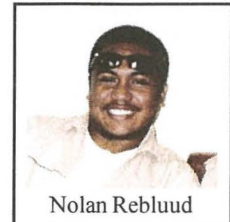


26 More People Join Endowment Club!

Palau Community College is excited to announce the addition of 26 new members to the PCC endowment Fund Contributors' Club! These new members join over 850 current members. By joining the club, these individuals donate a certain sum directly out of their paychecks to the PCC Endowment Fund. At the end of the year, PCC will help them apply for and receive refunds for their donations! In other words, they donate to a very good cause and in the end, get their money back.

From the Palau Public Land Authority, we welcome one (1) new member, **Prelain Pretrick** (who was recruited by endowment member **Olkeriil Saburo**). At the Koror State Government, we welcome three (3) new members, **Nolan Rebluud** and **Maggy Antonio** (who were recruited by endowment member **Bianca Adelbai**) and **Elzeder Eledui**. Over at the Palau Judiciary, we welcome two (2) new members, **Zelga Emiwo** and **Clara Rechebei** (who was recruited by new member **Zelga Emiwo!**).

At the Ministry of Justice, we welcome four (4) new members, **Edwin Antonio** (who was recruited by endowment member **Damasi Saimon**), **David Kailang**, **Delailah Shiro** (who was recruited by new member **David Kailang!**), and **Carter Kotaro**. From the Ministry of Commerce and Trade, we welcome three (3) new members, **Kelson Tekriu** (who was recruited by endowment member **Wagner Emul**), **Jerene Ngiraikeleu**, and **Helena Yoichi**. Over at the Olbiil Era Kelulau, we welcome two (2) new members, **Sherene K. Adolf** and **Miller Kual**.



Nolan Rebluud



Maggy Antonio



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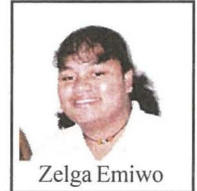
Carter Kotaro

In the Ministry of Health, we welcome one (1) new member, **Deborah Seballt**. From the Ministry of Finance, we also welcome one (1) new member, **Vida Imeong**. At the Ministry of State, we welcome one (1) new member, **Joshua Eberdong** (who was recruited by endowment member **Gregorio Oiterong**). In the Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs, we welcome one (1) new member, **Matsuo Matsuda**. From the Ministry of Resources and Development, we also welcome three (3) new members, **Phoebe Sengebau**, **Metiek K. Ngirchechol** (who was recruited by new member **Phoebe Sengebau!**), and **Taft Kazuyuki**.

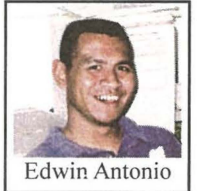
And, in the Ministry of Education, we welcome four (4) new members, **Silvino Maech**, **Louisa B. Santos**, **Errin Rengechel**, and **Luis Towai**. Once again, we welcome these new members as they showcase their commitment to supporting PCC's continued efforts to providing quality educational and training opportunities to Palau's and the Micronesian region's students. If you would like to join the PCC Endowment Fund Contributors' Club, please call Hulda, Dilubch, or Jay at PCC telephone number 488-2470/2471, extension 253. They will be very happy to assist you!



Clara Rechebei



Zelga Emiwo



Edwin Antonio



Kelson Tekriu



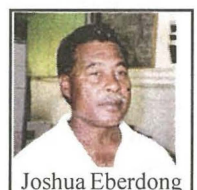
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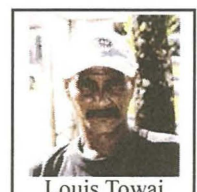
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Celebrating Birthdays



Byron Tellei	January 23
Huan Hosei	January 24
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Joan Philip	January 28

Happy Birthday To You!!!



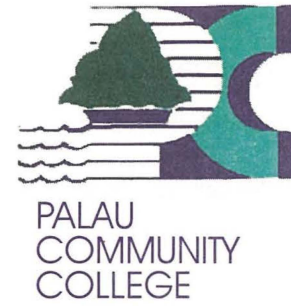
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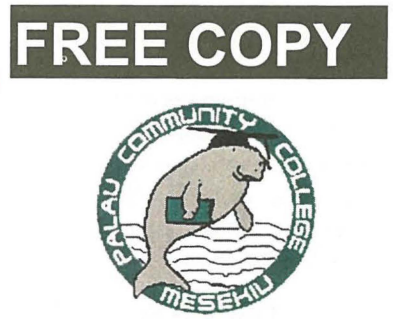
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Donors Increase Allotments!

