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PCC Honors Outstanding Students with High Marks

PCC would like to congratulate the students who made the 2004 President's List with a fall semester Grade Point Average of 4.00, the Dean's List (High Honor) with GPA of 3.80 – 3.90, and those PCC students who made the Honor List with a GPA of 3.50 – 3.789. It is a true testament to your work and dedication and we here at the College acknowledge your success with your educational endeavor. As we are only weeks into the new semester, we call on you again to not only continue your pursuit of excellence with your coursework, but to also reach out to your fellow PCC classmates and help them realize the high achievement and success that you have set with your own perseverance and commitment. Twenty-two (22) PCC students made the President's List recording perfect 4.00 GPA, with 6 students on the Dean's List, while twenty-three (23) students made the Honor List. Again, the College congratulates all of you for a job well done, we are all very proud of you.

PRESIDENT'S LIST

Name	Major	Credits	GPA
Androlyn Ngiralmuut	OA	12	4.00
Atanacia Ubedei	EDSP	13	4.00
Daughnie Fredrick	OA	17	4.00
Deborah Shay	LA	12	4.00
Delina Remengesau	EDEC	12	4.00
Delores Redhor	THTS	14	4.00
Harvey Tulensru	CJ	12	4.00
Joy Paiv	OA	12	4.00
Kikuko Ngirmekur	BA	12	4.00
Kitalong Yaoch	OA	12	4.00
Krystle Benjamin	OA	14	4.00
Nazeline Ngirchokebai	OA	12	4.00
Pei-Yu HO	LA	16	4.00
Ruhiyyah Ruloked	THTS	12	4.00
Rumi Singeo	NU	12	4.00
Samuel Sanders	BA	12	4.00
Shane Salvador	CT	14	4.00
Sharon Ngirutang	LA	15	4.00
Sheree Sengebau	OA	12	4.00
Shrue Isaac	OA	15	4.00
Teory Nobuo	BA	18	4.00
Villany Remengesau	THTS	13	4.00

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Villany Remengesau
President's List



Mayleen Rdechor with
Daughter Umai Kesolei
Dean's List



Violet Fernando
Honor List

USDA Conducts Soil Training Workshop at PCC-CRE's R & D Station

The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) conducted a Soil Training Workshop at the Palau Community College Cooperative Research and Extension's (CRE) Research and Development Station in Ngaremlengui State. The Training was conducted by two NRCS staff, Dr. Robert Gavenda, a Soil Scientist from USDA's office in Guam and Robin DeMeo, a Resource Conservationist, from the USDA office in Palau. There were over 21 participants who participated in the training.

Seven participants came from Ngardmau, Ngaraard, Ngarchelong, Airai and Ngchesar state governments, one from Palau Community Action Agency, an employee from the Ministry of Education, one PCC student, and eleven were employees of the PCC-CRE Department. The training topics were: Palau soil properties, use of soil surveys, soil management, soil fertility, and erosion control. Lectures

were conducted in the morning while field work was conducted in the afternoon.

Portia Franz, CRE Researcher, who helped coordinate the workshop said that, the event was a success as it brought individuals from the community together to learn about effective soil management strategies and concepts. "I would like to thank Robin DeMeo and Dr. Gavenda from the USDA's NRCS Office for conducting this informative and helpful workshop on Soil Training," Franz said. "These new skills and knowledge your office has imparted on our staff and members of the community will help ensure a more effective and environmentally friendly management of Palau's agricultural resources," Franz concluded.



Participants in the Soil Training Workshop pose for group pic

HENARO'S Aircon and Refrigeration Shop

Submitted by Lisa Abraham, Director of the Palau Small Business Development Center

Palau enjoys a pleasantly warm climate all year round with an annual mean temperature of 82° degrees F. (27° C.). The islands' warm climate is enjoyable but sometimes it gets under your skin. The fact of the matter is that the tropical weather sometimes gets too hot for comfort. So what do we do when it gets that hot you ask? We reach out and grab that nice cold drink in the refrigerator and turn on the air condition unit to the max. But what happens if all of the sudden everything is warm from your ice cold drink to your room? Ah ha! Call the doctor! A doctor who specializes in air conditioning and refrigeration.

