

Ultirakl Completing Internship by Teaching at Ngarchelong

Early this semester, Mayblee Ultirakl who is a second year student here at PCC, began her internship at Ngarchelong Elementary School as a teacher. Ultirakl is an elementary education major and hopes to graduate with her associate degree this school year. Ultirakl is currently teaching at Ngarchelong as a requirement prior to earning her degree. Ultirakl graduated from Palau High School in 2000. While attending PHS, Ultirakl also attended PCC's Upward Bound Program. Throughout her four years of high school and so far into her studies here at PCC, she has managed to maintain her honor roll status. PCC is proud to have such hard-working students as Ultirakl who has chosen a priority field as she prepares to enter the work force.



Mayblee Ultirakl, intern at Ngarchelong Elementary School

PCC Mourns Loss of Joe Funeral is Tomorrow

The entire PCC family of Trustees, Administration, Students, Faculty and Staff mourn the loss of our colleague and beloved friend, Joseph W. Adachi. We extend our deepest sympathies to Joe's immediate and extended family during this time of mourning.

Joe's funeral is tomorrow and will take place at his family home in Echerang, Koror State. All PCC employees are asked to pay their respects by attending the funeral.

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Adult High School Cleans Around Old CRE Building

To get the year off to a good start, the PCC Adult High School students, teachers and staff had a work/barbecue day last Friday, on September 20th, 2002. About 30 students showed up for the work day with their machetes, rakes, sickles, and "kles" for the barbecue.

In gratitude for the opportunity to continue their education, the AHS students suggested a work day to show their appreciation by doing something for the college and get together for a barbecue. Because the AHS students use Room 29 which is next to Joel Miles' classroom area, the staff asked Joel if there was any project around his garden area he could use some help with. The students were only too happy to help clean around the old CRE building and around the fenced garden. It was a fun day with the students, teachers and staff doing something useful for the college and celebrating the beginning of the third school year for the PCC Adult High School.



AHS Students Help Clean Up Campus Areas

Happy Birthday Palau!
The Palau Community College Family
of Trustees, Administration, Students,
Faculty and Staff Join the Nation in
Celebrating our Republic's
8th Independence Day
this October 01, 2002!

Celebrating Birthdays
Tutii-Elbuchel I. Chilton September 30
Republic of Palau October 01
Happy Birthday To You!



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2002 Thanksgiving Fund Raiser Begins

Palau Community College has started its activities for the 2002 Thanksgiving Fund Raiser for the PCC Endowment Fund. This will be the fourth year in a row that the College holds such an event. The first two years' activities were held at the Palau Pacific Resort, while last year's fundraiser was held on the College campus. This year, the fundraiser will again be held on the PCC campus courtyard, and will take place on Wednesday November 27, from 1:00 - 6:00 pm. Initial plans for the event has a major portion of the afternoon devoted to highlighting PCC programs, services, and activities with local radio personalities. Like last year, the College hopes to have the entire event broadcasted live on radio so that the listening public will have an opportunity to learn more about the College. Throughout the course of the afternoon, drawing of the fund raising tickets will be held for the many wonderful prize giveaways.

The goal for this year's Thanksgiving fund raiser is \$20,000. For a donation of \$10, one gets a raffle ticket. While there is no limit to the number of tickets per person, there are only 2,000 tickets being planned to be sold; therefore, people interested should donate and get their tickets before they get all sold out. If you are interested in getting a ticket, members of the PCC Board of Trustees as well as the PCC President have tickets for sale. At the same time PCC staff LeoBen Teriong (VP, Administration), Presley Etibek (Dean of Students), Alvina Timarong (Dean of Academic Affairs), Willy Wally (Dean of Continuing Ed.), Merelyn Omelau (Accounting Technician), Grace Alexander (Systems Analyst), Armstrong Debelbot (Public Relations Manager), Angelio Antonio (Admin. Asst.), and Dilubch Samil (Admin. Asst.) also have tickets available. All of these people may be contacted at PCC telephone number 488-2470/2471.

