

Police Academy On Campus



These men and women standing at attention every morning in the parking lot of the *Btaches* building are cadets of the Police Academy. The Police Academy, in a recent agreement with PCC is utilizing PCC classrooms and track & field for their training.

Do you know your family History? Continuing Education Can Help

The Palau Community College Continuing Education Office is working with Mr. Orval Skouson to offer a six-weeks course on how to develop a family tree and research and put together a family history for anyone who is interested. Participants will meet a couple of hours a week throughout the six weeks period to complete their family history program. The training is hands-on, exciting, and free of charge. If you are interested, call the Continuing Education Office now at 488-2471 to register.

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"ELAUS" WITHOUT CLUB

Update

Here are the names of the PCC staff who are members of the "Elaus" Without Club:
President Patrick Tellei, LeoBen Teriong, Presley Etibek, Anne Mobil, William Mobil, Jay Olegeriil, Akiko Beketaut. Contact Jay at Development Office, extension 250, to find out more or join!

Up-Coming SBA/Student Trustee Election

The Election of SBA Officers and student trustee for school year 2002 - 2003 will take place on September 25, 2002. Qualification for officers and student trustee (student representative to the board of trustees) are as follows:

1. Student must be a full-time (12 credits or more) student and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above.
 2. Student must have no record of felony or criminal offense.
 3. Class representative shall be composed of four (4) students, two from the freshmen and two from the sophomore class to be elected by students of each respective classes.
 4. Officers shall be from the following classes:
 - A. Student trustee - Either freshmen or sophomore with at least one-full time term prior to election.
 - B. President - Sophomore student
 - C. President-Elect - Freshmen Student
 - D. Secretary - Either freshmen or sophomore
 - E. 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.

ELECTIONPROCEDURE:

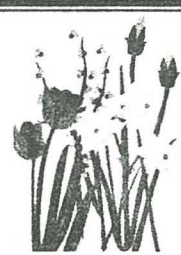
1. Candidate for the board of trustees, senate officers and class representatives shall register at the office of the Director of Student Life no later than September 18, 2002.
2. Candidates must acquire a petition form with the signature of twenty-five (25) student body association members which must be submitted to the office of the Director of Student Life no later than the 3rd Wednesday of September (9/18/2002).
3. Election of student trustee and SBA officers shall be held on the 4th Wednesday of September (9/25/2002).

Celebrating Birthdays

Wilma O. Sukrad	Sept. 13
Wilma Tmecherur	Sept. 16

Happy Birthday To You!

Our Condolences
to
Rosendo Skang
on the loss his mother,
Orakidil Skesuk Skang.


 PCC Family



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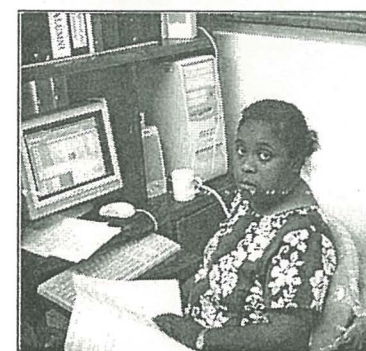


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Weekly Newsletter

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PCC Receives \$960,000 USDOE Grant to Start Talent Search Program



Helen Immanuel
Assistant Director,
Upward Bound Program

Earlier this week, PCC received the long-awaited notification letter from the U.S. Department of Education regarding the Talent Search (TS) proposal that was submitted during the fall of 2001. In his letter to PCC President Patrick Tellei, Dr. Robert L. Belle Jr., head of the Office of Federal TRIO Programs said that it is with great pleasure that he advises President Tellei and Palau Community College that their Talent Search grant application has been approved for funding for five years.

The Talent Search grant is a highly competitive grant with numerous post-secondary institutions in the mainland U.S. and Hawaii as well as the Pacific region vying for it. Five years is the maximum number of years any institution can apply for and receive it at any given time, and PCC is fortunate enough to have been awarded the five-year program. Palau Community College will, starting this fall, be receiving \$190,000.00 dollars plus a one-time technology grant for \$10,000.00 dollars for a total amount of \$200,000.00 dollars for the first year, and \$190,000.00 dollars each year for the remaining four years. The total grant amount is \$960,000.00 dollars for five years.

The grant proposal was written and compiled by the Upward Bound Program staff. "We had less than two weeks to put the proposal together and so we worked nights and weekends to meet the deadline," recalled Helen Immanuel, Assistant Director - Upward Bound Program. "It was a hectic two-weeks at the office but I am delighted to know that we got the funding and look forward to help implement the program," she added.