This is the market that Mr. Henaro Ngirailild tapped into, thus, HENARO'S Aircon and Refrigeration Shop was born back in April 2000. After returning home to Palau from four years of living abroad, Ngirailild enrolled at Palau Community College and after two years, graduated with a Certificate of Achievement in Airconditioning & Refrigeration. With his newly acquired expertise, he sought to help the Palau community. He definitely chose the right field as shown by the demand for his services. In its current state, his shop is unable to handle the sheer volume of requests from customers. Realizing the obvious, he came to the Palau Small Business Development Center (Palau SBDC) for assistance.

HENARO'S Aircon and Refrigeration Shop required additional capital in order to expand its operations. He submitted a loan proposal to the National Development Bank of Palau for \$10,000, of which, \$8,350 was approved for his business expansion. HENARO'S Aircon and Refrigeration Shop specializes in installation, services, and repairs for air conditioning and refrigeration units. The business offers the best warranty and competitive pricing. The warranty is the best in Palau with a 30 day warranty on parts and 90 day warranty on labor. For price inquiries, please contact Mr. Henaro Ngirailild at Tel. # (680)488-8137 or stop by his office at Medalaii located directly behind the Palau Visitors Authority Office

The Palau SBDC congratulates Mr. Henaro Ngirailild on his achievements in the sustainability to maintain his business operations and expansion. "We wish him success in his business future expansions", Lisa Abraham, Director, Palau SBDC.

The Palau SBDC will continue to offer workshops for prospective businesses, pre-venture, and existing businesses in preparation or to enhance your business skills. Future workshops will be promoted with flyers posted at all the large shopping centers, and government public bulletins. Similarly, each workshop announcement will be aired through Eco-Paradise 87.9 FM.

ASSISTANCE FOR BALANCING DOLLAR\$ & \$ENSE

Submitted by Lisa Abraham, Director of the Palau Small Business Development Center

Palau Small Business Development Center (Palau SBDC) in conjunction with the National Development Bank of Palau (NDBP), Bureau of Agriculture (BOA), Environmental Quality Protection Board (EQPB), and Palau Community Action Agency (PCAA) is conducting outreach programs for the rural states of Palau. Most recently, the team visited the States of Ngiwal and Aimeliik. The leadership of Ngiwal and Aimeliik through their respective governor's offices requested assistance from NDBP. Community members were very enthusiastic to learn more about various technical assistance and financial support available. The Palau SBDC and PCAA offer technical assistance to the public in formulating business plans/proposals for prospective businesses in start-up and/or expansion phase.

The Palau SBDC also provides "free" business workshops and exclusive technical workshops for existing businesses upon request. Similarly, the BOA and EQPB assist the community on various technical issues related to farming activities, earth moving, and application of chemical pesticides. NDBP's mission is to actively promote environmentally friendly economic development projects in all sectors of the nation through the provision of low cost capital. Quality projects must conduct their businesses in a profitable and sustainable manner." NDBP's main activity is the provision of financial support for housing and development based on properly prepared plans.

Outreach visits are open to all states interested in acquiring the same information or assistance. Inquiries may be made with NDBP by calling #488-2578. Counseling and/or business workshops for individuals, prospective businesses, and existing businesses may be arranged by calling the Palau SBDC at #488-6004. Future workshops will be promoted with flyers posted at all the large shopping centers, and government public bulletins. Similar announcements will be aired through the Eco-Paradise 87.9 FM radio station.

