

Job Opportunities at PCC!

Vacancy Announcement

Position: (1) Science Instructor

Salary : \$16,010.00 to \$18,730.00 per annum
(Depending on qualifications)

Location: Student Support Services Office (SSS)
(federally funded program)

Examples of Duties:

Responsible for the Science component of the Student Support Services Program, which includes instruction, tutoring, and recording keeping. Identify, train and supervise peer tutors, assist program staff in monitoring SSS student's performance, assist in program evaluation and planning, work closely with the science department faculty to follow-up on SSS student's performance in science classes and provide necessary support, assist the science department in administering science placement test, assist the program counselors in planning and conducting activities for SSS students such as cultural site visits and activities, and workshops. Perform other duties as assigned.

Minimum Qualification Requirements:

MS/MA or BA/BS degree in Science with one year teaching experience and/or a degree in a related field from accredited institution with at least three years of successful teaching experience; preferably at least one year experience in TRIO programs and/or a former TRIO client.

General Information:

Application forms can be obtained from PCC's Human Resources Division or be downloaded from our website: www.palau.edu. Interested individuals must provide completed application with transcript, resume, and verification of previous employment. For further information, please call 488-2470/2471 or come in and see us.

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PCC Activity Day, A Blast!

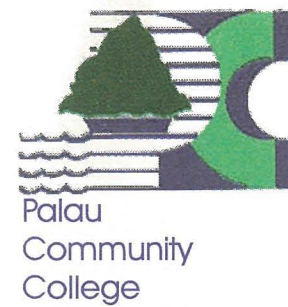
The PCC Student Life Office hosted a special Dormitory Activity Day for PCC students at the Palau National Track and Field on November 19th, 2005. It was a fun filled day where PCC dormitory students participated in various games such as tug-of-war, musical chairs, races and other fun competitions meant to build teamwork, foster friendship and build school spirit. Almost fifty students participated in this special day filled with laughter and good cheer. Everyone had a great time. Special thanks to Student Life Office and recreation staff for organizing the event and to the PCC dormitory students whose participation made it a day to remember.

Images from the activity day:



SBA ANNOUNCEMENT

The Student Body Association (SBA) will be holding a special barbecue luncheon for PCC students who will be playing for the PCC Mesekiu Baseball Team. The lunch will be held on Saturday, December 10th, 2005 from 1:00 pm till 4:00 pm. All students interested in playing for the Mesekiu team or are already on the team are welcome to the barbecue.



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PCC Hosts Annual Endowment Donor Meeting

The College is proud to announce that as of September 2005, the Endowment Fund has reached \$1,021,000. This was made possible due to the over 1,000 employees of the Palau National Government, semi-governmental agencies and private sector who have joined in supporting Palau's only institution of post-secondary education. To demonstrate our appreciation to the many dedicated individuals who donate to the PCC Endowment Fund on a bi-weekly basis, the College will be hosting the Annual Endowment Donor Meeting which will include refreshments and snacks with a wonderful raffle drawing for a bunch of great prizes. The College is hereby inviting all bi-weekly donors to the PCC Endowment Fund to gather for our annual meeting to be held on **Wednesday, December 28th, 2005** at the PCC Mesekiu Bai located on the campus courtyard, starting promptly at 11:30 am. During this meeting, all bi-weekly donors will find out how much they, as individuals, have donated for the year, and how much has been collectively contributed to the PCC Endowment Fund. Therefore, all bi-weekly donors from the national government, state, agencies and the private sector are requested to attend this meeting. There will be many prizes to be raffled to many lucky winners. However, you must be present to win. If you donate to the PCC Endowment Fund every two weeks, then you are invited to this annual event. Let us get together and see how much we have raised for the year 2005 through our allotments. Therefore, please join us and treat yourself to some refreshments and tasty snacks as we give away those wonderful prizes to many deserving endowment donors. In the meantime, if you have any questions about this upcoming event, please do not hesitate to contact Dilubch, Hulda or Temmy at PCC telephone number 488-2470/2471. Thank you very much and see you on December 28th!!!

SBA Has Christmas Toy Drive



SBA members pose with Presley Etibek, Dean of Student Services and Ismael Anastacio from the Student Life Office. The group photo was taken during the swearing in ceremony of Ramon Adelbai, the new Freshmen Rep.

