

Alumni Notes

Class of 2005 (PCC)



Daughnie Fredrick - 2005
PCC graduate with a CA in Office Administration. Ms. Fredrick is an Administrative Assistant for the Financial Institution Commission.

Class of 2004 (PCC)



Renay Robert - 2004
PCC graduate with a CA in Office Administration. She works for the Office of the President as an Administrative Assistant.

Great Job, you make us proud!

Alumni Notes showcases MOC/PCC alumni who contribute to the quality of life in their local community and are positive role models for other PCC students to emulate. If you are that alumni 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 *Mesekiu's News*.

Celebrating Birthdays



Lorenza Joseph October 10
Sharon Elbelau October 11
Happy Birthday To You!!!



Mesekiu's News

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Vacancy Announcement

Position : Library and Information Services Instructor
Salary : \$18,730 to \$28,833 per annum (Depending on qualifications)

Palau Community College seeks an experienced full-time faculty member to teach and serve as a mentor for students in our Associate of Library and Information Services program. The Library and Information Services (LS) program is a new academic program at PCC and it is the first of its kind in Palau and the Pacific island region. The program begins this August 2005 and is designed to teach current and future library staff the skills in the areas of library organization, cataloging, reference, research, community outreach, instruction and library management.

Examples of Duties

Responsible for teaching courses in accordance with the approved course outlines and developing curriculum for his/her respective division; maintaining accurate attendance; counseling and advising students as needed; submitting required reports; serving on college committees; enforcing college policies and performing other duties as assigned.

Employment Qualifications

Education and Experience: Masters Degree in Library and Information Science or equivalent level of qualifications plus five years experience in the academic field with progressive levels of responsibility. Applicants with teaching experience preferred. Knowledge of Pacific cultures and familiarity with Pacific information resources a plus. Possess excellent communication skills and sound people management skills.

General Information

Application forms can be obtained from Human Resources Division at Palau Community College - P.O. Box 9 - Koror, Palau - 96940. Send completed application with transcript(s), resume, and verification of previous employment(s), if any, to the same address. For further information, contact Ms. Karen Mobel at telephone (680) 488-2470/2471. Applications may also be obtained via the Palau Community College website at www.palau.edu.

PCC is an Equal Opportunity Action Employer.

Important Dates to Remember

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| Mid-Term Period | October 17-21, 2005 (M-F) |
| Holiday: U. N. Day | October 24, 2005 (M) |
| Last Day for all Withdrawals | October 31, 2005 (M) |
| Holiday: Thanksgiving Day | November 24, 2005 (TH) |
| Students' Thanksgiving Break | November 24-25, 2005 (TH-F) |
| Last Day of Instruction | December 09, 2005 (F) |
| Final Examination Period | December 12-14, 2005 (M-W) |
| Grades Due | December 19, 2005 (M) |



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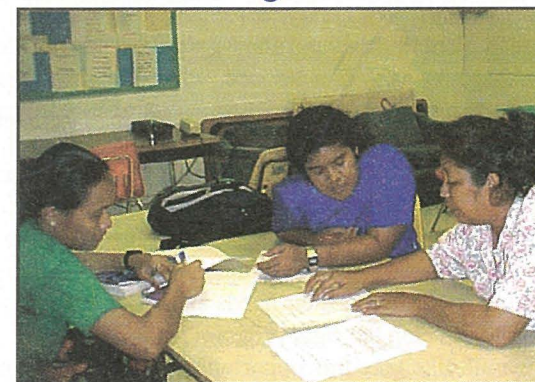


Friday, October 7, 2005

Weekly Newsletter

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SSS-Project Beacon Programs Get Students Rolling



Project Beacon staff Midori Mersai (3rd-right) tutors students at the Project Beacon Learning Center.

Along with the standard student support services, SSS-Project Beacon staff continue to conduct extra activities designed to augment student learning as well as help them achieve academic success. On Monday & Tuesday, October 3 - 4, Review Sessions for "Math 90- Chapter 2-Fractions," were held at the Project Beacon Lab, conducted by Math Instructor, Mekreos Silil. Students that took advantage of the math review sessions passed their Chapter 2 test with flying colors on the scheduled test date, which was Wednesday, October 5th. A Study Session/Workshop on "Classification Essay" was also conducted on Tuesday, October 4th. The session was conducted by English Instructor Midori Mersai, with the assistance of Shelley Remengesau, a peer tutor at the Project Beacon Lab. The first part of the session focused on what a classification essay entails, and the latter part involved assistance with individual outlines. On Wednesday, October 5th, Counselor Adora Nobuo-Andreas, and Instructor Midori Mersai conducted a workshop on TOEFL Preparation, entitled "Hints & Tips on Taking TOEFL Exam." The actual TOEFL Test is on October 15, 2005, hence the appropriate timing of this particular workshop was necessary to better prepare students for the Toefl test. On Friday & Saturday, October 7-8, as a part of our Cultural Enrichment Program, there will be an overnight "Cultural Site Visit to Kayangel State", sponsored by SSS-Project Beacon and Student Services. The activities to be conducted will include a tour of the historical sites in Kayangel State, demonstration/participation of basket weaving & fishing, and workshops to be conducted by counselors and instructors. Chaperones for the cultural site visit include staff from Project Beacon and Student Services. A staff from the Bureau of Arts & Culture will also accompany the staff and students on this cultural site visit. During the week of October 10th, a variety of activities to be conducted include a Review Session for "Classification Essay-Rough Draft" with English Instructor Midori Mersai, "Job-Site Visit to Koror State Government" with Counselor Cynthia Malsol, Review Sessions for "Math 90-Chapter 3-Mixed Numbers" by Math Instructor Mekreos Silil, and a "Mid-Term Study Marathon" in preparation for Mid-Term Exam which is scheduled for the week of October 16th, 2005. Once again, we urge program participants to stop by the SSS-Project Beacon Bulletin Board so they can be updated on the on-going events, as well as up-coming activities. If you have any questions, comments and or recommendations, then please stop by the office and let us know. Your feedback on our services and activities will allow us to continue to improve our services for you the students.

