

Job Opportunities at PCC!

PCC-Upward Bound Math and Science Program has the following job openings:

Positions:

One (1) Science Tutor
One (1) English Tutor
Two (2) Math Tutors

Salary:

\$150 Bi/weekly for eight weeks
(Starting January 9, 2005, ending May 12, 2005 (from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm))

Job Qualifications:

1. College sophomore classification; Bachelor's Degree is preferred
2. Grade point average is 3.00 OR higher
3. Previous tutoring experience is preferred especially with TRIO Programs
4. Preference given to candidates who are from low income background and first generation college graduates

General Information

Applications forms can be obtained from PCC-Human Resource Division (HRD) or Upward Bound Math and Science Office. Submit completed application with official academic transcript, diploma, resume and verification of previous employment.

Celebrating Birthdays



Myorang Besebes December 19
Miriam Kual December 20
Domingo Morei December 20

Happy Birthday To You!!!

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CE Offers Training

The PCC Continuing Education Office would like to announce the following training opportunities:

Grant Writing
Palauan Language
Identification of Invasive Weeds in Palau
Identification of Palauan Edible Plants

Anyone who would like to learn more about these training programs offered by PCC is encouraged to contact Taruu Nakamura or Sharon Elbelau at PCC telephone number 488-2471/6223. Or, you may visit the PCC Continuing Education Office every weekday from 8:00am - 5:00pm.

Interns Wanted for Internship Program...

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.

Images of PCC Campus:



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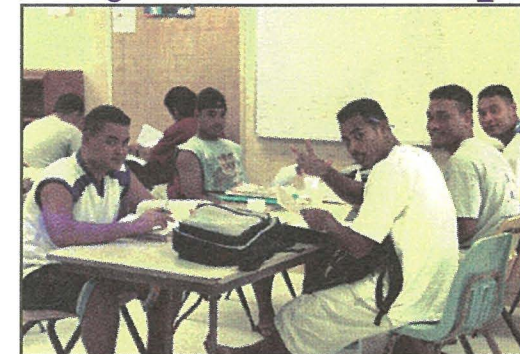


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Project Beacon Help Prepare PCC Students For Final Exams



PCC students busy studying for their final exams.

PCC students busy studying for their final exams, papers, and projects. Students attending the events have access to computers, writing tutors, advising, and course review sessions. In addition, food and refreshments are provided to give students the brain food to keep them sharp and healthy for their review sessions.

Student Support Services-Project Beacon helped PCC students beat the final exam blues by sponsoring a two-day study marathon session. The study marathons for PCC students helps to provide them an opportunity to organize and review their study materials so they can be better prepared for their final exams. They were conducted on Thursday, December 8th until Friday, December 9th, 2005 at the Project Beacon Learning Center. Over a hundred PCC students who participated were treated to healthy snacks and cool refreshments provided by the College. Project Beacon staff, as well as peer tutors/counselors were on hand to assist the students. The study marathon usually takes place on the week before final exams and provides students with a quiet place to study and prepare for their final exams,



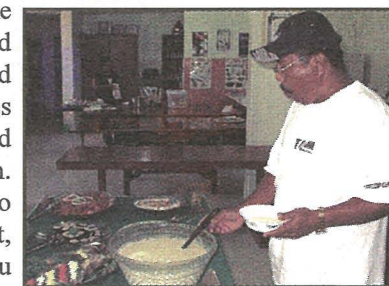
Students getting some needed tutoring.

Students Demonstrate Culinary Talents For Finals



TH 101 students pose with their culinary works of art.

Students taking Tourism and Hospitality (TH) 101 Class had a unique and tasty way for making the grade. For their final exam, Instructor Soledad Garcia had her students randomly pick exotic recipes to prepare for a cooking contest. Afterwards a taste test conducted by a panel of judges would determine their grade. Judges would grade their dishes for taste, presentation, quality and freshness. The average score given by the panel of judges would determine the final exam grade for each student. The panel of judges was Jay Olegeriil, PCC-Vice President, Sherman Daniel, Dean of Technical Education, Ezra Takeo Food Service Supervisor, Marianne Temaungil, English Instructor, Armstrong Debelbot, Director of Development, and Mrs. Soledad herself. The cooking contest took place at the Tourism and Hospitality room located adjacent to the PCC Cafeteria. According to Soledad, the food was great and the students had much to be proud of! TH 101 Food Production and Sanitation, teaches student the basics in food preparation, storage and sanitation. In addition, students learn how to prepare menus featuring breakfast, lunch and dinner entrees. Menu planning, catering and cost analysis are also addressed.



Ezra Takeo, Food Service Supervisor trying the soup.



Instructor Temaungil trying the fish.