PCC's Student Body Association (SBA) is sponsoring a Christmas Toy Drive for the Belau National Hospital Children's Ward and the PCC Daycare Center. The Toy Drive began on December 5th and will continue on till December 14, 2005. Please show your support for the drive by donating toys that are new or in good condition to the Student Life Office. In addition, cash donations of \$10 and under are welcome and will be used to purchase new toys. The Toy Drive is part of SBA's efforts to give back to the community and share the Christmas spirit. Shelley Remengesau, SBA Treasurer said, "We wanted to do something that would make a difference in our community as well as spread a little holiday cheer to children at the PCC Daycare and the Belau National Hospital." The College is proud of our students' efforts and calls on the community to participate in this very worthwhile and endearing cause. For more information please call the SBA Office at 488-2461.

PCC to be Santa Clause Again!



These elves from the PCC Tourism Club have generously donated their time to pack the candy bags that will be given out to the children on Friday, December 16, 2005.

As it has become a tradition at the College, PCC will once again be sponsoring Santa Claus at the annual Christmas Caroling program coordinated by the national government. The Olbiil Era Kelulau grounds across from the College, locally referred to as 'Bethlehem', will once again be the site for this annual program. The nightly performances by Palau's students representing local schools and community groups/organizations will run from December 12th-23rd, according to the Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs. PCC will be sponsoring Santa Clause and his elves on Friday, December 16th. As such, children of all ages are reminded to mark their calendars as you are all invited to come listen to songs of the season and receive gifts from Santa, courtesy of PCC!

"I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year." -Charles Dickens

AHS SBO Keeps Campus Clean



Kumangai Maech, AHS-SBO Vice President trimming the grass

in the spirit of the season and donated pizzas and soft drinks for the students' lunch. While some of the students were decorating the office, the rest cleaned. A special mention goes to Kumangai (SBO Vice President), Vanessa (President), Dikesela (Secretary), Wayman Selbart, Christez Ongnung, Jackwin Yukiwo, and a few others who had stayed to help clean. Great job guys!

The area around the Adult High School/Talent Search office got a good cleaning last Friday, December 2, 2005. The AHS students were present early on Friday morning setting to go on a "tchumong" as part of their fundraising activities. When plans changed, the students decided to donate their time and clean around the AHS/ETS office instead of packing up and going home. AHS staff Debra got



Wayman giving SBO VP Maech a helping hand.

ADULT HIGH SCHOOL: Ability to Benefit (ATB) Test

The Association of Classroom Teacher Testers who administer The Combined English Language Skills Assessment (CELSA) is happy to announce that CELSA has been re-approved by the U.S. Department of Education as an Ability to Benefit (ATB) for another five years. Some minor changes in the passing score and retest policy are being made and will be announced later. In the meantime, the Adult High School students now have the CELSA available as an ATB test for those who plan to go on to college and be eligible for federal financial aid. Ms. Kuye Belelai, Project Director for the Upward Bound Program, has been approved as Test Administrator for the CELSA, so the AHS students can take it now. The positive aspects of CELSA are that students may take it whenever they are ready; after the test is received by the ACTT and scored, scores are emailed to students and institutions. Students don't have to wait for a month for results of the test. A testing date is being set for this month to accommodate those AHS students who are completing the AHS program this fall 2004 and plan to enroll at PCC in the Spring 2006. Call Laura at 488-0826 or stop by the office if you want to know more about the CELSA.



AHS students busy studying for their final tests.

PCC Students Representing Palau Win Award!



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

PCC students Anisa Hanser, Filton Rdechor, Patricia Remeliik and Zillah Mereb who represented Palau at the "2005 Student's Tourism Summit" were awarded the grand prize for their video submission to the Summit's Video Competition. Their winning video featured Palau's rock islands, beautiful ocean, green forests, prime diving locations and cultural and historical sites. An incredible video which, the students painstakingly put together to showcase the best Palau had to offer. The PCC students received a Certificate of Commendation for their accomplishment in a formal ceremony where Mr. Rdechor received the award on behalf of the delegation. The event was held at the Ritsumeikan Asia-Pacific University (APU) in Kyushu, Japan in collaboration with the Oita Prefecture, and Beppu City.

Hundreds of students from over 37 countries participated in the event which was attended by the honorable Junichiro Koizumi, Prime Minister of Japan. The purpose of the summit was to encourage the development of human resources capable of strengthening and fostering the advancement of the tourism industry. The College is proud of our students' efforts and congratulates them on this very distinguished award! You made Palau proud!

PCC-SBA Has New Officers



Presley Etibek, Dean of Student Services swearing in Ramon Adelbai as the new Freshmen Representative.

