

PNOC Takes Thanksgiving Fundraising Softball Championship

As part of the festivities of PCC's Endowment Fundraiser, a softball tournament was sponsored by the MOC/PCC Alumni Association, the Belau Softball Umpires Association (BSUA) and Tiull 2000 to raise funds for PCC's Endowment Fund. The tournament was held during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend and featured ten (10) coed teams from some of the best softball teams in Palau. This year the championship went to the softball team from the Palau National Olympic Committee (PNOC) who had to beat the upstart Kesebelau team from Airai twice to win the tournament. Kesebelau despite their first game loss to PNOC in the first round had to battle back from the loser's bracket to face PNOC again in the championship finals. The younger and faster Kesebelau team won the first game and forced a sudden death playoff for the championship. However, PNOC came back to win the last game and thus win the tournament. The power and experience of the PNOC players proved to be the deciding factor as they beat a very talented and much younger Kesebelau team for the championship. All the games were action packed and kept many of the fans and players entertained throughout the tournament. The games were filled with fun and all the teams demonstrated good sportsmanship. The College would like to express its sincere appreciation to the MOC/PCC Alumni Association, BSUA and Tiull 2000 for donating their time and energy and helping make the softball tournament a success. The College would like to congratulate PNOC for winning the championship and also thank the teams and their sponsors for helping raise \$2000 for PCC's Endowment Fund.



Tournament winners: PNOC display their championship trophy and pose with officials from BSUA and Tiull 2000.



Second place finishers: Kesebelau team captains display their trophy and pose with BSUA Officials Nisim Remoket and Eugene Uehara.



Third place finishers: Angaur team members display their trophy and pose with BSUA Officials Nisim Remoket and Eugene Uehara.

Thank you for helping raise \$2000 for PCC's Endowment Fund!

TEAM	SPONSOR
PNOC (Tournament Champs!)	PNOC
Kesebelau (2nd Place)	Airai State Gov.
Angaur (3rd Place)	Angaur State Gov.
Ngerkebesang	Koror State Gov.
Meyuns	Elbuchel Sadang, Minister of Finance
Koror State	Koror State Gov.
Ngerchemai	Koror State Gov.
PCC SBA I	PCC Student Body Assoc.
PCC SBA II	PCC Student Body Assoc.
PCS	Palau Conservation Society

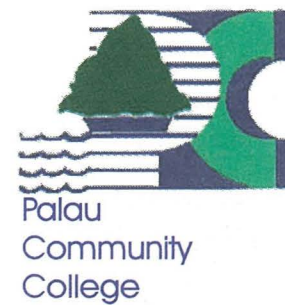
Celebrating Birthdays

Laura S. Mangham December 5
Ephraim Ngirachitei December 5

Happy Birthday To You!!!

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PCC Conducts Kebeas Eradication Project



PCC staff and students are all smiles after a hard day's work of clearing the Kebeas.



PCC Pres. Dr. Tellei and CRE VP Thomas Taro discuss time to talk story and breathe the fresh air of the outdoors!



These PCC staff members take a break after uprooting Kebeas vines.



PCC students display stumps of the Kebeas vine they have just cut!

In honor of the Thanksgiving Holiday, PCC staff, students and faculty conducted a Mikania Kebeas eradication project held at Ngchesechang, Airai State. Almost a hundred PCC students and staff participated in the event and worked together to clear almost a mile of the dreaded Kebeas. The Kebeas is an invasive species which, if left unmonitored, could pose a danger to Palau's delicate eco-system because it can rapidly outgrow and overwhelm Palau's forests. This invasive plant is a fast growing vine that blankets Palau's forests and suffocates them by blocking out the sun. It is an aggressive plant that grows throughout the Palauan island chain and poses a danger to Palau's delicate eco-system because it can wipe out forests that serve as a natural habitat for many of Palau's unique bird and animal species that depend on the forests for food and shelter. After a hard day's work in the hot sun and rummaging through the jungle, participants were treated to cool refreshments and a wonderful Thanksgiving luncheon with all the fixings prepared by PCC's cafeteria staff. The Kebeas eradication project is part of the College's effort to help protect Palau's rich environment while giving back to the community. PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei said, "The Kebeas eradication project served as an opportunity to work side by side with our staff and students to protect our natural environment, reaffirm our bonds as one PCC family and share in the spirit of Thanksgiving."

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Thank You Palau for Helping PCC Raise Over \$36,000



Members of the PCC family pose with the Honorable Senator Surangel Whipps and Honorable Senator Alfonso Diaz during the 7th Annual Thanksgiving Endowment Fundraiser.