At this stage, the College is still formalizing the event's schedule and program; thus, PCC is very open to suggestions from the College staff and students as well as the local community. What has been confirmed, however, is the variety and number of great raffle prizes to be given away to some very lucky winners! Some of the prizes that have been confirmed to date include:

CASH PRIZES:

- \$1,500 grand prize
- \$1,000 first prize
- \$500 second prize
- \$250 third prize
- \$150 fourth prize
- \$100 fifth prize
- \$50 (each) sixth-tenth prizes

DINNER/LUNCH PRIZES:

- Cocunut Terrace
- Furusato Restaurant
- Carp Restaurant

BEAUTY PACKAGES:

- Sonia's Beauty Salon
- Hiromi's Beauty Salon

OTHER FABULOUS PRIZES:

- 4 REALLY Big PITI fish
- Shopping Spree at Ace Hardware
- Car Tune-Up
- Flower Arrangement
- Free PCC Plants
- 1 Live baby pig
- Free Internet
- Overnight Fishing Trip

HOTEL GETAWAYS:

- Palau Pacific Resort
- Carp Island Resort
- West Plaza Hotel

PCC Endowment Fund At A Glance:

Established for the purpose of securing Palau Community College's financial stability so that it will continue to provide educational and training opportunities for Palau and the Pacific region for years to come. With a goal of \$10 million, the PCC Endowment will not be withdrawn until it reaches the stated goal. The Palau National Government has from time to time contributed to the PCC Endowment Fund through appropriations. More than one hundred PCC and government employees donate to the Endowment Fund every payday. Many state governments, local businesses, agencies, and individuals have contributed to the Endowment Fund at least once. As PCC is a non-profit organization, donations of up to 10% of anyone's/company's income tax may be refunded.

Support Your College

The strength and success of any economy is largely dependent on an educated citizenry. In addition, the success of any community college is dependent on the commitment of the community which it serves. Therefore, let us continue working together to secure the higher educational opportunities for our children by supporting our college, Palau Community College. In return, we will ensure that our children are educated as they prepare to lead our community, our nation.

To donate to PCC, or for more information on how you can help, contact PCC President Patrick U. Tellei or Jay Olegeriil at PCC telephone number 488-2471.

What is a College Education?

Submitted by: PCC Library

Have you ever wondered what it means to have a college education? Did you ever ask yourself what exactly were you expected to know or learn at the end of all your college experience? A visiting researcher and Ph.D. candidate by the name of Steve Murray shared with us here at PCC Library a report submitted by President John William Ward of Amherst College. This report was addressed to the Amherst trustees attempting to articulate his thoughts on what "ideally" a student should have acquired after four years of study. Below are the six points that Dr. Ward thought a college graduate should have acquired:

1. The ability to express one's self, in speech and in writing, with intellectual precision and emotional force.
2. A sense of what it means to be responsible to a question, that is, the ability to know what is pertinent to a question and the ability to analyze it and construct a logical argument on the basis of a critical examination of the evidence.
3. Self-awareness, which leads in two seemingly opposite, but related directions: First, the development of as high a degree of self-consciousness about one's individual self as one can achieve, which will lead, second, to the awareness that one's individual self is also inevitably part of a particular culture with its historical ideals and values and traditions.
4. Some distance on one's self, an aspect of self-awareness perhaps, but which metaphorically speaking, through an awareness of the experience of other individuals separated in time or in space in other alien cultures.
5. A sense of mastery, the experience of what it means to do one thing well in depth through a prolonged and sustained immersion in some question of importance. (Ward is referring here to undertaking a senior honors thesis, in which the student performs original research over two semesters.)
6. The capacity to enjoy life or at least to find unending interest in it, which requires a capacity for surprise, an absence of the intellectual and moral rigidity which insists that the world conform to one's expectations of it; in other words, the readiness to explore imaginatively and emotionally a wide range of experience.

PCC Library Hours:

Monday - Friday: 8:00a.m. - 8:00p.m.
Saturday: 9:00a.m. - 6:00p.m.
Sunday: 12 noon - 6:00p.m.

Aberlynn Ngiruos Heads to Okinawa for Exchange Program

On October 01, 2002, Ms. Ngiruos will be leaving to Okinawa to participate in a six months exchange program. Miss Ngiruos will be attending the University of the Ryukyus, where she will study Japanese language and take other courses related to her major at PCC which is Liberal Arts.