PCC would like to congratulate the following PCC students, Ramon "Manny" Adelbai as Freshmen Representative and Ltelatck Fritz as the Secretary for the Palau Student Organization on their selection as the newest members of the Student Body Association (SBA). The election was held last month on November 17, 2005. The special runoff election was held to fill the position of Freshmen Representative and PSO Secretary formerly held by Ms. Tammie Sokau. Ms. Sokau vacated the two positions to pursue a career in the United States Armed Forces. The College would like to wish Ms. Sokau good luck on her military career and congratulate Mr. Adelbai and Ms. Fritz as being the newest members of the Student Body Association. We are confident that you will make us all proud and make a difference!

BITS AND PIECES...

Finals Next Week.....

Believe it or not, next week is final exam week for the PCC 2005 fall semester! Time sure does seem to fly. All students are reminded to open those text books and review them one more time so that final exam questions do not catch you off guard!

While we are already making plans on what we will be doing during the Christmas break, let us first address these all important final exams. In other words, do not get ahead of yourself. Finish those research papers, complete those pending projects, and turn in all other assignments.

Pool Tournament...

There will be a Co-ed Billiard Tournament open to all interested PCC students. The tournament will have a single and double division. The tournament is scheduled for Sunday, December 11, 2005 at 5:00 pm. Interested students must register at the pool room for briefing on the day before the tournament, Saturday, December 10th at 8:45 am. There will be cash prizes for individuals or teams that finish in first, second or third place. The winners will receive \$50 prize for first place, \$35 for second place and \$20 for third place. For more information please call the PCC Recreational Center at 488-3885.

Fundraiser Tomorrow....

The PCC Environmental Club will be holding a fundraiser tomorrow on Saturday, December 10th, 2005 from 1:00 pm till 6:00 pm at the PCC Cafeteria. Money raised from the fundraising will be used to sponsor an island wide clean up and recycle collection for Koror State and other club activities. There will be a live band, refreshments and surprise entertainers. Entrance fee at the door will be \$3 for elementary students and \$4 for high school students and all ages above. Please stop by and help the Environmental Club keep Palau's pristine environment beautiful for generations to come!

Oops Our Mistake...

Last week on the Mesekiu News on issue 47, the front page story mistakenly stated that the Kebeas was the invasive plant species called Mikania. The actual scientific name for the Kebeas is Merremia Peltata while the correct Palauan name for the Mikania is *Teb el yas*. Both are invasive plant species that have plagued Palau's forests.

PCC Students Visit Belau National Museum



Recreational staff pose with dorm students in front of the Belau National Museum.

Eight PCC Dorm students accompanied by Ismael Anastacio, Student Services Supervisor and Eriko Yahagi, Recreation Assistant visited the new Belau National Museum. The students enjoyed their tour and learned a lot about Palau's traditional and contemporary history. In addition, the students also discovered the diverse and rich history of the Micronesian region. The main theme for the BNM this year was its commemoration of its 50th Year Anniversary which exhibited a three-part display from pre-contact Palau to contact periods of Spain, Germany, Japan and the US to what Palau is today. In addition, the exhibit included natural history, cultural traditions and visual arts of both Palau and the Pacific. The Belau National Museum, established in 1955, is the oldest museum in Micronesia. The Belau National Museum is an institution of learning established to collect, preserve and display objects of scientific, cultural, historical and aesthetic value. PCC would like to thank the Belau National Museum for providing such a wonderful tour and the College looks forward to supporting the BNM in its endeavor of preserving Palau's heritage and educating the community of our nation's history.

Next Week Is Exam Week!!!

For all PCC students, this weekend will probably be devoted to hours of study and research in preparation for next week's final exams. While most of you are already making plans for how you will be spending your Christmas break, you must first make sure that you successfully pass all your classes. One way to do that is to be as prepared for the final exams and to do your best, thus improving the likelihood of you having a successful 2005 fall semester. Below are final tips for students as you study for finals. While some of them may sound like repeats, they have proven to be useful study guides that benefit any student who heeds them. These tips are:

- 1. Be Prepared**
The most important factor in exam success is preparation. No matter how many helpful hints you employ, nothing works as well as making sure you've studied enough.
- 2. Study Your Weakest Subjects First**
Why? You'll be fresher and therefore better able to deal with difficult areas, and you'll have more time to deal with any problems that arise.
- 3. Ask for Help**
If you're having trouble with a particular subject, do not be afraid to ask for help. Your teacher and fellow students will be glad to give you a hand.
- 4. Understand vs. Memorize**
You may pass your exams if you memorize the material, but you'll improve your grade considerably if you understand what it is you're memorizing. You'll also find the material easier to remember.
- 5. Look at Old Exams**
They can be useful study tools, as long as you don't limit your studying to them.
- 6. Eat Well and Get A Good Night's Sleep**
Take care of yourself during exam week - you're going through a lot of stress. Make sure you hold up well.