Dr. Tsujihara Attends Anniversary of the Belau National Museum

Dr. Makihiko Tsujihara, associate professor of the Prefectural University of Kumamoto in Japan, was here in Palau to present his work on Japanese historical architecture in Palau during the 50th Anniversary of the Belau National Museum. Dr. Tsujihara conducted an extensive architectural study on buildings that were built by the Japanese during Japan's administration of the Micronesian islands. His work is currently on display at the new Belau National Museum, the display includes drawings, pictures and miniature structures of the historical landmarks of the Japanese era in Palau that are still in use today. Dr. Tsujihara also conducted studies on other structures in Koror including the Belau National Museum and Palau Judiciary, and other structures that were also constructed by during the Japanese era in Palau. The College UKALL building is the largest existing structure built by the Japanese that is still standing here in Koror. The presentation of Dr. Tsujihara's work was unveiled simultaneously with the 50th Anniversary and grand opening of the Belau National Museum. Dr. Tsujihara also presented a booklet to the PCC Library containing his collected works filled with the architectural history of Japan's legacy in Palau. PCC thanks Dr. Tsujihara for his donation and wishes him and his wife a warm farewell on their return home.



(l-r) PCC student Barnabas Tepengailug, Mrs. Tsujihara and Mr. Tsujihara, and PCC students, Victor Yatilman and Kerney Kotaro.

CE Office Visits Ngchesar State CE Office Conducts a Needs Assessment Outreach Program



Residents from Ngchesar State listening to a presentation on training programs offered by the CE Office.

Willy Wally, PCC's Dean of Continuing Education went to Ngchesar State on Tuesday, October 5, 2005 to conduct a training needs assessment for the residents of the state. Almost 20 people attended the meeting where they learned about the many educational programs and short-term training the College offers. In addition, local residents also expressed their interests, shared their opinions and suggestions as well as make their requests for the type of training programs they needed for their community. Most of the participants inquired about the programs on computer training, cooking classes and farming. The Palau Community College CE Office would like to thank Governor Florencio Adelbai, traditional leaders, and the people of Ngchesar State for their warm hospitality and assistance in helping organize the community assessment seminar.

The Palau Community College Continuing Education Office has been conducting training assessments throughout the Republic of Palau's 16 states. The visits are aimed at gauging the interests as well as the training needs of each state by working closely with the state governments and traditional leaders to develop the best short-term training possible. This past month the CE office concluded its visit to the States of Angaur, Ngardmau, Kayangel, Ngaraard and Ngchesar. During each visit, CE staff provided a presentation on the wide variety of educational programs and short-term trainings the College offers such as the Adult High School program, online degree programs, computer training, accounting, auto mechanics and much more. Each program can be specifically tailored to meet the needs of their community, for example because of the development of small-scale tourism in Kayangel and Ngardmau state, residents chose programs on marketing and customer service, while the residents of Angaur State chose a specific training program on small outboard engine repair. Every program is different and can be adapted to the specific needs of the community. Willy Wally, Dean of Continuing Education said, "The training assessment program is a proactive approach of meeting the needs of the community. For many individuals living outside Koror, gaining access to the educational programs the College offers can be challenging. So for us, it is an opportunity to reach out to them, listen to their needs and work closely with state and traditional leaders to develop the right program for them."

Wally added, "I would like take this opportunity to thank the governors, traditional leaders and especially the community of Angaur, Ngaraard, Ngardmau, Kayangel and Ngchesar States for being wonderful hosts and making our visits truly memorable. We have heard your requests and we stand ready to provide you with the quality training you need to develop your respective states and enrich the lives of your community through life-long learning."

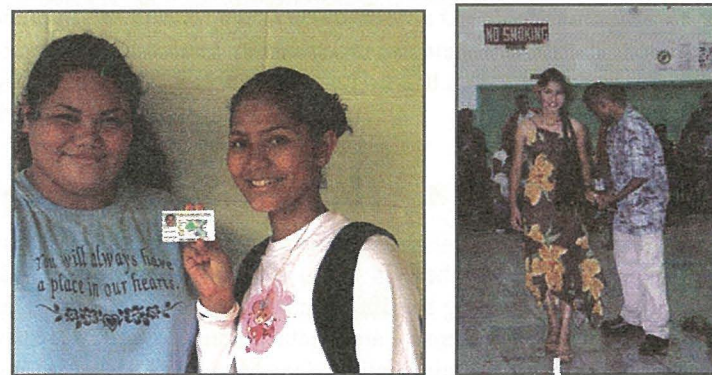
Automotive Students Install Gas Stove for PCC Cafeteria



Eugene Uehara, supervising his students as they put their welding skills to the test on a new stove for the PCC Cafeteria.