A very grateful Palau Community College family of Trustees, administration, faculty and staff, and most especially students, would like to thank the many agencies, businesses, corporations, groups, and individuals for their generous support. Your commitment to Palau's only institution of higher education has resulted in a most successful 7th Thanksgiving Fundraiser for the PCC Endowment Fund, where we exceeded our \$20,000 goal, and in fact raised over \$36,000! We would also like to express our appreciation to Senator Alfonso Diaz, a long time trusted friend and supporter of the College for broadcasting the fundraiser live on his radio station, 89.5 for the fourth straight year in a row. In the spirit of this season of Thanksgiving, we would like to acknowledge all of you for your support and commitment to the fundraiser by providing prizes, making donations and purchasing tickets. Your support has truly made a difference and we here at PCC are truly grateful to everyone who supported our fundraiser for your kindness and generosity. Thank you very much!

PCC Receives Grant For Marine Science Program

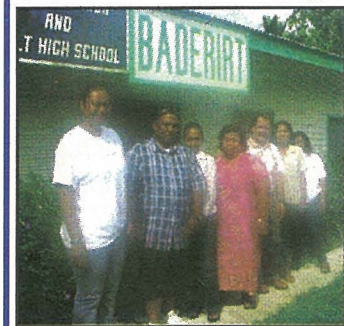


PCC President, Dr. Patrick U. Tellei signs grant agreement for PCC's Environmental Marine Science Program with PCC Instructor Vernice Yuji and Jay Olegeriil PCC-VP looking on.

PCC is proud to announce that it has received a \$112,500 grant to implement and strengthen the Environmental Marine Science Program for the College. The grant will be facilitated by Vernice Yuji, PCC Science Instructor. The purpose of the grant is to help produce Palauan scientists by preparing PCC students to enter four-year science programs where they can continue their education and go on to receive their masters and doctoral degrees. In addition, the grant will help PCC fulfill the human resource demand for lab technicians and research assistants for local community organizations and businesses. The secondary goal is to strengthen science education for all PCC students by improving the range and content of science courses offered by the College. Vernice Yuji, said, "Protecting Palau's unique pristine environment depends on having an educated and qualified workforce responsible for protecting and managing our marine environment. Such a grant as this will help PCC meet those needs by ensuring that the young Palauans who dream of becoming scientists, researchers or marine biologists have the tools, expertise and support they need to make their dreams become a reality." The grant will be used to provide scholarships for students in the Marine Science Program, to hire an additional science instructor and researchers and to purchase new equipment for PCC's

science lab. Funding for the program is part of a \$750,000 regional grant provided by the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The grant is shared between members of the Pacific Islands Educational Partnership Consortium which include PCC, American Samoa Community College, College of Micronesia, the Northern Marianas College, the College of the Marshall Islands, the College of Micronesia-FSM and the University of Guam. The purpose of the consortium is to develop regional capacity and share regional expertise and facilities to enhance education and technical support in the areas of marine resource management and conservation in the U.S affiliated islands.

ETS Conducts Staff Training



Educational Talent Search (ETS) Staff pose with Michael Moser in front of ETS Office.

On November 22-23, 2005, the Talent Search Program staff had their training on the latest version of FileMaker Pro Database, 8.0. The training was held at the Talent Search Program office and was attended by all the staff. It was conducted by Michael Moser, Director of Upward Bound at the Leeward Community College in Hawaii. Michael Moser is also the consultant for Performance Plus Company, which developed the FileMaker Pro software. The scope of the workshop was to train Talent Search staff how to use FileMaker Pro to maintain program records, to keep students' files of their activities, their grades,

grade levels, and other information that is required for the Annual Performance Report. This latest version of FileMaker Pro is similar to the previous version, but with slight changes and more that are more useful fields have been added. It was appropriate to have the workshop for the program staff. TS Staff learned how to use these new added tables and other changes to make their tasks easier and in a timely manner. They learned how to add/delete fields and to make their own tables. They learned how to do group entries, make buttons, do finds and groupings, and pop-up lists. The staff also learned how to find certain groups of students, either by the school they are from, their sex, or their eligibility. Aside from training the staff, Michael Moser was able to upgrade our computers from the 6.0 version of the FileMaker Pro to the 8.0 version. Right now the staff is using this latest version. According to Michael Moser, PCC ETS staff are actually the first to use the 8.0 version as it just came out. It is a lot more user-friendly and more powerful than the 6.0 version.

CE Office Conducts Accounting Workshop



Participants of the Accounting Workshop conducted by the Public Auditors pose for the Mesekiu News.

Earlier this month, PCC's Continuing Education Office, in collaboration with the Public Auditor's Office, conducted an informational workshop on accounting. Almost thirty individuals from State governments and government agencies participated in the three-day workshop where they learned effective strategies on fiscal management, financial reporting and audit requirements. Training for the workshop was conducted by Saturnino Tewid, Public Auditor and members of his staff. At the conclusion of the workshop, participants were given a certificate of achievement for successfully completing the workshop. The workshop is part of PCC-CE's effort to provide the training and educational resources for the community to develop their human potential. The College would like to thank the Public Auditor and his staff for providing their support and making the workshop a great success!

