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Students Join PICRC Celebration



Environmental/Marine Science students at booth. Back(L-R): Itungelbai Bells & Lance Sulog. Front(L-R): Mechelins Mariur, Dilmovais Rechirei, Dilbudech Omelau & Kyah Remeliik.

On January 18, 2012, Environmental/Marine Science students were on the grounds of Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC) manning a booth that displayed activities and projects they have participated in relation to protecting our environment. With "Free" admission, many students and people from the community

stopped by to tour the facility and visited the booths by various agencies, including Environmental/Marine Science students of PCC. The day was capped by a "green concert" that featured the PCC Music Club. For the evening program, CEO Sandra Pierantozzi gave welcoming remarks. Dr. Tel-
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Retention Holds Special Meetings

Contributed by Dean Daniel

The Retention Committee held special meetings between January 12 - 24, 2012 to review student financial aid appeals. Based on Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Status Report at the end of Fall 2011, 133 students will lose their financial aid eligibility for any subsequent semester unless they appeal and receive approval to reinstate their financial aid. Out of 133 students, 96 appeals have been reviewed and approved. The remaining students are being advised to see their advisors to process their appeals. The Retention Committee will continue to meet to entertain the remaining students' appeals in order to help students remain in school.

2012 Follow Up Report Review



Board of Trustees (L-R): Member Rev. Billy G. Kuartei, President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, Chair Bilung Gloria G. Sali, Vice Chair Masa-Aki N. Emesiochl, Sec/Treasurer First Lady Valeria Toribiong and Student Trustee Ashley Umetaro.

On Monday, January 23rd, while many were busy watching the NFL conference championships, the Board of Trustees of Palau Community College met and reviewed the second draft of the 2012 Follow

Up Report. With the assistance of Accreditation Liaison Officer Deikola Olikong and Editor Marianne Temaungil, the Board reviewed the college's responses in the 2011

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Retention Committee in special meeting, from left to right: Registrar Lesley Adachi, Director Vernice Rechebei, Director Dahlia Katosang, Dean Sherman Daniel, Coordinator Vincent Ito and Director Laura Mangham.

Palau Community College is an accessible public educational institution helping to meet the technical, academic, cultural, social, and economic needs of the students and communities by promoting learning opportunities and developing personal excellence.

HI 189 Imparts History & Culture

This Spring 2012 semester, HI 189 - Palau History & Culture is being taught by a man who is known to be knowledgeable in Palauan culture. Retired teacher and principal, Mr. Andrew Shiro with facilitator Kiblas Soaladaob are co-teaching HI 189. The course focuses on the history and evolution of the Palauan culture up to the present day. Mr. Shiro's lessons are on preservation of Palauan history and culture

by transferring knowledge from the older generation to the younger generation. In doing so, the young ones become aware of the values and importance of the Palauan history and culture.

If you are interested in learning more about the history & culture of Palau, contact Kiblas Soaladaob at kiblas.soaladaob@gmail.com or 488-2470 ext. 246.



Andrew Shiro going over the class syllabus with his HI 189 students.

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lei Chairman of PICRC gave a brief history of how PICRC began, and thanked all for their support. He and CEO Pierantozzi presented a certificate of recognition to the new Dr. Yimnang Golbuu for obtaining his



Dr. Tellei (back center) with ES students and Instructor Vernice Yuzi (back left).

PhD. The PCC Music Club entertained the crowd for the rest of the evening. PCC and PICRC has maintained a close collaboration over the years.



Music Club member Ewette Demei singing with Sean Rudimch and Melenguis Mesubed on instruments.

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Follow Up Report, the findings and recommendations following the 2011 accreditation visit, and the college's responses for the 2012 Follow Up Report. Two days later, on January 25th, the college's management team, Executive Committee, met and reviewed the report. The next day, the Accreditation Steering Committee met to re-

view the inputs/comments from the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee and to finalize the report. Once the report is finalized, complete with all required evidences, it will be presented once again to the Board of Trustee for final review and approval and submission to the Commission before the March 15, 2012 deadline.

Interns Placed in Job Training

Contributed by Vincent Ito

Twenty one students from ten programs were placed on internship training this spring 2012. The training begun on January 16, 2012 and will run until May 18, 2012. The internship program, with the assistance of employers, provide graduating students with the opportunity to refine their skills as they transition to "real world" of work.

