

PIDB Offers Scholarships

The Pacific Islands Development Bank (PIDB) is again offering partial scholarships for school year 2003-2004. A scholarship of \$500 will be awarded to each recipient, one each from the following PIDB member nations and states: Chuuk, CNMI, Guam, Kosrae, Palau, Pohnpei, and Yap. Priority consideration will be given to students majoring in economics, business, and finance.

How to apply? Submit a formal letter of interest with the following support documents: proof of citizenship (copy of passport or birth certificate), high school and/or college transcripts, two letters of recommendation, college enrollment acceptance letter, and a resume including a brief statement on reason for selected field of study, to the following address:

Pacific Islands Development Bank
Suite 204 GCIC Bldg.
414 West Soledad Avenue
Hagatna, Guam 96910
Tel.: 671-477-0047
Fax: 671-477-0067
Email: pidbank@kuentos.guam.net



Deadline: Applications received after September 30, 2003 will not be considered.

This is yet another opportunity for PCC students to be able to defray the cost of their educational expenses. All students are highly encouraged to submit their application for this scholarship program. Be the next PIDB scholar, apply today!!!

2003 Thanksgiving Fund Raiser Sure To Sizzle!!!

Yes, indeed!!! It's getting close to that time of year when we fight among ourselves to get those limited number of raffle tickets for the College's annual Thanksgiving fund raiser for the PCC Endowment Fund. **With prizes such as free airline tickets, big bucks, computers, hotel getaways, more big bucks, fishing trips, rock island packages, dinner and lunch packages, beauty makeovers, shopping sprees, air conditioner, even more big bucks, cell phones with free airtime, and just about anything else you can imagine, who can blame you.** However, be patient. The *Mesekiu's News* will soon feature our 2003 Thanksgiving Fund Raiser Bonanza. So plan to read subsequent issues of this newsletter and be prepared to be amazed!!!

Celebrating Birthdays



Tutii E. Chilton September 30
Republic of Palau October 1
Happy Birthday To You!!!



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PIBC Officials Grace PCC

Representatives of the Pacific Island Bible College (PIBC) based in Guam recently visited the Palau Community College. During the visit, they had the opportunity to meet the College President Patrick U. Tellei. At the present, several PCC alumni are attending PIBC while others transferred there prior to their graduation. In the photo below, we see (from left) PCC President Patrick U. Tellei, Dr. Roland Raucholts, Dean of Extension Services for PIBC, Dr. David Owen, PIBC President, and Rev. Billy G. Kuartei, Chief of Staff at the Office of the ROP President.



Happy Independence Day, Palau!

The PCC President - on behalf of the Board of Trustees, Administration, Faculty & Staff, and most especially the students of Palau Community College - joins the Republic of Palau in Celebrating our Country's 9th Independence Day, this October 1, 2003!

As always, Palau Community College stands ready to meet the education and training needs of Palau and the Micronesian region. For information about PCC programs and services, contact PCC Admissions Office at P.O. Box 9 - Koror, Palau - 96940. Or, you may e-mail to: admsfaid@palau.edu, jayo@palau.edu, polou@palau.edu, or tellei@palau.edu.

Our Condolences...

The entire Palau Community College family of Trustees, Administration, Faculty, Staff and Students express our deepest condolences to our very own **Antonia Sisor** on the passing of her beloved mother, **Dirratengadik Smaserui**. We also express our sympathies to **Dahlia Katosang** on the loss of her dear father, **Max Alik**. In addition, we extend our deepest condolences to fellow endowment club contributor and former Vice President of Administration and Finance here at PCC, **Mr. Elbuchel Sadang** on the loss of his mother, **ODALBIL Dirrabang Sadang**. Our prayers and thoughts are with Antonia, Dahlia, and Elbuchel during their time of bereavement.

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IBUUCH AND VERNICE BECOME FIRST DAVE WILLIAMS SCHOLARS!!!