Upcoming Events...

Annual ROP Christmas Caroling and Candy Giveaways at 'Bethlehem Park'
- December 12-23, 2005

PCC to Sponsor Christmas Candy Giveaway at 'Bethlehem Park'
- Tonight, December 16, 2005

Annual Christmas Luncheon for all PCC Staff and Students
- December 22, 2005 at the PCC Courtyard

Christmas Day [Holiday]
- December 25, 2005
- No school December 26

Meeting of all ROP and PCC Bi-weekly donors to PCC Endowment Fund at PCC
- December 28, 2005 between 11 am and 1pm at the PCC Courtyard

Questions about these dates/events? Contact Temmy, Hulda or Dilubch @ PCC telephone number: 488-2471 ext 253.

PCC-SBA Raises Over \$400 for AIDS Awareness!



PCC students show their support for World AIDS Day.

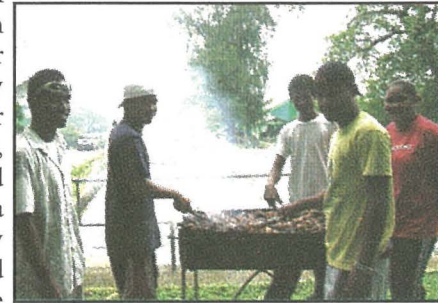


PCC students take time out to check out the fundraiser.

The PCC Study Body Association (SBA) in recognition of "World AIDS Day" December 1st, 2005, held a fundraiser and had an informational booth on HIV/AIDS and STDs for PCC students and the community. Five dollar plates of fresh, hot and delicious barbecue were cooked hot of the grill by SBA members and sold in front of the College's main parking lot. It was truly a festive affair as students took time out of their busy final's schedule to buy some good food and show their support for "World AIDS Day". The fundraiser was held on December 9, 2005 at the PCC Campus from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The SBA fundraiser raised over \$400 dollars which was donated to the HIV/AIDS Trust Fund.

In addition, Mayla D. Adolf, staff member from the Ministry of Health's HIV/AIDS/STD Program Office was on campus to promote their informational display as well as address any questions PCC students had on HIV, AIDS or STDs. After the conclusion of the fundraiser, SBA members cooked the extra barbecue and donated them to PCC Dorm residents for a delicious dinner that evening. Shelley Remengesau, SBA Secretary said, "SBA World AIDS barbecue was a way for us to raise awareness in the community about HIV/AIDS issues, provide financial support for the cause of AIDS prevention and encourage PCC students to be informed, responsible and prepared. Because prevention is the best cure!"

HIV is one of the biggest social, economic and health challenges in the world. It is a global emergency claiming over 8,000 lives every day. In fact, 5 people die of AIDS every minute. HIV stands for Human Immunodeficiency Virus. This is the virus known to cause AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome). If someone is HIV-positive, it means that they have been infected with the virus. In 2005, over 3 million people acquired HIV, which means there are now over 40 million people living with HIV and AIDS. Despite best efforts from governments, non-profit organizations and healthcare practitioners around the world, HIV and AIDS is still having a huge global impact. 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 everyone to stop by at their office located at IA Business Center and get themselves a Red Ribbon pin and at the same time visit their Resource Center. For further information, you can call Ms. Mayla D. Adolph @488-1757 or email: hircmoh@palaunet.com.



SBA members and volunteers busy cooking the barbecue.



Travis August, SBA President spinning some groovy tunes and funky music to keep everyone jumping!

Counseling Certification Program Fulfills Community Needs



A blind folded PCC Staff member Dilubch Samil being guided by her fellow program participant, Mr. Rengiil Medalarak. This exercise was being used as a learning tool to develop trust between the participants of the program. Afterwards partners switch places as they take turns being blindfolded. The whole class participated in the exercise.

PCC-CE, in collaboration with Ministry of Health's Behavioral Health Division, has been conducting a Counseling Certification Program. This program is a series of classes geared at training individuals in becoming certified in substance abuse addiction counseling. The facilitators for the program are Mike Marinelli and Alex Ngiraingas, Counselors for the Bedochel Center. This month the classes are focusing on Basic Counseling Skills, a course which consists of 3 segments of practical instruction with a requirement of 42 hours of total class time which includes the lab. The program began in October 2005 and will continue on till April 2006. The Counseling Certification Education Plan is based on the Pacific Substance Abuse & Mental Health Certification Board. To be a certified counselor, participants will need a total of 300 hours of practical, clinical and in class instruction on Counseling Theories, Pharmacology, Cultural Diversity, Chemical Dependency Diagnosis, Addiction/Relapse/Recovery and the 12 Core Functions. After the conclusion of the program and completion of required hours, participants need to pass the certification test. The goal of the program is to help meet the need of the community by providing uniform, certified and qualified councilors to address the issues of substance abuse and addiction.