A new trend has begun! More generous bi-weekly donors have decided to increase their donations to the PCC Endowment Fund. These people are **Nangisa Mai**, **Fuanes Kamesang**, **Tony Adelbai**, **Luther Iyar**, and **Willes Tmecherur**. Wow, now their donations are bigger, so their refunds next year will be bigger!!! **Thank you very much!**



Palau Community College MESEKIU'S NEWS



Friday, January 23, 2004

Weekly Newsletter

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ETS Field Trip Lands in Melekeok

This article was written by: Angelio Antonio, ETS Advisor/Counselor

On January 18-19, 2004 the PCC Educational Talent Search (ETS) program staff took a field trip to Melekeok state with their students, parents and tutors from Peleliu, Koror and Melekeok Elementary Schools, to conduct a two-day workshop. This excursion included not only workshops but also other activities that brought forth participation of everyone in attendance.

On the first day, ETS director Laura Mangham conducted a 'tutoring workshop' for students, parents and tutors. During this session, Mangham emphasized the role of tutoring and how it benefits students, tutors, and even parents. This particular session also helped both parents and tutors to become aware of several tips to identifying students' study weaknesses and needs.

Mr. Willy Wally, Dean of Continuing Education, followed with a lecture on 'communication skills.' This session focused on the importance of effective communication, especially the outcome of communication, particularly for those students with special needs. The students also had a chance to take the 'Strong Interest Inventory,' conducted by Counselor Jolene Joseph. This instrument will help the students identify their career interests; thereby, help them identify their career goals and how they plan to achieve such goals. Afterwards, a 'Transition Workshop' and counseling sessions were conducted by ETS Asst. Director Veronica Kloulechad. This activity helped the 8th graders from the three schools about what they should expect upon their transition to high school.

On the evening of the first day, Peleliu students performed a cultural dance, much to the delight of everyone. Before retiring for the evening, all the students were enlightened by Ms. Lorain Tellei who led them in 'stargazing.' The next day saw PCC instructor



Students attending the Study Skills Session

RECHEDIOLU Jemmy Blelai delivering a lecture on 'learning style and study skills.' This session was held so that students will be exposed to various learning styles and adopt the one which works for them. It also helped the students detect their weaknesses and strengths in their own study habits.

Later in the day, everyone went on a site visit to the soon-to-be seat of the Palau government, as well as the famous Ngerdok lake in Melekeok. They also visited the Melekeok Traditional Bai. After a hearty lunch, all participants bid farewell to their Melekeok counterparts and departed to Koror. Needless to say, students, parents, and tutors benefitted from this workshop. Hence, the PCC ETS staff thank the kind governor of Melekeok, Governor Lazarus Kodep and the people of Melekeok for their unsurpassed hospitality and for making this activity possible.

Former Japan PM in Palau

Palau Community College joined the Republic of Palau in welcoming former Prime Minister of Japan, **His Excellency Ryutaro Hashimoto**. Hashimoto came to Palau to attend the Second Expert Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Forum for Environment and Development (APFED), which he heads.

PPEC Endorses Moses

The Pacific Postsecondary Education Commission (PPEC), at its recently held meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii has endorsed the nomination of **Ms. Sue Moses** for a second three-year term as a commissioner for the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges. Ms. Moses is a former president of the College of Micronesia-FSM. She is currently a special education instructor with the same institution.

'Toni' Retires

After nineteen (19) years of dedicated service to Palau Community College, **Antonia 'Toni' Sisior** has retired. Toni served as a Cook at the College Cafeteria, and became popular with students and patrons alike with her positive attitude and generous servings! The entire PCC family of staff and faculty will miss her, but not as much as our students who were at the receiving end of her delicious entrees. We wish Toni much happiness as she takes on those unruly taro patches and tapioca gardens that have long been neglected!

Study Tips for All Students

Studying is more than just a way to get grades, it is a way to grow and develop as a person and contributing member of society. However, there are several things you must do to become a successful student. Start by taking care of your health, eating properly, exercising and getting the proper amount of rest. These things will help you to become a more effective studier.

Traits of Successful Students

Good students attend class regularly. They are on time and pay attention to what the instructor has to say. If you must miss a class, let the instructor know AHEAD of time. Call or e-mail them... they will appreciate it.

-Take advantage of extra credit opportunities. This demonstrates you care about your grade and want to earn a good grade.

-Successful students speak in class; participate in class discussions, despite clumsy or difficult attempts to ask pertinent questions. Others may have the same questions as well. There are NO dumb questions.

-Check with your instructor about grades, clarifying discussion points, and upcoming dates.

