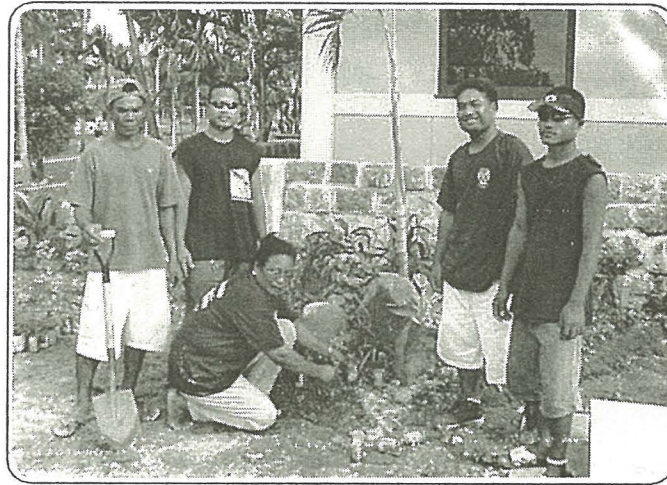


PCC Students Landscape New Koror Capitol

The new Koror State Capitol Building is complete and the opening ceremony has been held, but for PCC's landscaping students, their work is just beginning. Students in AG 216, Tropical Landscape Horticulture are helping Koror State employees landscape the entire Capitol complex. This is definitely a "win-win" situation, according to their instructor, Dr. Joel Miles. The students are getting valuable hands-on experience which reinforces what they are learning in the classroom. In return, Koror State has a crew of 7 students assisting their landscaper. In years to come, the PCC students can look at the Capitol area with pride, knowing that they helped make it beautiful. The students wish to thank the landscape designer, Jerry Maquilung for his excellent teaching.



Some of the students pose with their landscape planting. (l-r) Jerry Maquilung, Presley Andrew, Johana Edeluchel (kneeling), Linus Marewibuel, and Tharngan Loochaz.

PCC Dorm Occupancy for Fall 2002

A total of 101 Students are residing on campus for this fall 2002 semester. Out of this number, 44 are new, 16 are returning and 41 are continuing residents. A total of 7 continuing residents moved off-campus to rent apartments and/or live with relatives/sponsors. Our regular occupancy is 116 minus 12 beds reserved for AHEC program participants and four (4) Japanese students and staff. The reserved rooms have decreased occupancy to 104 only. With this, we only have three (3) vacancies.

The following is the summary of residents as of today, Sept. 20, 2002:

State/Republic	Male	Female	Total
Yap	30	9	39
Palau	8	12	20
Kosrae	14	5	19
Chuuk	8	2	10
Pohnpei	7	0	7
Marshall	5	1	6
Total	72	29	101



New Officers for Tourism & Hospitality Club

The Tourism & Hospitality held their election conference on September 11, 2002 for their new officers. They are as follows:

President - Sulial Ngitong
 Vice Pres. - Sabina Andrews
 Secretary - Vernice Andrew
 Treasurer - Ilima Kloulachad



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Learning Resources Center/Adult High School Director to Oversee Talent Search Program

The newly-established Talent Search Program has a new project director. PCC President Patrick Tellei earlier this week made official the appointment of Mrs. Laura Mangham to take on the role of a project director for the Talent Search Program.

During an interview with Mrs. Mangham, she said that she has met with President Tellei and has agreed to remain as the head of the Learning Resources Center/Adult High School Program while taking on the additional directorship role with the Talent Search Program. "The types of services that the Adult High School Program currently offers closely mirror the ones Talent Search will provide," she said. "The real challenge lies in the additional influx of hundreds of students that I will be responsible for. That's where the additional staff, (soon to be hired) both full and part-time will help," she added. With President Tellei's approval, the Talent Search Program is expected to hire an assistant program director along with program counselors and tutors. Mrs. Mangham also said that once the program gets underway, they will hopefully be able to secure additional part-time help from WIA contract workers.

The five-year Talent Search Program was made possible by a grant proposal that was submitted during the Fall of 2001. The College received word earlier this month from the head of the Office of Federal TRIO Programs that the grant proposal has been approved for funding. According to Talent Search grant regulations, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education approves a period of five years only for applications that score in the highest ten percent of all applications approved for new grants. The Upward Bound Program staff's tremendous effort in putting the College's grant proposal together made certain that it was one of those few proposals that scored in the highest ten percent. Having such a high score made it possible for Palau Community College to get the five-years project cycle, the maximum allowed for Talent Search grants.

The Talent Search grant is a highly competitive grant with Palau Community College competing with numerous post-secondary institutions in Guam, CNMI, FSM, Marshalls, American Samoa and all the fifty states of America in applying for it.