Eugene Uehara, Instructor of Automotive Mechanics Technology had his students practice their welding skills by installing a grill/gas stove for the PCC Cafeteria. This hands-on approach to education gives welding students valuable experience as well as an opportunity to practice the skills they learned in class.

PCC Student Wins Independence Day Pageant



1st Photo: Miss Independence 2005, Revalyn At'lig (second-right) poses with her good friend Chandice Cooper. 2nd Photo: Ms. Atalig, in formal island wear during this year's 2005 Miss Independence Day Pageant. She is a freshmen majoring in Office Administration. The title of Mr. Independence went to Palau High School student Pleasant Haruo. The pageant was held at the PCC Cafeteria this past Friday September 30, 2005. Congratulations Ms. Atalig!

BITS AND PIECES... Board of Trustee Schedule....

The PCC Board of Trustees during its September regular meeting changed the dates for the regular meetings for the remainder of the year in order to accommodate the Student Trustee's class schedule. The new dates are as follows: October 25, November 22 and December 20, 2005. The Executive Committee, during its September 23, 2005 meeting established the following schedule of its regular meetings beginning every last Friday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the PCC Boardroom. The dates are as follows: October 28, November 25, and December 30, 2005.

Pick Up Your Degrees...

The Office of Registrar and Records would like to inform the recent graduates of the PCC Summer 2005 class that their diplomas and certificates are ready to be picked up at their office. For more information, please contact the Office of Registrar and Records at 488-2470/2471, ext 247, 257 or 274.

Mens Health Forum...

The Family Health Program of the Bureau of Public Health is announcing the Men's Health Forum held today, Friday, October 7, 2005 at the Ngarachamayong Cultural Center. The goal of the Forum is to educate men of all ages throughout Palau about health issues of the 21st Century. The Forum will be headed by Dr. Stevenson Kuartei, Director of Public Health. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this very worthwhile forum.

Special Thanks to MOH...

Tarmau "Terry" Ngirmang, PCC Nursing Instructor, on behalf of the students from the PCC Nursing Program would like to thank David Rykken from the Ministry of Health for providing funding for the CPR recertification class. PCC students joined MOH nursing staff as they were recertified during classes taught by the Palau Red Cross Society. Again, thank you to Mr. Rykken and the Ministry of Health for helping support the PCC Nursing Program.

Study Tips to Help You Make the Grade!

(Study Tips are taken from: <http://www.how-to-study.com/>)

The DETER Strategy for Taking Tests

To do well on a test, you must have good knowledge of the information that is being tested. But you must also have a strategy for taking the test that allows you to show what you know. The DETER strategy can help you do your best on any test. Each letter in DETER reminds you what to do.

D = Directions

Read the test directions very carefully. Ask your teacher to explain anything about the test directions you do not understand. Only by following the directions can you achieve a good score on the test. If you do not follow the directions, you will not be able to demonstrate what you know.

E = Examine

Examine the entire test to see how much you have to do. Only by knowing the entire task can you break it down into parts that become manageable for you.

T = Time

Once you have examined the entire test, decide how much time you will spend on each item. If there are different points for items, plan to spend the most time on the items that count for the most points. Planning your time is especially important for essay tests where you must avoid spending so much time on one item that you have little time left for other test items.

E = Easiest

The second E in DETER reminds you to answer the items you find easiest first. If you get stuck on a difficult item that comes up early in the test, you may not get to answer items that test things you know.

R = Review

If you have planned your time correctly, you will have time to review your answers and make them as complete and accurate as possible. Also make sure to review the test directions to be certain you have answered all items required.

Using the DETER strategy will help you do better on tests and get better grades

PCC Annual Report Preparation

Once again, it is time for the College to begin preparing the Fiscal Year 2005 (FY 2005) Annual Report in accordance with Republic of Palau Public Law 4-2. As stipulated in the law, the College is required to submit the Report to the Board of Trustees by December 31st. The Board of Trustees then has until April 1st of the following year to review and submit the Report to the national leadership.

All PCC departments, divisions and offices are hereby reminded to begin compiling their respective reports, and submit them to Temmy Temengil at the Development Office by Monday October 31, 2005. The reports should reflect each department's/division's/office's goals and objectives as stated in the College's Ten-Year Master Plan, as well as major accomplishments and progress made during FY 2005. Anyone who has questions or would like further information is requested to contact Jay Olegeriil, PCC Vice President at extension 226 or our Public Relations Manger Temmy Temengil at extension 252.

Commonly referred to as the Higher Education Act of 1993, the Republic of Palau Public Law 4-2 created Palau Community College from what was then known as Micronesian Occupational College.