-Turn in assignments on time. Take the time to produce a product you are proud of. Don't just do it to get it done.

- Be attentive in class. Don't talk, read, sleep, stare out the window, or let your mind drift. Although this is difficult, especially during those boring lectures, you'll be much better off for this later.

-Complete all your work and **DON'T LEAVE BLANKS ON TESTS!** Guess if you are not sure. Go for partial credit.

-Stay on top of assignment and know when tests and pertinent dates are coming up during the term.

Classroom Advice:

-Don't let your thoughts wander. Focus on the instructor and pay attention to their points!

-Take neat, legible and pertinent notes. Don't write down everything, but write important points!

-Ask questions, but not if they have been asked previously (unless you are clarifying a point)

-Class attendance is vital to success in class. Show up on time and be ready to learn.

-Don't ask for special favors. Instructors are most likely to help you if you are gracious and don't seem too needy.

-Never talk when the instructor is speaking.

-Don't sit next to that person who likes to chat.

-Make frequent appointments with the instructor. Make them earn their money!

PCC Academic Calendar 2004 SPRING SEMESTER

Academic Advising & Registration for continuing students --
January 5 - 7
Orientation, Advising and Registration for new/transfer students
-- *January 8 & 9*
Last Day of Regular Registration -- *January 9*
First Day of Instruction -- January 12
Late Registration/Drop & Add Period -- *January 12 - 16*
Last day to remove Incomplete Grades for 2003 fall semester --
February 27.
Mid-Term Period -- *March 8 - 12*
HOLIDAY: Youth Day -- March 15
Students' Spring Break -- *March 15-19*
Last Day for all Withdrawals -- *March 22*
PCC Charter Day -- *April 2*
HOLIDAY: Good Friday -- April 9
HOLIDAY: Senior Citizens' Day -- May 5
Last Day of Instruction -- *May 7*
Final Examination Period -- *May 10 - 12*
Grades Due for Prospective Graduates -- *May 10*
Grades Due -- *May 14*
Commencement Exercises/End of Spring Semester -- *May 21*

Micro-P Collection

The PCC Library's Micronesia-Pacific (Micro-P) section would like to welcome all new and returning students. It is a pleasure to have you back and to assist you with your research regarding the Pacific and Micronesia region. 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 maybe more materials and information available, and the staff are quite friendly and very much willing to help you!

During the past few weeks there have been many donations that have been added to our collection that may be used for your research or reading enjoyment. The following are new additions to the Micro-P section:

- Palauan Cultural Profile – CD by Palau Ministry of Education
- "Keburs" – video cassette by PCC students
- Politics and the Museum of the American Indian: The Heye & the Mighty by Roland W. Force – donated by Patrick U. Tellei, PCC President
- The Legend of Bill: from Birth to Law and I'll See You in Court – video cassette by Micronesian Seminar Production

Does anyone know someone who attended the George Washington High School, Mongmong, Guam during the last few years? The 58 Gecko, 59 Gecko and 60 Gecko yearbooks are now available for patrons. The Micro-P section extends an invitation to anyone who attended the GW HIGH SCHOOL to stop by and visit us.

BITS AND PIECES...

Yano's Market Donates Again

Our Palau Community College students are truly grateful for our generous donor, Yano's Market. Once again, Yano's Market has donated 133 pounds of fresh squash and 110 pounds of cucumber to the PCC Cafeteria. Referring to the latest donation, Cafeteria supervisor Ezra Takeo said that, "This is the third time that Yano's Market has donated fresh produce to our students, and we at PCC thank them. These donations provide much nourishment for our students, not to mention delicious taste." Thanks, Yano's Market!

Scholarships are Now Available

All PCC students who are recipients of the Palau National Scholarship Fund for the 2003-2004 school year are hereby notified that the second half of your award is now available. To pick up your award, make sure that you provide the Palau National Scholarship office with a copy of your fall 2003 grade report as well as your spring 2004 class schedule. For detail information about this matter, contact the National Scholarship Office at telephone (680) 488-3608.

All students who will be attending college next school year are advised that the Palau National Scholarship Fund administers several financial assistance programs. These programs are geared toward helping Palauan citizens with their educational expenses. Each student is reminded to take time and explore these financial aid opportunities made available by our Palau government. For information about these programs administered by the Palau National Scholarship Board, contact the phone number stated above.

Palau Community College expresses our deepest sympathies to fellow Endowment Club members **Ebil N. Kadoi** and **Uodelchad Ngiriu** on the loss of their brother, **Ngirngeruangel Ngiriu**. We also extend our sympathies to **Augustina Mesubed**, on the passing of her father **Mesubed Bechab**. Our thoughts and prayers are with **Ebil, Uodelchad, Tina** and their families during their time of bereavement.