BITS AND PIECES...

PCC Thanks Diluang for her Donation....

The College would like to thank Diluang Emeraech Baules for her generous donation of delicious *tama* and sweet ice candy for our students and staff. Your donation put a smile on our faces and added a cheer in our day. Thank you so much!

New Information Technology AS Program Approved....

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges' (ACCJC) Substantive Change Committee approved PCC's newest degree program: Information Technology Associate of Science program. The College would like to thank the ACCJC's Substantive Change Committee for their support in helping the College meet the dynamic and ever changing educational needs of our community.

PCC Expresses Gratitude....

The College would like to thank Gloria Fernandez, Director of the Office of Financial Aid and Mark Cruz, Program Coordinator IV from the University of Guam, and Eddie Haleyalig, Director of the Financial Aid Office and Faustino Yarofaisug, FWS Coordinator from the College of Micronesia, FSM for purchasing tickets for PCC's Thanksgiving Fundraiser. Your donations helped make this year's fundraiser one of our most successful years yet. Thank you very much!

Interns Wanted For Spring Semester....

Internship candidates for 2006 Spring Semester are reminded that applications for Internship placements are now being accepted at the Extension Program Office located in the TEMEKAI building. The deadline for processing the applications is December 23, 2005. Please see Mr. Vincent Ito right away so that you will be able to complete your forms and submit them on time. Internship is provided as a final requirement for students who have completed all their course requirements. Internships allow students to be placed on the job in their respective field of training working on a full-time basis as an intern or trainee. The practical experience gained from their internship will be counted as credits required for students to graduate.

AHS Student Body Organization Formed



AHS Student Body Organization officers, SY 2005-06, from left to right: Vanessa Ngiralmu, President, Randall Kumangai Maech, Vice President, Dikesela Markungael, Secretary, and Fran Ngirablosch, Treasurer.

This year the Adult High School Student Body Organization (SBO) elections went off without a hitch. Government and Law Instructor Steven Kanai and his students convened the first meeting to elect representatives to mobilize the students for the election. This meeting was a class exercise on the democratic principles the students were learning in class. Interim "officers" were Vanessa Ngiralmu as President, Randall Kumangai Maech as Vice President, Fran Ngirablosch as Treasurer, and Dikesela Markungael as Secretary. The students organized a dinner meeting on Thursday, November 10, 2005, and called the student body to discuss the upcoming

election on November 15, 2005, and brainstorm on fundraising and other activities for the rest of the year. Copies of the draft bylaws drafted by Director Mangham were circulated for review in preparation for ratification on election day. Director Mangham, Instructors Robert Ramarui (Consumer Economics) and Steven Kanai who was elected as SBO Advisor were present at this meeting. On election day the students opted to vote for the unopposed interim candidates and ratified their by-laws unanimously. The yet unofficial Fundraising Committee leader for the SBO is Jackwin Yukiwo who organized some fundraising activities. The AHS office would like to recognize the following students who have been very active in these activities: Jackwin Yukiwo, Caleb Bukurrow, Jr., Jessica Wally, Motol Remoket, Enolagay Ueki, Kevin Beketaut, Wayman Selbart, Roxie Lindhol, Angelina Techur, Emil Ngirmeriil, Blelai Paulino, Tellei Rechirei, Elwel Mira, Sonia, Yumiko Arurang, Paul Eberdong, Ellevia Isesmang, Rhondalynn Ngirarorou, Wayne Thelboi, Great Ngotel, and Christez Ongrung. These students worked hard on their fundraising and during the PCC Thanksgiving Endowment Fund fundraiser at the Mesekiu Bai, donated \$50 and pledged \$50 more before the end of the year to show their appreciation to PCC for this opportunity to continue their education. Look for more news on what the very active AHS students are doing this year. If anyone needs a garden or yard cleared, call the Adult High School office at 488-0826.

RMI Scholarship Board Visits PCC



(l-r) Front row: Juliet Antok, RMI Scholarship Coordinator, Dahlia Katosang, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid, Amenta Matthew, Chairperson. In the back row (l-r), Jay Olegeriil, PCC VP, Lanny Kabua, RMI Scholarship Board Member, Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, PCC President, and Presley Etibek, Dean of Student Services.

PCC welcomed the members of the Marshall Island Scholarship board who were here to visit PCC students from the Republic of Marshall Islands. In addition, the board toured the campus and met with Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, PCC President, Jay Olegeriil, PCC-VP and Dahlia Katosang, Director of the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid. Members of the Marshall Island Scholarship Board included: Amenta Matthew, Chairperson, Lanny Kabua, Board Member and Juliet Antok, Program Coordinator.

The College would like to thank the Marshall Island Scholarship Board for visiting our students and looks forward to strengthening the already warm relationship PCC shares with the Scholarship Board, students, and people of the Republic of the Marshall Islands.