PCC would like to recognize the following agencies/businesses for hosting intern students. Thank you for your support and assistance as we work together to develop our workforce and build our local capacity.

Corleon Ueki	Dengokl, Dimitruk & Nakamura
Lance Sulog	EQPB
Merly Remoket	Gibbons Enterprise Corp.
Juliet Kandy	Bureau of Immigration
Kimuu Gathan	Tourism Business, Project & Journalism Association
Keith Taliugyan	Micronesian Challenge
Charles Tachibelmel	PCC AG Program
Samantha Ewatel	Palasia Hotel Palau
Ryobch Luii	Palau Shipping Co.
Berkey Tilfas	PCC Maintenance
Ralph Kinu	PCC Maintenance
Kendra Ise	Tan Siu Lin PCC Library
Bryon Silil	PICRC
Desiree Seklii	PNCC
Sieske Kini	PTHSE
Brenda Ngirchomei	Bureau of Public Safety
Chandler Ngimeriil	Social Security Administration
Ian Iyechad	SOCIO Micronesia
John Polloi	SOCIO Micronesia
Damara Donald	SOCIO Micronesia
Romsey Remoket	SOCIO Micronesia

If you are interested in hosting an intern, contact Vincent Ito at 488-2470 ext. 238.

Fall 2011 graduates & prospective graduates for Spring & Summer 2012 please file an Application for Graduation at the Registration & Records Office by January 31, 2012.

BITS AND PIECES...

TAX REFUND

The Bureau of Revenue, Customs & Taxation Application for Refunds for Tuition/Contribution to Non Profit Organization is now available for pickup at the Development Office. Stop by and see Dilubch, Adora or Alvina to help you with your Endowment refund form or call 488-2470/2471 ext. 252, 253.

NO PARKING ZONE

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS, FACULTY & STAFF:

All vehicles that are parked illegally in the NO PARKING ZONES are subject to applicable penalties.

ADDITIONAL PARKING SPACES are located at the lower campus, near the track and field. Please utilize them. Your cooperation is appreciated.

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- * Under Mango Tree (Loop)
- * Double Parking
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- * Side of Bank of Guam & Snack Stop
- * ALL driveways

If you have questions about the parking, please don't hesitate to contact Jay Olegeriil or Todd Ngiramengior @ 488-2470 ext. 343 or 225.

News/Stories Wanted

MESEKIU'S NEWS welcomes stories/articles/announcements from students, faculty, and staff. Submission deadline is Monday at 4:30 p.m. in hard and electronic copies to adoraa@palau.edu, dilubchs@palau.edu, and alvinam@palau.edu.

Please call ext. 250/252/253, if you intend to submit your article after Monday or for more information.

AHEC Donates Manikins for NU Program



NU students from L-R: Rayme, Mariah, Warang, Lerrie, Danny, Ikurt, Ginee, Lainie & John practicing on the manikin.

The Pacific Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Equipment to Enhance Training for Health Professionals (EETHP) appli-

cation is a collaborative effort between AHEC programs and AHEC Centers to create a regional simulation laboratory training network that helps health workforce by providing training programs within the Pacific region. The effort includes a simulation manikin with maternal/child training capabilities, cardiac care and general life support. The simulation manikin will help meet many of the health training needs in the Pacific by significantly expanding the training capabilities with these interactive training equipment.

On January 19, 2012 the NU Program students were able to test out the manikin during their class. The simulation of the heart-beat and breathing helped students learn as they listened intently. The equipment helps the students meet learning outcomes through practical experience.

Fitness Activities You Can Join

Insanity Fitness Training

Where: PNOG

When: Mon - Fri at 4:55pm - 6:00pm

Moderator: Joe Chilton

Contact: 488-2470 ext. 245

Track Run/Walk

Where: Palau Track & Field

When: Open to the public at all hours

Moderator: Yourself!

Contact: Yourself!

Judo

Where: PNOG

When: Mon - Thur at 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Moderator: Ishmael Aguon

Contact: 775-3339

Hip Hop Abs

Where: PCC Assembly Hall

When: Mon - Thur at 5:15pm - 6:15pm

Moderator: Uroi Sali

Contact: 488-2470 ext. 344

New Members of the Endowment Fund

Thank you to our newest members of the Endowment Fund who signed up on January 23, 2012. They are Godwin Smau, Doreen Yoshiwo and Scarlet Nambert. The three members are working at the Division of Capital Improvement Project (CIP).