The Talent Search Program will provide services to 600 students and adults in Palau who have completed at least five years of elementary education, or whose ages range from 11-27 years old.

The program will provide individual and group counseling, advisement and technical assistance to secondary school students in grades 6 through 12 in the areas of career exploration, education planning, college entrance examination preparation, admission and financial aid procedures and tutoring. The purpose is to encourage and assist program participants in eventually enrolling in a post-secondary institution. High school drop-outs and college stop-outs will be provided with workshops on educational planning, career exploration, post-secondary admission and financial aid procedures for the purpose of encouraging their re-enrollment in a secondary or a post-secondary institution.

Under the Talent Search Program funding schedule, PCC will be receiving this fall semester the first year installment of \$190,000.00 plus a one-time technology grant of \$10,000.00 for a total of \$200,000.00. The College will subsequently get \$190,000.00 each year for the remaining four years of the program for a total grant amount of \$960,000.00.

According to Mrs. Laura Mangham, she is planning on implementing the initial stage of the program as soon as she hires her staff. The College thanks Mrs. Laura Mangham for taking on the additional responsibility of overseeing the Talent Search Program, and exorbitantly commends and congratulates Upward Bound Director, Kuye Belelai and her staff for putting together the award-winning grant proposal on such a short notice, bringing the Talent Search Program to Palau Community College.

For more information about the Talent Search Program, please contact Mrs. Laura Mangham at telephone number 488-2471, ext. 267.

Scholarship Recipients for School Year 2002-03 Awarded

The College last month awarded scholarships to twelve (12) PCC students who were selected from over 100 applicants. Each student will receive a \$500.00 scholarship, divided equally with one half for Fall semester and the other half for Spring. The scholarships are privately funded with the benefactors providing the scholarship money along with the scholarship requirements while PCC conducts the selection process.

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Celebrating Birthdays

Rogelio D. Vergara Sept. 20

Happy Birthday To You!

Our Condolences

to

Ramon Garcia

on the loss his mother.



Lee C. Bollinger is New President of Columbia University

Columbia University and the Board of Trustees will celebrate the nineteenth Presidential inauguration of its newest appointed president Lee C. Bollinger. The inauguration will be held on October 3, 2002, which will consist of Investiture, luncheon, Symposia, Celebration, and President's Run.

The Board of Trustees of Columbia University are pleased to announce the appointment of Lee C. Bollinger as the new Columbia University President, effective October 3, 2002.

Adult High School Update

by: Laura Mangham

The PCC Adult High School began its seventh semester, or the beginning of its third year this 2002 Fall Semester with an enrollment of 101 students on the PCC campus, about 8 students on the Ngardmau campus, 8 on the Sonsorol island campus, and 7 on the Melekeok campus.

This 2002 Fall Semester, 10 classes are offered on the PCC campus. Two classes are held in the Continuing Education Training Room in the afternoon from 1:00 pm. to 4:50 pm., each class having an enrollment of 30+ students. The Academic Affairs office provided a "new" classroom devoted to classes offered by the Adult High School Program. Classes that meet in room 29 are English I, Section I, from 8:00-9:50 am and has an enrollment of over 30 students; the Community Resources class meets from 10:00-11:50 am, and also has an enrollment of 30+ students. In the afternoon, Consumer Economics meets from 1:00-2:50 pm and has an enrollment of 35 students while Algebra I meets from 3:00-4:50 pm and has an enrollment of 23 students. Because of the shortage of classroom space and lack of funds, 5 classes have enrollment of 30+ students.

The Adult High School classroom accomodates Occupational Knowledge class from 8:00-9:50 am with an enrollment of 21 students, and English II from 10:00-11:50 am. with an enrollment of 12 students. There are 8 students who are taking "on-the-job" training this fall semester and are due to complete the program by the end of this fall semester.

Teachers for the PCC Adult High School campus classes include Mr. Demei Otobed ~ Health and General Science, Mrs. Miriam Sakuma ~ Consumer Economics, Mr. Felix Sengebau ~ Algebra I, Mrs. Teo S. Kuartei ~ English I and Community Resources, AHS staff Mrs. Senna Azuma ~ Occupational Knowledge, and Mrs. Laura S. Mangham ~ English II.

Satellite Centers Established

The PCC Adult High School established the outreach program in Melekeok State in the spring semester of this year. About 20 students from the state of Melekeok and Ngchesar enrolled in the first class, which was English I taught by Mrs. Lorraine Tellei. After that class was completed, the students were eager to continue learning and asked to take two courses simultaneously.