GVSU Wants YOU!

Grand Valley State University (GVSU), the alma mater of Palau President Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr. and Finance Minister Elbichel Sadang, is once again reaching out to Palauan students. GVSU is offering at least one qualified Palauan a scholarship valued at about US\$7,000 per year beginning with the fall 2004 semester. First year university students should have at least a 'B' average, while PCC students need to have completed at least 30 credits and obtained a PCC GPA of at least 2.0 to be considered for admission.

The scholarship(s) will be offered to the most qualified applicant(s). Students will need to submit the GVSU international student application, US\$30 application fee, official academic transcripts, and a one-page personal statement. The deadline for consideration is April 1, 2004.

Mr. Jim Crawley, Associate Director for International Recruitment at GVSU, can be contacted at crawleyj@gvsu.edu for address and other relevant information. He will have an application for admission mailed or e-mailed to those interested in applying to GVSU. The application is also available on-line through the university's web site at <http://admissions.gvsu.edu>.

CE Offers Training

The PCC Continuing Education Office would like to announce the following training opportunities:

Office Administrative Skills
Basic Clerical Skills
Wood Carving and Wood Sculpture
Site Preparation & Layout (Construction)
Footing and Foundation (Construction)
Basic Plumbing (Residential)

Anyone who would like to learn more about these training programs offered by PCC is encouraged to contact Eileen Babauta or Taruu Nakamura at PCC telephone number 488-2471/6223. Or, you may visit the PCC Continuing Education Office every weekday from 8:00am - 5:00pm.

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Are You a PCC Student? Join a Club..

One of the best ways to make new friends in a college environment is to join one or more of the existing student clubs and organizations. By joining a club or organization, a student will also be able to learn more about his college in a shorter time frame.



At the same time, his involvement will ensure that his voice will be heard on issues that affect students and the college as a whole. Here at Palau Community College, there are several student clubs and organizations that offer this option to the PCC student. For student clubs, there are:

Criminal Justice Club
Builders' Club
Fishing Club
Tourism Club
Agriculture Club
Environmental Club
FSM Club

As for the student organizations, we have the following:

Chuuk Organization
Kosrae Organization
Marshalls Organization
Palau Student Organization
Pohnpei Organization
Yap Organization

All PCC students are highly encouraged to join any one of the existing clubs. In addition we invite them to become active members of the respective organizations; thus, enabling them to have more say in their PCC educational experience. By joining a club or organization, your overall education here at PCC will be enhanced and the experience you garner will benefit you in the future.

You may find out more information about these clubs and organizations by visiting the PCC Dean of Students Presley Etibek at the PCC Student Services Office, or by simply calling him at PCC telephone number 488-2470/2471, extension 229. Join a club today and make new friends with other students from all the islands of Micronesia as well as other nations!

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PCC FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

The PCC Office of Admissions & Financial Aid would like to inform the public that Director of Admissions & Financial aid, Ms. Dahlia M. Katosang, and Financial Aid Counselor, Ms. Elenita Brel, will conduct **FINANCIAL AID NIGHT sessions** for all high school seniors with their parents starting January 19 to 30, 2004 during the evenings. The purpose of the sessions is to discuss Student Federal Financial Aid programs, eligibility requirements, and assist students and their parents to complete their federal financial aid forms if they are planning to attend PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE or any eligible college or universities. Student Federal financial aid is used to pay for college education.

All high school seniors and their parents are requested to attend these sessions following the schedules indicated below:

<u>School:</u>	<u>Date:</u>	<u>Day:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Place:</u>
Mindszenty	.01/19/04	Monday	7:00pm	MHS Cafeteria
Bethania/Emmaus	01/20/04	Tuesday	7:00pm	Emmaus High School
Belau Modekngiei.	01/24/04	Saturday	9:00am	PCC CE Training Room
Palau High School*	01/26/04	Monday	7:00pm	PCC Room 68-69
	01/27/04	Tuesday	7:00pm	PCC Room 68-69
	01/28/04	Wednesday	7:00pm	PCC Room 68-69
	01/29/04	Thursday	7:00pm	PCC Room 68-69
	01/30/04	Friday	7:00pm	PCC Room 68-69

For detailed information regarding these Financial Aid Nights, please contact Ms. Leona Tkel at PCC Admissions & Financial Aid Office at 488-2471 ext. 234/233.

*Note: Palau High School students were divided into five (5) groups due to the size of enrollment.