A blind folded Aggie Tewid is being guided by her partner, Jackson McBride.

BITS AND PIECES...

Christmas Break for PCC Students Begin.....

As this weekend begins the Christmas break and PCC students celebrate this special holiday season with good cheer and merriment, we ask that all PCC students celebrate this holiday season with care and caution. Enjoy your much deserved break that you earned by studying hard and succeeding in your classes, yet balance this celebration by keeping your personal safety in mind and not over doing it when you party. PCC wants to wish all PCC students a safe and memorable holiday and to return to us safe, sound and ready for Spring Semester.

PCC Invites Staff and Students to Luncheon.....

The Palau Community College invites all faculty, staff, and students to a special Christmas/New Year Luncheon on December 22, 2005 at 11:00 am at the College's Mesekiu Bai. Everyone is encouraged to attend this once a year luncheon. So come on down, relax and enjoy some good food with your PCC family and share the Holiday Spirit.

Tis the Season for a Real Good Reason to Rest.....

This Holiday Season, Christmas Day (December 25th) and New Year's Day (January 1st) both fall on a Sunday. In observance of these occasions which both fall on a weekend, Monday, December 26th and Monday January 2, 2006 will be observed as Christmas and New Year's Holidays. All Offices will be closed and only essential services will be provided during those days.

Many Thanks to PCC Tourism Club.....

With the Christmas Spirit spreading over the campus like an epidemic, the PCC Tourism Club students are not immune. Their spirit of goodwill was such that they volunteered to help the Development Office staff to prepare the goodies and sweets to be given away by Santa's Elves tonight. Many thanks to the PCC Tourism Club students for helping us out. Now we know who has been nice this year!

Endowment Donors, Fill Your Forms To Get Your Refund!

All bi-weekly donors to the PCC Endowment Fund are reminded to come to PCC on December 28th and complete their application packets, enabling them to get refunds for their donations. This reminder is for those who have not completed their packets. Here are a few steps to help explain the filing process for your refund: Step one, fill out top portion of tax refund form and sign your name on the bottom. Step two, please bring a copy of your last check stub for pay period 26 of the 2005 Calendar year. Step 3, Bring completed form and a copy of your check stub to PCC on December 28th between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm at the PCC Courtyard.

During that time, you will be issued a receipt and your completed packet will be filed by PCC Staff at the Ministry of Finance where it will be processed. When your refund has been released, PCC will contact you and your refund may be picked up at the College. (If you do not have one please call the PCC Development office 488-2470/2471 ext 253 and we will either deliver a tax form or fax one to your office.) Forms can only be filed once you have received your final check of this year. Refund checks will take approximately one to two weeks to be processed. Remember, the sooner we file your application for refund, the sooner you receive your refund! If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office. Thank you for your patience and we at the PCC Development Office look forward to helping you receive your refund in a timely manner. Again, thank you for your kind donation and for making a difference at Palau's only institution of higher learning.

PCC-CE Visits Kayangel State



William Wally, Dean of Continuing Education conducting presentation for Kayangel State residents.

As a result of the Palau Community State training assessments, the enchanting State of Kayangel requested Palau Community College to conduct a training on Marketing and Customer Service. The Dean of Continuing Education, Willy Wally, left on December 10 to Kayangel and returned on December 11, 2005 to conduct these trainings. Spis from the Small Business Development Center joined Dean Wally to observe the training and offered his assistance as well. The residents of Kayangel State expressed their desire for a long-term plan to make their state a major tourist attraction in Palau. In preparation for this goal, necessary trainings that

provide essential skills are important. PCC would like to take this opportunity and thank the State of Kayangel and the people of Kayangel for their hospitality, making this training opportunity successful.

Alumni is Social Worker for Ministry of Health



Ms. Katerry Risong Faustino

PCC Alumni Ms. Katerry Risong Faustino who graduated in 1993 with a degree in Liberal Arts was hired in June as a Social Worker for the Ministry of Health's Behavioral Health Division. As a social worker, she provides support and counseling for children and young adults with emotional and behavioral conditions. Ms. Faustino comes to the Behavioral Division with an interesting background. Born to Palauan parents, she was raised in Pohnpei. After high school, she moved to Palau to finish her Liberal Arts degree from Palau Community College before moving to Guam to attend the University of Guam. Thereafter, she moved to Oregon where she lived and worked for the last 5 years. In Oregon, Ms. Faustino worked in the area of consumer satisfaction for an internationally recognized company. The College is proud of Ms. Faustino and is confident she will make difference in the community!