PCC students Laureen Ibuuch Joseph and Vernice Andrew have just made history. They have become the first recipients of the newly launched Dave Williams Scholarship, funded by the Rotary Club of Palau. This scholarship program began this school year and funds PCC students who meet the Rotary Club's established criteria. As Dave Williams scholars, each of them receives \$500 this school year.

Prior to launching the Dave Williams Scholarship, the Rotary Club's President, Associate Justice of the Palau Supreme Court Kathleen M. Salii, met with the Palau National Scholarship Board, where a partnership was formed in terms of putting together the framework with which the Scholarship would be administered. The Rotary Club initially intended to fund one Dave Williams Scholar this school year; however, the applicants this year were such outstanding candidates that the Rotary Club decided to fund two instead of one student.



PCC student Laureen Ibuuch Joseph

The first recipient, Ms. Laureen Ibuuch Joseph, is a second year student here at PCC. She is a current liberal arts major; however, upon transferring to a four-year post-secondary institution, she will pursue her bachelor's degree in Business Accounting. Ibuuch anticipates graduating in December this year with an associate of arts degree in liberal arts. As a result of her dedi-

cation and high academic achievements, she is also a recipient of the Prince Leeboo Scholarship for the second year in a row, receiving \$500 under this particular scholarship program each year.

At the same time, Ibuuch is also one of the four recipients of the highly coveted Bank of Hawaii scholarship, with each recipient also receiving \$500 to help defray their educational expenses here at PCC. In an interview with this newsletter, Ibuuch expressed gratitude to the Rotary Club of Palau for providing much needed financial assistance as she pursues her educational goal here at Palau Community College.

The other recipient, Ms. Vernice Andrew, is also a second year PCC student double majoring in Business Accounting and Office Administration. She anticipates graduating in Spring 2004 with associate in science degrees in both fields. Like Ibuuch, Vernice is also a recipient of the Bank of Hawaii scholarship this school year. On top of that, she is also a recipient of the Palau National Scholarship fund. Vernice has also

expressed her sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Rotary Club of Palau and Bank of Hawaii for their commitment to supporting her college education.

Rotary Club President K.M. Salii congratulated both Ibuuch and Vernice on becoming the first Dave Williams scholars. She encouraged them to follow Dave's (as he was affectionately known) footsteps when he was an MOC student and later when he would become one of the nation's most productive and prominent community members. For information about the Dave Williams Scholarship Program, contact Palau National Scholarship at tel. (680) 488-3608.



PCC student Vernice Andrew

James Oda in Palau

A close friend of the College, Mr. James Oda, was on campus this week conducting training for the staff of the College's Upward Bound (UB) Program. James is the Upward Bound Math and Science (UBMS) Program Coordinator for the Leeward Community College in Honolulu, and WESTOP President-Elect. He returns to Hawaii on Sunday after having conducted needed training on



From left are Akiko Beketaut, Larry Wakakoro, James Oda, Kuye Belelai, Debra Ngiraingas, Hellen Imanuel, and Madeldil Tomei.

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BUILDERS CLUB IS RECOGNIZED!

The Palau Community College Builders Club is the latest that the College has officially sanctioned and recognizes as the newest club on campus. On August 18, 2003, the members of the Builders Club petitioned the College to duly recognize it as an official club of the College. On August 29, 2003 President Patrick U. Tellei ratified the club's by-laws, in essence indicating the College's official recognition of the club.

Being the newest club on campus, the members have issued a memorandum to the entire College community asking for support as it strives to meet its charter goals and objectives. Officers of the PCC Builders Club are as follows: **President - Roisebong Jerry;** **Vice President -**

Emerald Franz; **Secretary - Tony T. Hertin;** **and, Treasurer - Thomas K. Adiniwin.** The club has PCC Instructor Lester Rekemesik as its advisor.

Members, as represented by their officers, invite everyone to review the club's by-laws and to join the club should they be interested. For more information about the PCC Builders Club, contact the PCC Student Services at (680) 488-2470/2471.