Aberlynn Ngiruos

This unique program is available to second year PCC students who have taken the TOEFL test and scored 550 points or above. A student can only participate in the program once. Ngiruos is the first PCC student to participate in this program and it is hoped that this will be the first of many wonderful opportunities for PCC students! For information about this program, contact Dean of Students Presley Etibek or Jay Olegeriil at PCC telephone number 488-2471.

Letter of Appreciation to Laura Mangham and PCC Adult High School

Dear Laura Mangham,

In this day and age, it's a well-known fact that education is extremely important. I am a firm believer of this particular fact and therefore, genuinely grateful that I've been given this chance to earn my high school diploma. I was very fortunate to have taken part in this program.

However this opportunity wouldn't have occurred if it weren't for hardworking, dedicated individuals like you that run this program. Thank you so much for making it possible for me to further my education. I'm aware that it must have been difficult since you had to work with students all the way from Koror. But despite the distance, you always came through and our classes always went smoothly.

So once again thank you so much for your time and effort in making this program possible. I truly hope that we made all the work worth your while and that none of it wasn't spent in vain.

Thank you so very much and may God bless you and your family.

Sincerely,
Filbert Blaluk
Adult High School Student,
Melekeok Campus

Public Educator Joins Endowment Club



Rena Iluches

Rena Iluches, former Executive Secretary to the PCC President and now Palau High School teacher, visited the campus on Wednesday to see old colleagues and friends. During her visit, she enrolled and has become the newest member of the PCC Endowment Contributors' Club.

As a contributing member, Rena donates a certain sum out of her paycheck every two weeks. This sum goes to the PCC Endowment Fund where the money will continue to grow as a means of future support for Palau's only institution of higher learning. Rena joins over 100 PCC staff as well fellow government employees who are already donating money every two weeks.

In stating her view on this, Rena says, "I sincerely challenge all my colleagues and friends at the Ministry of Education, as well as all Palauan employees, to do what I have done. Everywhere we go, people talk about education being important. Well, let us show how important it is by our actions, and nothing is more convincing than this." While Rena is not concerned about getting her donations back, she can do so as PCC is a non-profit organization. In other words, any employee can donate up to 10% of their taxable income to PCC and get a full refund at the end of the year!

PCC welcomes Rena to the Endowment Contributors' Club and encourages others to accept her challenge. Together, let us secure the future of our college, Palau Community College!

Message of Appreciation

To: PCC President, Faculty, Staff, and Students

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge everyone with grateful appreciation to your generous contribution and expression of sympathy. Your kindness is and will be remembered always in our hearts.

Thank you very much.

Ramon Garcia and Family

UNOFFICIAL Results of SBA Election 2002

On Wednesday, September 25, 2002, PCC's Student Body Association held this year's election for new student body officers including the new student trustee. Below are the unofficial results:

Student Trustee:

Charlyn Basilio - 158 vote (unopposed)
Egbert Mabel - 37 votes (write-in candidate)
Jamaira Olekeriil - 17 votes (write-in candidate)
Jaimy Olkeriil - 9 votes (write-in candidate)

President:

Lance O. Wally - 182 votes
Latifa Ngotel - 25 votes
Elilai Bullis - 46 votes

Secretary:

Vernice Andrew - 173 vote
Tewid C. Elechuus - 65 vote

Freshmen Representatives:

Ely M. Fritz-Rafael - 130 votes
Maynord Elewel - 76 votes

President-Elect:

Travis August - 102 votes
Dison Sbal - 133 votes

Treasurer:

Hamilton Maech - 105 votes
Audrey Alfonso - 144 votes

Sophomore Representatives:

Tripler Orrukem - 31 votes
Kessler West - 37 votes



Students vote for new SBA Officers

Claudia A. Lambert is Newly Appointed President of Mississippi University for Women

The Mississippi University for Women will celebrate the Thirteenth Presidential Inauguration of its newest appointed president Claudia A. Lambert. The inauguration and related activities will be held from October 17 to 19, 2002.

PCC congratulates Lambert on her appointment and looks forward to working with her in the future!