The Talent Search Program will serve six-hundred (600) students and adults in Palau whose ages range from 11-26 years old. It will provide academic tutoring services to elementary school students as well as provide counseling services to high school students who are interested in pursuing college degrees after high school.

One Year Ago Yesterday, September 11, 2001 Commemorated



Yesterday, September 11, 2002, one year after the 9/11 terrorist attacks on America, a national memorial service was held on the grounds of Palau Community College to commemorate the 9/11 tragedy. ROP President Tommy Remengesau and U.S. Charge d' Affaires Ronald Harms gave special remarks during the memorial service which was attended by PCC President Tellei and a number of College students and staff.

Palau-Taiwan Eco-Tourism Conference On Campus



PCC President Tellei with ROP President Remengesau, Taiwan Ambassador Clark Chen and the conference presenters during yesterday's opening ceremony of the two-day Palau-Taiwan eco-tourism conference at the PCC Cafeteria. (l-r) Ming-Lii Sheu, Dr. Wen-Yan Chiau, Dr. John K.C. Liu, Dr. Chang-Po Chen, President Tellei, President Remengesau, Ambassador Chen, Delegate Noah Idechong, Melachelbeluu Wilhelm Rengil, Dr. Lee-Shing Fang, Shu-Ping Chen, and Dr. Chun-Yen Chang. The conference aims to help develop and promote efforts to institute a viable eco-friendly tourism industry in Palau.

SPC Aquaculture Advisor Visits PCC

The College President recently hosted a courtesy visit by Mr. Ben Ponia, Aquaculture Advisor for the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC). Mr. Ponia, who is based in Noumea, New Caledonia, visited Palau on a mission to promote aquaculture. Thus, he was pleasantly surprised to learn that the College has a fully equipped and operational Research and Development Station that has already implemented its aquaculture research and development efforts. Unfortunately, Mr. Ponia's visit did not allow him to personally tour the PCC R&D Station, which is located in the state of Ngaremlengui, in the middle of Babeldaob. Anyone who would like to contact Mr. Ponia for information about SPC's programs and initiatives on aquaculture may contact PCC President Patrick U. Tellei at PCC telephone number (680) 488 - 2470/2471.

Dr. B.F. Adiviso Completes Term

In a letter to PCC President Patrick U. Tellei, Dr. Bernardo F. Adiviso informed President Tellei that his five-year term as Director of the Colombo Plan Staff College for Technician Education was completed on August 11, 2002. Dr. Adiviso thanked President Tellei for his support, help and cooperation which helped Dr. Adiviso and his College to "become a more responsive center of excellence that it is today." Adiviso also informed President Tellei in the letter that he may call upon him, as Adiviso is willing to work on projects that will benefit technical education and vocational trainings in countries in the Asia-Pacific region. In recognition of Dr. Adiviso's contribution to the productive and healthy relationship between PCC and the Colombo Plan Staff College for Technician Education, PCC President Tellei and BILUNG Gloria G. Salii who chairs PCC's Board of Trustees, signed a certificate of appreciation for Dr. Adiviso, recognizing his commendable efforts during his tenure as Director of the College.

Customer Service Training Offered by PCC Continuing Education

Palau Community College will be offering Customers' Service Training beginning this September, to be held at the Palau Pacific Resort. The training will run for half day from 8:00a.m. to 12:00 noon. The cost is \$ 35.00 per person which includes training materials, refreshments and pastries.

Take advantage of this very special offer and invest on your staff to gain valuable skills to serve and satisfy your customers better. Vacancies are limited so applicant are taken on a first-come first-served basis. Call now and register at PCC Continuing Education Office.

Please stop by the PCC Continuing Education or call us at (680) 488 - 2470/71 or fax your list to (680) 488 - 2659 to reserve your seats. Also if you have training needs on other topics of interest, contact us at the above telephone number.

PCC's Agriculture Program Assists Southwest Island Teachers



Dr. Miles and PCC Agriculture Club help Southwest Islanders with agriculture projects

"If you will only stop burning grass and leaves, this training will have been a success." This was the last thing PCC Professor Joel Miles said to a group of elementary school teachers following two Saturdays of training in preparation for the initiation or expansion of their school gardens. Dr. Miles emphasized to the teachers that, "if there is one single most important factor in a successful garden, it is having enough organic matter in the soil. And if there is one single worst thing you can do, it is to destroy your organic matter by burning it." With these thoughts in mind, the training concentrated on methods of increasing organic matter in the soil, including composting and mulching.

Five teachers and two school cooks from the three elementary schools in the two states known as the "Southwest Islands," Sonsorol and Hatohobei, received the training on two consecutive Saturdays, August 24 and 31. The training was provided at the request of the Governors of the two states, and the Ministry of Education.