PCC Builders Club President Roisebong Jerry

Ueki President of CMS-PTA

In a memorandum released on September 16, 2003, Fr. Rusk R. Saburo, Vicar/Parish Priest of the Sacred Heart Church, announced the results of an election to choose officers of the Catholic Mission Schools (CMS) PTA, starting the school year 2003-2004. The new officers are:

CMS President - Mr. Paul Ueki
MHS Vice President - Ms. Ulai Teltull
MSS Vice President - Ms. Rosemary Skebong
CMS Secretary - Ms. Olympia Morei

Palau Community College congratulates the newly elected officers of the Catholic Mission Schools in Palau. We look forward to working with them in serving Palau's students now and in the years to come.

BITS AND PIECES...

Bookstore Issues Statements

Ah, yes. With the fiscal year coming to an end, we are once again reminded to address that pending business with the College Bookstore. Let us all encourage one another and take care of our respective business with the Bookstore, which has always been there for us. That way, we start the new fiscal year with a clean slate.

Monthly Health Symposium Launched

Wednesday this week saw the Inaugural Session of the Monthly Public Health Symposium taking place at the PCC Cafeteria. Sponsored by the Palau Ministry of Health, Area Health Education Center (AHEC), and Palau Community College, the session topic was *Globalization and Health in the Pacific: Unlikely Bedfellows*, and featured Dr. Sitaleki A. Finau, Head, School of Public Health and Primary Care at the Fiji School of Medicine. (More on this in a later issue of this newsletter).

PCC Takes Part In Independence Tourney

The College's softball team, PCC Mesekiu, is currently participating in the 2003 Independence Day Softball Tournament that is being organized by the Belias Softball Association (BSA), with Shimbros, Inc. as the tournament's main sponsor. Games were supposed to start on Wednesday at the Asahi Ballfield; however, bad weather delayed the tournament by one day. The tournament is using a double elimination format and games are played every evening. With a tournament roster of 10 OPEN teams and 6 MASTER teams, it looks like competition is high and spectators will surely see some exciting games.

Therefore, any and all PCC staff who wish to play on the College's team may contact our Norman Sato, Recreation Assistant, at PCC telephone 488-3885 or 488-3036. For information about the tournament, contact LeoBen Teriong at telephone 488-2470/2471.

GO PCC MESEKIU!!!

PCC Accreditation Update

As a testament to the College's commitment to its accreditation status, the Self Study Steering Committee met everyday this week to review second drafts of the Description and Appraisal sections of the College's Self Study Report. This daily review has been intense and at times grueling; however, all members agree that it enabled everyone to really focus their attention to the Report and where the College stands in terms of the four standards that are to be addressed.

Even as work on the Report continues, the College once again commends all the subcommittees and everyone who has been working on their respective portions of the Report. Beginning on Monday next week, copies of the third draft of the Description and Appraisal will be available at the College Library for any interested individual to review and comment. Everyone's input may be submitted to Marianne Temaungil or Presley Etibek at the PCC Student Services Office located in the UKALL Building.

PCC's Accreditation History At a Glance

Palau Community College is a post-secondary vocational/academic institution serving all of Micronesia. Beginning in 1972, it developed into a viable technical institution through a series of self-evaluations and accreditation visits from the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). In June 1977, the College was granted full accreditation by the Western Association Schools and Colleges.

Again in 1982, 1987, 1992, and 1997, after site visits and a review of the institutional self-evaluation as required every five years, Palau Community College received affirmation of its accreditation status from WASC. With the next Accrediting Commission site visit scheduled for early 2004, the College has begun putting together its Self Study Report. For information about PCC accreditation, contact Presley Etibek, PCC's Accreditation Liaison Officer, at tel. (680) 488-2470/2471.