If you wish to join the Endowment Fund or increase your contribution, contact Dilubch Samil or Adora Nobuo at 488-2470 ext. 252 / 253.

CHECK IT OUT!



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Check us out to receive the latest news & school updates.

ALUMNI NOTES

Class of 2007

Victor Nestor



Earned an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Environmental/Marine Science. He transferred to University of Hawaii - Hilo in 2008 where he continued studying to complete a Marine Science degree. He will be completing his degree this Spring 2012 semester. *Message: After*

PCC, go and continue your education at a 4 year institution.

Class of 2004 & 2007

Ngeaol J. Kefmal



Earned her Certificate of Achievement (CA) degree in Criminal Justice and her Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Office Administration. After graduating, she worked at the Solid Waste Management as a Community Educator. In 2009, she moved to the USA and

began working at Safeway as a deli clerk and now she is a food clerk.

Class of 2011

Kimberly Kingzio



Earned her Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Office Administration. She did her internship at Continental/United Airlines and upon graduation she was hired to work at the PCAA/Headstart as a Data Tech. *Message: Study hard and complete your*

education and get a better job in the future.

Alumni Notes showcases MOC & PCC alumni who are positive role models and contribute to the quality of life in their local communities. If you are that alumnus/alumna or know someone who is, please contact the PCC Development Office at telephone number 488-2471. We would like to feature you in future issues of the *Mesekii's News*.



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MOH Press Release - Survey & Clinics

“Nation-Wide NCD STEPS Survey Ongoing” The nation-wide STEPS survey, which commenced late last year, will continue to be administered in Koror, Babeldaob, Angaur and Peleliu beginning next month. Surveyors from the Ministry of Health will be visiting households to collect data on Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) risk factors, including alcohol and tobacco use, nutrition and physical activity. The survey also assesses physical and biochemical measurements such as body weight and size, glucose levels, cholesterol and blood pressure.

Once completed, the survey's results will be compared to those of the Comprehensive Community Assessment conducted in 2003. As part of its response to NCDs being declared as a health emergency, survey results will help the Ministry of Health and its community partners improve existing interventions and develop effective strategies to prevent and control chronic illnesses in Palau.

Annual Reports are DUE at the Development Office by January 31, 2012. Submit electronic copy to Alvina Marcil at alvinam@palau.edu.

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Celebrating Birthdays

Rennetta (Derbei) Meyer	Jan 31
Felix Sengebau	Jan 31
Elenita (Benny) Brel	Feb 01
Loyola Darius	Feb 01
Vernice Yuzi	Feb 02
Isimang Smus	Feb 03

Happy Birthday To You!

The Ministry of Health is asking for patience and cooperation from the community during the survey. For more information about the STEPS survey, contact the Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) Unit at 488-4612 or the Community Advocacy Program at 488-2002.

“Eye Specialists to Conduct Clinics” A team of eye specialists will be in Palau next month to conduct screening clinics for patients at the Belau National Hospital.

Dr. Jim handa and Dr. Mark Wieland will be seeing patients at the Outpatient Department (OPD) from February 13 - 17, 2012.

Patients who wish to visit the specialists must consult with their primary physicians and make appointments for the clinics at OPD.

For more information about the eye specialist clinics or to set up an appointment, contact the Outpatient Department (OPD) located at the Belau National Hospital at 488-2555 on weekdays from 7:30am to 4:30pm.

Vacancy Announcement

- (1) *English Instructor, Learning Resource Center*
Salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum
- (2) *Math Instructor, Learning Resource Center*
Salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum
- (3) *Financial Aid Counselor, Adm. & Financial Aid*
Salary range: \$12,049 - \$20,607 per annum
- (4) *Counselor, Student Life Office*
Salary range: \$12,650 - \$19,479 per annum
- (5) *CHL Palau Outreach Educator*
Salary range: \$12,653 - \$19,479 per annum
- (6) *Researcher/Aquaculturist*
Salary range: \$30,000 per annum
- (7) *Assistant Director of Admissions & Financial Aid*
Salary range: \$16,010 - \$24,647 per annum

For application forms and information, please contact Karen Mobil at PCC Human Resources Office at 488-2470/71, ext. 227, email hr@palau.edu or download form at www.palau.edu

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