate, followed by Minnesota and Iowa with 95%, and Nebraska at 94%.

States with the lowest high school graduation rate: Arizona tops the list at 84%, followed by Nevada at 86% and Colorado at 87%. Source: U.S. Census Bureau

New Report finds E-learning not delivering on its Promises

Two professors have released a report titled, *Thwarted Innovation: What Happened to E-Learning and Why*, examining e-learning over a 15-month period at six colleges and universities. The report states that despite the rapid growth of online education many faculty members at colleges don't incorporate innovative technology into their course work and many administrators have not reaped much benefit from the technology they invested in. The report is available at: www.irhe.upenn.edu.

Upward Bound Program Begins Recruiting High School Students Throughout Palau

With funding for the PCC Upward Bound (UB) Program secured for the next funding cycle, the staff of the federally funded office commenced yet another comprehensive Fall Semester recruitment effort last week in search of prospective students. The program recruits academically challenged and first generation college-bound students and instills in them the necessary skills to enroll and succeed in post-secondary education. Preparation includes but is not limited to supplementary college preparatory courses, tutoring, study skills and other essential tips for success such as time and money management, interpersonal skills, etc.

Recruitment visits were conducted at all high schools in Koror as well as Palau Mission Academy in Airai, Belau Modekngai School in Ibobang, and Bethania High School in Ngarard. For information about the PCC Upward Bound Program and its services, contact telephone number (680) 488-2470/2471/2962.

Check Out What's New at the PCC Library

Written by PCC Library Technician Ms. Imengel Mad

Islands" and includes extensive "statistical information about Pacific island countries and territories."

<http://www.spc.int/prism/index.htm>

Recent updates include "statistics on line" for the Marshall Islands, Cook Islands, Niue, Federated States of Micronesia, Wallis & Futuna, Vanuatu, and Palau.

Everyone is encouraged to check out this extremely useful site.

Why PCC Library?

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.

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. Not all materials are available online, other very useful materials are only 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 than you thought.

BITS AND PIECES... PCC Japanese Instructor Has New Radio program

Alii rokui. Ngklam a Junko Kobayashi me a Kaipō Reiyungel. We produce the Japanese Radio Program, "Bera bera Siabal". In Palau, many elderly people can speak Japanese, and they are still interested in Japan. Moreover the younger generation is learning Japanese at some high schools, elementary schools and PCC. This program will provide you knowledge about practical Japanese daily conversation and the daily Japanese way of life. Every week this program will give you some new phrases and new words. We hope you will keep your interest in Japan, Japanese people and the language. The program runs on 87.9 FM Eco-Paradise Radio Station every Mon. Wed. and Fri. 7:00a.m.-7:15a.m., and 7:00p.m.-7:15p.m.

Small Business Workshop for the Public!

The Palau Ministry of Commerce and Trade, PCC and the Palau Small Business Development Center in collaboration with the U.S. Small Business Administration will be holding a workshop on "Tax Regulations and Tax Planning". The workshop will be held on September 13, 2004 at 6:00 pm at PCC's CE Room. There is no charge for the workshop but space is limited so call the Palau Small Business Development Center at 488-6004 to register and reserve your seat. The workshop is sponsored by the Palau SBDC in partnership with Social Security Administration and the Division of Tax and Revenue.

Scholarship Opportunities For Palauans!

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. 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.

Study Tips to Help You Make the Grade

The following exam study tips help students make the most of their opportunity to earn the desired grades. These tips may make the difference between a good and a bad grade. Note the following tips, heed them and remember them when you take your exams:

1. **Be Prepared**
The most important factor in exam success is preparation. No matter how many helpful hints you employ, nothing works as well as making sure you've studied enough.
2. **Do Your Homework**
Often an exam question will parallel a homework assignment. Doing your homework regularly will give you practice where you need it.
3. **Review Regularly**
If you spend a few minutes each week reviewing your notes, your final studying will be a review, not an attempt to learn the entire term's work.
4. **Study Your Weakest Subjects First**
Why? You'll be fresher and therefore better able to deal with difficult areas, and you'll have more time to deal with any problems that arise.
5. **Ask for Help**
If you're having trouble with a particular subject, do not be afraid to ask for help. Your teacher and fellow students will be glad to give you a hand.
6. **Understand vs. Memorize**
You may pass your exams if you memorize the material, but you'll improve your grade considerably if you understand what it is you're memorizing. You'll also find the material easier to remember.
7. **Look at Old Exams**
They can be useful study tools, as long as you don't limit your studying to them.
8. **Eat Well and Get A Good Night's Sleep**
Take care of yourself during exam week - you're going through a lot of stress. Make sure you hold up well.

PCC's Adult High School Program Ready to Roll

The College is working hard to fulfill its mandate to provide continuing education and training to the Republic, and in the case of the Adult High School students, the program has become a lifeline to a better future. The program has very dedicated staff and teachers who try to prepare these students to either enter post-secondary education or to find employment after graduation.

This semester, the AHS program is offering a total of 11 courses including On-the-Job Training to graduating students. If you are interested in this program, don't hesitate to contact PCC Continuing Education at tel. (680) 488-2470/2471. We will be very happy to assist you!

Adult High School 2004 Fall Semester Calendar

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| 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 |