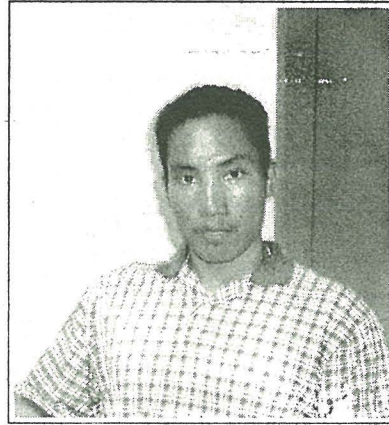
There were two courses offered on the Melekeok campus this summer; Computer Literacy was taught by Erenna Sebalt, and met from Monday through Thursday, while Government and Law was taught by Joan Philips and met on Friday and Saturday evenings. All seven students who took both classes passed.

The PCC Adult High School wishes to thank the Ministry of Education and Principal Magaria Tellei for their support in providing the school facilities to use for the program, and the use of the computer lab at the Melekeok Elementary School for the Computer Literacy course.

The Students learned a lot of good, useful skills in their classes, and to show their appreciation for the opportunity to continue their education, have expressed their appreciation through thank you letters.

Marcus Hangaripaii Returns to CJ Program After 2nd Masters Degree

"Marcus Hangaripaii", rehired as a criminal justice instructor continues to devote himself to Palau Community College. After graduating with his second Masters Degree, Hangaripaii returned to Palau in hopes of continuing his teaching at Palau Community College. Hangaripaii in his early years of school, graduated from Ngaraard Elementary School in 1983. After elementary, he went on to attend Palau High School here in Koror. Hangaripaii graduated from Palau High School in 1987. After his graduation, he was accepted to Micronesian Occupational College, which is today Palau Community College.



Marcus Hangaripaii

Hangaripaii enrolled here at MOC/PCC for one year, after which he transferred to Texas where he attended Navarro Junior College from 1989 to 1991. After 1991, Hangaripaii transferred to George Mason University in Texas. In 1994, Hangaripaii earned his Bachelors degree in Sociology. Right after graduation, Hangaripaii re-enrolled in 1995 to pursue his masters degree in Social Criminology with Emphasis in (Juvenile Delinquency & Prevention).

Hangaripaii graduated in 1998 with his masters degree. After graduating, Hangaripaii returned to Palau for a short vacation. Shortly after, he left Palau for Saipan. He stayed there for three months and worked under the U.S. Department of Interior - U.S. Census Bureau.

After three months, Hangaripaii returned to Palau and was hired here at PCC as an instructor from 1998 to 2000. In 2000, Hangaripaii won the Merit Scholarship and went off-island to attend Chaminade University in Hawaii in pursuit of his second Masters Degree in Criminal Justice Administration. Hangaripaii graduated as an outstanding student, and one of two candidates for Valedictorian. After graduating in May 18, 2002, Hangaripaii returned to Palau, where he is now back to teaching criminal justice.

Message to students:

Education is a tool that we all must acheive in life. I challenge you as I have done to myself throughout my years in school. Have fun with life, while you learn and take advantage of every given opportunity you come across to expand your scope of learning.

Scholarship Recipients for School Year 2002-2003

CONGRATULATIONS!!!



Pionick Trolii, recipient of the Roman Tmetuchl Scholarship is a first-year student majoring in secondary education.



Irvin Dwight, recipient of the Prince Lebuu Scholarship is majoring in Environmental Sciences.

Frederick Renguul, recipient of the Roman Tmetuchl Scholarship is a freshman majoring in criminal justice.



Mark Nestor, recipient of the Shell Company Scholarship is a freshman majoring in General Electronics.



Belinda Eungel, recipient of the Polycarp International Enterprises Scholarship is a first year student majoring in Office Administration.



Sabina Andrew, recipient of the Shell Company Scholarship is a second year student, Tourism & Hospitality major.

Akilina Maech, recipient of the Moylan's Insurance Scholarship is a second year student majoring in Education. Moylan's Insurance Manager Kenjiro Dengokl says company is keen in giving back to community and encourages students to pursue degrees in banking & investment.



Lauren Joseph & Angie Fuentes, recipients of the Prince Lebuu Scholarship and Moylan's Insurance Scholarship respectively. Joseph is majoring in Business Accounting while Fuentez is in Office Administration.



* Shannon Toribiong (not pictured), recipient of the Polycarp International Enterprises Scholarship is a freshman majoring in the Liberal Arts program.

* Jamaira Olkeriil (not pictured), recipient of the Bank of Hawaii Scholarship is a second year student majoring in Liberal Arts. Bank of Hawaii CEO Stephen Brock thanks PNSB for administering the BOH scholarship and says that BOH's view is to help young people in any community that it serves. He Congratulated Jamaira Olkeriil.