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James Oda, from front page

topics such as the following:

1. Site Visits & Audits by Department of Education
 - * Monitor Performance
 - * Assess Progress on Goals and Objectives
 - * Ensure that Federal Funds Are Properly Expended
 - * Provide Technical Assistance
2. Program Regulation Updates
3. Needs Assessment
4. Annual Performance Report for Upward Bound and UBMS
5. Reporting Student & Project Performance
6. Designing TRIO Forms
7. Alumni Tracking
8. UBMS Services & Activities
9. U.S. Department of Education Update
10. Council for Opportunity in Education's (COE) 15 recommendations regarding the reauthorization of Chapter 1 of Subpart 2 of Title IV of the Higher Education Act (HEA) that authorizes the Federal TRIO Programs.
11. UB and UBMS Pre & Post Tests
12. Documentation of Services provided for Participants.
13. Talent Search Allowable Services

The College thanks James for his tireless efforts in working with PCC Upward Bound Program Project Director Kuye Belelai to ensure that our PCC based TRIO programs are updated on all changes and practices so that they continue to provide much needed programs and services to Palau's needy students.

Fall 2003 Academic Calendar

First day of instruction	August 18
Late Registration/Drop & Add Period	August 18-22
HOLIDAY: Labor Day	September 1
HOLIDAY: Indep. Day	October 1
Last Day to remove incomplete Summer Grades	October 2
Mid-term Period	October 13-17
HOLIDAY: UN Day	October 24
Last Day for all Withdrawals	October 27
HOLIDAY: Thanksgiving	November 27
Last Day of Instruction	December 5
Final Exam Period	December 8-10
Grades Due	December 12

Takeuchi Appointed Commissioner

Taken from:
Pacific magazine, September 2003

Floyd K. Takeuchi, publisher of *Pacific Magazine* and president of the publication's parent company, PacificBasin Communications, has been appointed a commissioner of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges. The group oversees accreditation for all two-year colleges in California, Hawaii, American Samoa, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Palau, Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Takeuchi's appointment takes effect on January 1, 2004.



Palau Community College congratulates Floyd K. Takeuchi (above) on his appointment and looks forward to a productive working relationship with him! (See PCC Accreditation Update on page 3 of this newsletter).

Luncheon Today Recognizes 5 of PCC's Best

At 11:30 am today at the PCC Mesekiu Bai, the College will hold a final luncheon honoring five (5) of her former employees who recently either retired or resigned after many years of dedicated service.

All five have been featured in earlier issues of this newsletter; however, we would like to pay tribute to them once more. They are:

Ayano Baules - Came on board on August 30, 1978 as a Classroom Teacher. On Dec. 31, 1984 she became Asst. Dean of Instruction. On Sept. 14 she would assume title of Special Project Officer. On June 3, 1990 she then became Director of Institutional Planning & Research. On February 11, 1991 she took the title Land Grant Program Coordinator. On May 1, 1997, she assumed a new role as Extension Specialist. Finally, on April 19, 2003, she retired after 25 years of dedicated service to PCC.



Jose Azuma - Came on board on October 7, 1971 as Vocational Instructor. On June 21, 1981 he became Instructor. On October 1, 1989, he was promoted to

become Assistant Professor. On October 6, 2003, Jose will retire after 32 years of valuable service to Palau Community College.

Hermine Joseph - Came on board on July 2, 1978 as Clerk Typist. On October 1, 1989 she became Senior Clerk Typist. On July 4, 2003, she resigned after 25 years of service to PCC. Her reason for resigning is to relocate to the U.S. mainland to be with her children.



Neri Alcantara - Came on board on October 10, 1975 as Classroom Teacher. On March 9, 1980 he became Instructor. On October 1, 1989, he would assume title of Assistant Professor. On January 1, 1994 he became Landscaper. On September 30, 2003 he will resign after 28 years of much dedicated service to the College. His reason for resigning is to devote more time to his family and to take care of his beloved wife.

Allan Rengechel - Came on board on April 5, 1992 as a Cook. On July 4, 2003 he resigned after 11 years of service to PCC. His reason for resigning is to pursue his goal of starting a private business.