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Outstanding Students

DEAN'S LIST - HIGH HONOR

Asteen Marcil	ES/AG	19	3.84
Delma Mad	BA-AS	15	3.80
Leslie Kuterbis	THHO	13	3.85
Mayleen Rdechor	CJ	19	3.84
Rosemary Aliven	BA-AS	18	3.83
Wayne Blodak	CT	12	3.83

HONOR LIST

Arnold Benjamin	CJ	15	3.60
Brigit Sikyang	LA	16	3.75
Chien-Han Ku	THHM	19	3.68
Dayley Tesei	THTS	15	3.73
Dilyusech Polloi	THTS	13	3.69
Duke Joseph	SE	14	3.79
Fareeda Tomei	CJ	18	3.50
Grace Salvador	OA	15	3.60
Hui-Chun Chang	THHM	16	3.63
Imekedong Techur	THHM	13	3.77
Josepha Falngin	CJ	13	3.54
Joy Kintoki	LA	13	3.77
Landisang Kotaro	LA	13	3.69
Maria Remeliik	OA	12	3.75
Mcbolan Joshura	GECE	12	3.50
Michelle Ramos	NU	16	3.75
Ngeaol Kelmal	OA	12	3.50
Tanya Otei	OA	14	3.57
Tanya Rengulbai	OA	14	3.79
Tracey Tellei	BA	12	3.50
Tracy Estanislaus	OA	12	3.50
Violet Fernando	BA	12	3.75
Yutaka Gibbons Jr.	CT	16	3.75

BITS AND PIECES...

PCC Students Wanted for Intramural Sports Tournaments.....

There will be intramural co-ed volleyball and basketball tournaments expected to begin on February 7, 2005. Any interested student may register his/her team. Deadline to register your team is February 1, 2005. Cash prizes will be provided to the first three winning teams for each tournament.

National Scholarships Available.....

All PCC students who are recipients of the Palau National Scholarship Fund for the 2004-2005 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 2004 grade report as well as your spring 2005 class schedule. For detailed information about this matter, contact the National Scholarship Office at telephone (680) 488-3608.

MOH Holds Walkathon Tommorrow.....

The Ministry of Health's Community Advocacy Section (CAS) will hold a five kilometer walkathon on January 29, 2005. The walkathon will start at 5:45 am from the Olbiil Era Kelulau (OEK) up to the Office of the President and back to the OEK. The first 100 registrants will get free t-shirts. For more information please call Tino and Jane at 488-2001.

GVSU Offers Scholarships.....

Grand Valley State University (GVSU) is offering qualified applicants from PCC the opportunity to receive an annual scholarship. Up to three scholarships will be offered each fall semester. An international application can be found at the university's web site at <http://admissions.gvsu.edu>.

The deadline for filing is May 1, 2005. Mr. Jim Crawley, Associate Director for International Recruitment at GVSU can be contacted at crawleyj@gvsu.edu for address and other related information. Application for admissions will be mailed or e-mailed to those interested.

Former PCC Student Makes Dean's List at Southwestern Adventist University



Dirraiwong Omally Ngirachitei
Dean's List at Southwestern
University

Former PCC Student Dirraiwong Omally Ngirachitei has earned honorable recognition as she made the 2004 Dean's List at the Southwestern Adventist University. In order to gain this recognition, a student must maintain a semester GPA of 3.30 – 3.64 while taking a minimum of 15 hours of course work. This is not an easy accomplishment as only 5% of the student body receive such recognition. In a letter from Dr. Thomas G. Brunch, Vice President for Academic Administration to Ephraim Ngirachitei, Dirraiwong's father, Dr. Brunch said, "I am sure you are as proud of Dirraiwong's accomplishments as we are. We appreciate the level of success she has demonstrated on our campus and hope her experience

at Southwestern has been rewarding." Dirraiwong, who is a 2004 graduate of the Palau Mission Academy is the daughter of our PCC's Dorm Supervisor, Ephraim Ngirachitei. She briefly attended PCC during the summer prior to her entering Southwestern University. PCC would like to congratulate Dirraiwong on her success in making the Dean's List at Southwestern Adventist University and wish her continued success with her educational endeavors. PCC would also like to congratulate Ephraim and Joyce Ngirachitei on the accomplishment of their daughter.

Next week, the College and Bedochel Center will hold their monthly 'Tuesday Night's GATHERING' at the PCC Cafeteria. This month's theme is "GOOD HEALTH." 'Tuesday's Night's GATHERING' is one of the most rewarding student activities on PCC campus. Coordinated by the dean of students in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, Substance Abuse Prevention Office, the program is deemed a must for students, essential for self enrichment and character building.

