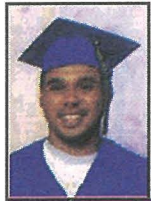


Alumni Notes

Class of 2001 (PCC)



Jason Maluchiw - 2001 PCC graduate with two AS degrees. One degree in Tourism and Hospitality and the

other in Hotel Management. He is currently working as a bartender and tour guide for Sam's Dive Tours.

Class of 2002 (PCC)



Rosella Ngiraungil - 2002 PCC graduate with an AS degree in Office Administration. She is currently working as a Sales Representative for P.NCC.

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

Jefferson Thomas	October 31
Elia Rdiall	November 1
Tchuzie Tadao	November 1
Dahlia Katosang	November 3

Happy Birthday To You!!!

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World AIDS Day

Each year a particular theme is chosen for World AIDS Day:

- 2005—Stop AIDS. Keep the Promise
- 2004—Women, Girls, HIV and AIDS
- 2003—Stigma & Discrimination
- 2002—Stigma & Discrimination
- 2001—I Care. Do You?
- 2000—AIDS: Men Make a Difference
- 1999—Listen, Learn, Live: World AIDS Campaign with Children & Young People
- 1998—Force for Change: World AIDS Campaign with Young People
- 1997—Children Living in a World with AIDS
- 1996—One World, One Hope
- 1995—Shared Rights, Shared Responsibilities
- 1994—AIDS & the Family
- 1993—Act
- 1992—Community Commitment
- 1991—Sharing the Challenge
- 1990—Women & AIDS
- 1989—Youth
- 1988—Communication

The Red Ribbon is an international symbol of AIDS awareness that is worn by people all year round and particularly around World AIDS Day (December 1st) to demonstrate care and concern about HIV and AIDS, and to remind others of the need for their support and commitment. The HIV/AIDS/STD Programs **ENCOURAGE YOU** to stop by at our office located at IA Business Center and get yourself a Red Ribbon pin and at the same time visit our Resource Center. For further information, you can call Ms. Mayla D. Adolph @ 488-1757 or email: hircmoh@palaunet.com.

PCC BASEBALL TEAM WANTS YOU!



PCC's 2004-05 Mesekiu Baseball Team

Once again, the Palau Major League season is getting ready for another exciting season. The College is recruiting players for this year's Mesekiu Baseball Team. If you are interested in joining our team, please sign up at the Recreation Office. This year we have some very promising new players who were members of the Palau National Team during the recent South Pacific Mini-Games. Join them and represent your College. Athletic Scholarships are available to qualified students. The first team meeting will take place on Monday, October 24, 2005 at 11:30 am. at the Mesekiu Bai, during which the practice schedule will be established.



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BOT Chair Speaks at Emergency Health Conference



Bilung Gloria G. Salii, BOT Chairperson delivers her presentation on the traditional role of Palauan women at Palau's first ever Emergency Health Conference held at the Ngarachamayong Cultural Center. Inset: Bilung Gloria G. Salii.

BILUNG Gloria G. Salii, Chairperson, PCC Board of Trustees and PCC President Patrick U. Tellei were guest speakers at Palau's first ever Emergency Health Conference "Building Partnerships". The event was organized by the Ministry of Health's Bureau of Public Health Services. The purpose of the conference was to assist Pacific Island nations prepare themselves for disaster emergencies. The conference also provided a forum for individuals from throughout the region to join together to address the issues of the injured individual, injured nation, terrorism and build a more 'prepared' Pacific community. Bilung Gloria G. Salii spoke on Palau's traditional culture and the vital role Palauan women play in helping mitigate the effects of emergencies and natural disasters. Her presentation gave participants a deeper insight into the dynamics of Palauan culture and how traditional wisdom can be applied to today's modern world in addressing the issue of emergency preparedness. PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, also spoke at the conference as a panelist on the discussion of building a better community. During his presentation, Dr. Tellei briefed the audience on the support the College may provide the public during an emergency or natural disaster. PCC President Dr. Tellei said, "This conference was a great opportunity for us to build a better, and more effective emergency response system for our nation and our region. On behalf of the College, I thank the Ministry of Health in collaboration with U.S federal grant programs for sponsoring this event, which not only helped improve our emergency response capabilities but also made our islands safer for future generations to come."

PCC Thanksgiving Fundraiser is Set

PALAU Community College has started its activities for the 2005 Thanksgiving Fundraiser for the PCC Endowment Fund. This will be the seventh year in a row that the College holds such an event. This year, the fundraiser will be held on the PCC campus courtyard, and will take place on Wednesday November 23, the day before Thanksgiving from 1:00 - 6:00 pm. Throughout the course of the afternoon, drawing of the fund raising tickets will be held for the many wonderful prize giveaways. 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 available; therefore, people interested should donate and get their tickets before they get all sold out. Last year, we had 2,000 tickets and they were all sold out! Stop by at Development Office and see Hulda, Dilubch, or Temmy for ticket information.