Research in the United States has shown that students who work in a school garden show improved behavior and achieve higher grades in their academic subjects. It is hoped that a similar result will be observed in the elementary schools in Sonsorol, Pulo Ana, and Tobi.

Due to his full teaching load this semester, Dr. Miles conducted the training on his own time, with support from the College. The teachers are also to be commended for devoting their own time to this training. In addition, Dr. Miles is willing to conduct similar training for any group of teachers in the future.

If you have any questions regarding the above-mentioned programs, contact Dr. Miles at (680) 488 - 2470/71 for more information.

PCC Staff & Faculty Attend Pacific Educational Conference in American Samoa

On July 22, 2002 four PCC staff and faculty members left to American Samoa to attend the Pacific Educational Conference. Bernice Elechuus, Mariane Mesengei, Fidelia Tengoll, and Sherman Daniel were part of the Palau delegation that attended 2002 PEC.

On July 24, 2002, the participants attended the opening ceremony and conference sessions which were held at the American Samoa Community College. After the opening ceremony, they gave a presentation on "Technology Integration and Application in Education." The presentation covered different technology applications in areas including general office operations. Sherman did the administrative task part of the presentation while Bernice covered the teaching application including the demonstration part. Fifteen participants from different schools in the Pacific attended the presentation and found it very informative. Besides their own presentation, the group from PCC also attended various workshops.

On their way back from the conference, the group stopped in Hawaii and met with PCC students who are currently attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa. The former PCC students are doing fine and many of them were happy to report the all their PCC courses were accepted by UH-Manoa when they enrolled.

The group would like to thank President Tellei and Dean Timarong for the opportunity to attend the conference in American Samoa. It was a great learning experience for them. Thanks to the conference, they were able to share and learn new ideas with other educators in the region.

The theme of the conference was to foster educational access through technology. The four participants are planning on an in-house workshop where they will share the knowledge and information they learned during the conference.

Results of PCC Agriculture Club Election

On August 29, 2002, PCC's agriculture club elected new club officers for 2002-2003 school year. The new officers are:

President	: Hartman Ybelmar
Vice-President	: Weiling Sked
Secretary	: Eloreen Mabel
Treasurer	: Tharnagan Loochaz

The PCC Agriculture Club is open to all interested students. It is an equal opportunity club and you don't have to be an agriculture major to be a member. Interested students can stop by the agriculture office and ask for any of the above officers or their advisor Dr. Miles.

PCC Instructor and Ngaremlengui Teacher Teach Adult High School Summer Courses

The students, staff, and PCC wish to thank Ms. Joan Philip and Iterir Oketol for volunteering their time this past summer to teach courses for the Adult High School program. Joan Philip taught Government and Law to students enrolled in the Adult High School program at the Melekeok State campus. All seven students who enrolled in the class passed the course. Ms. Iterir Oketol taught English II to the Adult High School students on the PCC campus.

Because the Adult High School program did not receive any funding this Summer semester, the two instructors were teaching on a voluntary basis.

The students, AHS staff, and the college wish to extend their sincere thanks to these two very dedicated individuals who donated their time and expertise to the students, the program, and the Republic. Ms Joan Philip is a Criminal Justice instructor here at PCC and Ms. Iterir Oketol is an 8th grade teacher at Ngaremlengui Elementary School who took Education courses at PCC during the summer.

Library News

New Books (recently cataloged)

Portrait World Atlas, By: Rand McNally
Peace Like a River, By: Leif Enger
Dangerous Games, By: Susan Crosland
Country Reports on Human Rights, compiled By: U.S. Gov't.

Micronesia-Pacific Collection

Pacific Magazine w/Island Business: *Small is Viable*
Micronesian Educator: *A Journal of Research and Practice on Education in Guam and Micronesia*
Pacific Affairs: *Changing Values in Asia*
Oceania: *Governance*

Donations

Ms. Pioria Faungy
Mr. Robert Prieto

Periodicals

THIS OLD HOUSE: *Create the Ideal Landscape*
SCHOOL ARTS: *Images of September Eleven*
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC: *10 Cool Facts about Great White Sharks*
MOTOR: *Sports-fishing, Special Boots, Gear & Tips*

Kids Corner

The Prince and the Pauper, By: Mark Twain
Around the World in 80 Days, By Jules Verne
The Invisible Man, By: H.G. Wells
Strega Nona, By: Tomie de Paola

Library Extra!!!

The library's technology center is available to library patrons. However, enrolled PCC students have priority in the order of research and then followed by e-mail. If there is anything we can assist you with, please stop by and ask or give us a call at 488-3540.