This Keynote speaker for this year's first gathering will be Dr. Sylvia Andres, Chief of the Ministry of Health's Behavioral Health Division. PCC Student Body Association President, Tmetuchl Baules will deliver the welcoming remarks, while the Kosraean students will provide musical entertainment. PCC Instructor Joe Chilton will conclude with the closing remarks while Dorm Supervisor, Mr. Ephraim Ngirachitei will be the master of ceremony.

'Tuesday Nights Gathering' was designed to encourage our youth to actively participate in addressing local, state, and national issues regarding one of the most precious commodities the world holds....a nation's youth! It encourages positive role modeling and identifying good role models within the community and among peers.

If you would like more information about this program or wish to attend a gathering, information may be obtained by contacting **Ms. Marensia Edward** at PCC telephone number 488-3036.

Attention PCC Staff and Faculty

The PCC maintenance staff would like to remind everyone that the garbage collection time remains at 4:00 pm daily. Please have your garbage brought to the appropriate locations for proper disposal by 4:00 pm. Please don't put any trash out after the 4:00 pm pick-up time. Thank you for helping to keep PCC clean and beautiful.



USPers Rock the PCC Endowment Fund

Palau Community College is excited to begin the New Year by announcing the addition of new members to the PCC Bi-Weekly Endowment Fund Contributors' Club! This week, most of our new donors are from the wonderful and beautiful state of Peleliu. Nine employees from MOE's Peleliu Elementary School have set the standard as our biggest number of donors yet this year. This week we welcome nine (9) new members, from Peleliu State, **Eithiopia Mobil, Alex Cruz, Cliff Cruz, Valentine Debesol, Raven Shmull, Alfonso Samil, Ponsiana Sambal, Olympia Amano, and Barbra Solang.**

Once again, we welcome these new members as they showcase their commitment to support PCC's continued efforts to providing quality education to the students from Palau and the Micronesian region. If you would like to join the PCC Endowment Fund Contributors' Club, please call Hulda, Dilubch, or Temmy at PCC telephone number 488-2470/2471, extension 253. They will be very happy to assist you!


Spring Semester 2005

December	27-30 (M-TH)	Placement Testing
January	3-5 (M-W)	Freshman Orientation & Advising
January	6 (TH)	Registration
January	10 (M)	First Day of Instruction
January	10-14 (M-F)	Late Registration/Drop & Add Period
February	18 (F)	Last Day to Remove Incomplete Grades for Fall Semester
March	7-11 (M-F)	Mid-Term Period
March	14-18 (M-F)	Students' Spring Break
March	15 (T)	Holiday: Youth Day
March	25 (F)	Last Day For All Withdrawals
April	1 (F)	PCC Charter Day Celebration
April	2(S)	PCC Charter Day
May	5 (TH)	Holiday: Senior Citizens' Day
May	6 (F)	Last Day of Instruction
May	9-11 (M-W)	Final Examination Period
May	11 (W)	Graduates' Grades Due
May	16(M)	Grades Due
May	20 (F)	Commencement Exercises
		End of Spring Semester
		Students' Spring Recess

Adult High School 2005 Spring Semester Calendar

January 10-28	Registration Old and New Students
January 26	Teachers' Workshop
January 27	Orientation, New Students
January 31	CLASSES BEGIN
March 9-10	MIDTERM EXAMS
March 14-18	Spring Break - NO CLASSES
March 15	HOLIDAY: Youth Day
April 1	PCC CHARTER DAY - NO CLASSES
April 21	Last Day of Instruction
April 25-26	Final Exams
May 3	Grades Due
May 5	HOLIDAY: Senior Citizen's Day
May 20	Commencement Exercises

Celebrating Birthdays

	Rennette Meyar	January 31
	Felix Sengebaur	January 31
	Eileen Babauta	February 2
	Vernice Yuzi	February 2

Happy Birthday To You!!!



*Krystle Benjamin
President's List*



*Duke Joseph
Honor List*



*Leslie Kuterbis
Dean's List*



*Joy Paib
President's List*



*Joy Kintoki
Honor List*



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