Palasia and PRR Donate to Thanksgiving Fundraiser



(l-r) PCC's Hulda Lukas, Development Office Staff, and Todd Ngiramengior, Special Assistant to the President receive the donation on behalf of the College from Janice Agwon, Palasia Assistant Reservation Manager. Palasia donated three (3) gift certificates for overnight stays and two (2) gift certificates for one month memberships at Palasia Health and Fitness Center. Thank you so much Palasia for your kind donation.



(l-r) Armstrong Debelbot, PCC Development Officer receives donation from Isao Takahashi, General Manager for Palau Royal Resort (PRR) and Melissa Joseph, Public Relations Supervisor. Ms. Joseph is also a PCC alumna who graduated last year with a degree in Tourism and Hospitality. PRR donated two (2) gift certificates for overnight stays and two (2) gift certificates for a buffet dinner at the PRR Waves Restaurant. Thank you so much PRR for your kind donation.

Adult High School Gets Off to a Clean Start!



(l-r) Great Ngotel and Waymen Sebalt.

On Friday, October 14th, Adult High School students had their first meeting and clean-up day of this new school year. Adult High School classes started on September 19, 2005. About 13 students showed up for the meeting and to clean the classrooms used by the AHS classes, and the AHS office area. This coming October 26th, the AHS students will elect those students among themselves who will work with the whole student body and the AHS staff to plan and organize projects for the program this school year. Most of the students who came are on track to complete their program in the Spring 2006, so completion of their program was on the agenda. Although this year the number of students enrolled are less than previous semesters – about 70 students, there are some quite active students who are excited about continuing their education and are looking forward to a good year. So be prepared to hear some exciting news from this corner of the PCC campus during this school year! The AHS staff wish to thank the following students who helped clean up Room 29 and the Adult High School office area: Christez Ongrung, Vannessa Ngiralmu, Diksella Markungael, Humiko Arurang, Jack Nixon (Olkebot), Wayman Selbart, Motol Remoket, Elwel Mira, Great Ngotel, Chisanth Kiuluul, Emil Ngirmeriil, and Pollan Paulino. Keep up the good work!



(l-r) Elwel Mira and Christez Ongrung.



(l-r) Polan Paulino and Jack Nixon.

PCC Students Off to Tourism Summit in Japan



(l-r) PCC Stidents Patricia Remeliik, Zillah Mereb, Anisa Hanser, and Filton Rdechor.

ON November 8-15, the Ritsumeikan Asia-Pacific University (APU) in Kyushu, Japan in collaboration with the Oita Prefecture, and Beppu City will host the '2005 Students' Tourism Summit. The following PCC students will participate in the upcoming summit, namely: Anisa Hanser, Filton Rdechor, Patricia Remeliik, and Zillah Mereb. These students along with other participants will have an opportunity to be part of a free and innovative international discussion related to this year's theme, "Towards the Future of Tourism-Dynamic, Sustainable, and Boundless."

The summit is devoted to the development of tourism and human resources capable of strengthening and fostering the advancement of the tourism industry. In addition, this summit will create better opportunities for the students to learn and promote Palau as a tourist destination on an international scale as well as provide opportunities for students to expand and increase their skills and knowledge in the tourism industry.

Farewell to SDSU Professor



SDSU Professor Rafaela Santa Cruz (front center) poses with her students.

DR. Rafaela Santa Cruz, a professor from San Diego State University (SDSU) was here in Palau to teach a course on Assessment in Mathematics (TE 511). The class was attended by almost thirty students who are part of cohort of individuals seeking

to receive a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education from SDSU. Most of the students taking the course are individuals who either work fulltime as teachers for the Ministry of Education or as professionals employed in the field of education. The class began on October 3rd and ended on October 8, 2005. This weeklong class focused on teaching the students the proper method of assessing the learning level of students in the area of math. Instructional methods and assessment was the focus of this course. The Bachelor of Arts in Education program is offered in collaboration with the Center for Pacific Studies at Interwork Institute/SDSU, the Undergraduate Division at SDSU and Palau Community College. This course of study is designed to provide knowledge in multiple subjects to elementary and secondary educators. This program is specifically designed and delivered to accommodate the working adult. Instruction is delivered on island or through distance learning. The College would like to thank Professor Rafaela Santa Cruz for doing a wonderful job in teaching our students as well as reaffirming the already warm and friendly relationship PCC shares with SDSU. For more information on the SDSU Bachelor of Arts Program, please contact Sherman Daniel, Associate Dean of the School of Technical Education at 488-2471, ext 254.

BITS AND PIECES...

Happy UN Day....

Sunday, October 24, 2005 is United Nations Day, a national holiday in Palau. In observance of the UN Day holiday, all PCC offices will be closed and only essential services will be provided during that day. The College wishes all of you a happy and safe holiday.

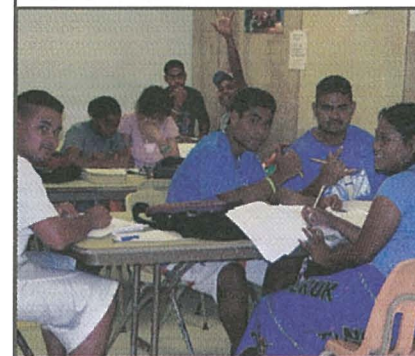
CRE Sponsors Workshop....

Palau's New Product Development Committee (NPDC) in cooperation with the PCC's Cooperative Research and Extension (CRE) announced its first in a series of workshops entitled "Made in Palau", aimed at increasing the development and sale of local products. The workshop will open from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m at the CE Training Room on Oct. 27, 2005. It will highlight the success of entrepreneurs who have developed products made in Palau, and will provide helpful information to those who are interested in developing and selling Palauan products of their own. The first workshop will focus on possible taro products for the tourism market and include a variety of sample products for viewing. Everyone please register early because space is limited. Developing new products made in Palau is a great way to make money, and a great way to help Palau's economy. Please call the PCC-CRE Office at 488-2746 to register or for additional information.

Scholarships Available....

Pacific Island Development Bank (PIDB) is again offering scholarships for school year 2005-2006. A scholarship of \$ 500.00 will be awarded to each recipient, one each from the following PIDB member nations or States: Chuuk, CNMI, Guam, Kosrae, Palau, Pohnpei and Yap. Priority consideration will be given to students majoring in economics, business, accounting and finance. How to apply? Submit a letter of interest with the following supporting documents: proof of citizen (copy of passport or birth certificate), high school or college transcript, two letters of recommendation, college acceptance letter, and a resume including a brief statement on the reason for your selected field of study, to the following address: Pacific Island Development Bank, Suite 204 GCIC Bldg.414 West Soledad Avenue Hagatna, Guam 96910. Tel. (671) 477-0047 Fax. (671) 477-0067 Email: pidbank@guam.net

SSS-Project Beacon's October Activities Continue....



Project Beacon (PB) students preparing for midterm exams at the PB Learning Center.

AFTER the unforgettable "Cultural Exposure Trip" to the beautiful Isle of Kayangel, students were once again hitting the books as they prepared for the Mid-Term Exams. On Oct. 13 & 14, 2005 (Thurs. and Fri.), "Study Marathons," were conducted at the Project Beacon Lab to prepare students for the Mid-Term Exams that were scheduled for this week, Oct. 17 -21, 2005. Similar to previous study marathons, the whole

purpose of the activity is to provide a place where students can walk in during their free time and review for the mid-terms. Snacks and refreshments were made available to sustain the students as they studied. Program Instructors, Counselors, as well as peer tutors/counselors were available for assistance with reviews, and organization of notes. A total of one-hundred forty-six (146)



Project Beacon students busy studying.

students participated in the study marathons. Classes that students reviewed for included that of English (EN), Math (MA), Science (SC), Business Accounting (BA), Computer Science (CS), Health-Physical Education (HP) and Tourism and Hospitality (TH) among others. During peak hours we ran out of space so some students had to utilize the Project Beacon Main office for studying. On Oct. 17 & 18, 2005 (Mon. and Tues.), review sessions for "MA90: Chapter 3 - Mixed Numbers," were conducted at the Project Beacon Lab with Math Instructor Mekreos Silil. As demonstrated with prior review sessions, students that participated actually passed the scheduled chapter tests with flying colors. On Oct. 18 & 19, 2005 (Tues. and Wed.), review sessions were held for EN112 students on, "Classification Essay-Final Rough Draft" with English Instructor Midori Mersai at the Project Beacon Lab. Five students came in with final drafts of their classification essays for review and editing purposes prior to class submission. Upcoming scheduled events to look forward to include:

- "Movie Night" & "Information Workshop on the Prevention of Alcohol Abuse," On Oct. 21, 2005 at 7:00pm (Fri. Night), at Dorm B. Workshop will be jointly presented by program counselor Adora Nobuo-Andreas, and college counselor Deikola Olikong. Popcorn and refreshments will be provided.
- "Causal/Effect Outlines," study sessions/workshops for EN112 students will be held at the Project Beacon Lab with English Instructor Midori Mersai, Oct. 25 & 26, 2005 (Tues. & Wed.).
- "Transfer Information Workshop," for sophomore participants is scheduled from 12:00pm – 1:00pm at the Project Beacon Lab on Oct. 27, 2005 (Thurs.). Participants will be provided lunch and refreshments.