

CE Offers Training

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

Identification of Terrestrial Woods
Taro Identification
Tapioca Identification
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 Eileen Babauta or Taruu Nakamura 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 2005 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 24, 2004. Please see Mr. Vincent Ito right away so that you may be able to complete your forms and submit them on time. The practical experience gained from their internship will be counted as credits required for students to graduate.

Celebrating Birthdays

Myorang Besebes December 19
 Miriam Kual December 20
 Domingo Morei December 20
 Happy Birthday To You!!!

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Placement Testing Schedule for Spring Semester 2004

| Date/Time | Placement Test | Location |
|------------------------------|---|----------------|
| December 27, 2004 (M) | | |
| 9:00 - 12:00 noon | English Reading/Grammar (3-hrs) | Project Beacon |
| 1:00 - 2:00 pm | Basic Math (1-hr) | Project Beacon |
| 2:30 - 2:45 pm | Keyboarding (15-min) | Room Number 67 |
| December 28, 2004 (T) | | |
| 9:00 - 11:00 am | Institutional TOEFL* | Project Beacon |
| 1:00 - 2:00 pm | Basic Science (1-hr) | Project Beacon |
| 2:30 - 3:30 pm | Basic Algebra (1-hr) (For those who test out of MA 90) | Project Beacon |
| December 29, 2004 (W) | | |
| 9:00 am - 12:00 noon | English Reading/Grammar (3-hrs) | Project Beacon |
| 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm | Institutional TOEFL* | Project Beacon |
| December 30, 2004 (T) | | |
| 9:00 am - 10:00 am | Basic Math (MA 90) | Project Beacon |
| 10:00 am - 11:00 am | Basic Science (SC 90) | Project Beacon |
| 11:00 am - 11:15 am | Keyboarding (OA 95) | Room Number 67 |

*TOEFL score of 450 or better (Actual or Institutional) is a prerequisite for most Social Science/Humanities' courses under degree programs.

Note: Those currently enrolled students who need testing are urged to follow the above schedule. You may consult your advisor and/or call Marensia Edward at 488-3036 for testing requirements.

Job Opportunities at PCC!

PCC-Upward Bound Math and Science Program has the Following Job Openings:

Positions:

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

Salary:

\$150 Bi/weekly for eight weeks
 (Starting January 3, 2005, ending May 20, 2005 from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm)

Job Qualifications:

- College sophomore classification; Bachelor's Degree is preferred
- Grade point average is 3.00 OR higher
- Previous tutoring experience is preferred especially with TRIO Programs
- 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 to any of the above addresses.



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PCC Cleans Campus for Christmas Holiday

PCC staff from the Cooperative Research and Extension Department (CRE) together with staff from the Administration and Maintenance Division spent the last three days working hard to make the campus look spotless.

The CRE Department brought its staff to not only clean the main campus but also do a little landscaping to make campus look exceptionally clean for the upcoming holiday season. As we head toward Christmas, we ask everyone who works, studies and trains on the PCC campus to please make an effort to keep the campus clean.

The College thanks the PCC staff for taking time from their busy schedule to clean the campus and would like to express a special thank you to all the members of the PCC-CRE for donating their time to making PCC a beautiful campus we all can be proud of. PCC is more than a college campus it is our home, thank you all for your hard work and dedication.



PCC Staff Taking a Breather from trimming, cutting grass and landscaping PCC Campus, great job guys and girls!

NMC President Guerrero Visits PCC



(L-R): Interim VP Jay Olegeriil, CRE Interim VP Thomas Taro, PCC President Patrick U. Tellei, NMC President Tony Guerrero, Dean of Student Services, Presley Etibek

details on the growth of PCC's academic, vocational and community programs.

PCC President Tellei said: "We are honored to have NMC President Guerrero visit our campus and on behalf of the Board of Trustees, Administration, faculty and students, I welcome Mr. Guerrero to our College and to Palau. NMC and PCC share a long and mutually beneficial relationship that has always been a cornerstone for the development of Post-secondary education in our region. NMC President Guerrero's visit has reaffirmed those bonds and ensured the future cooperation of our colleges for the betterment of our citizens, our countries and our region."

PCC Students Build Their Skills

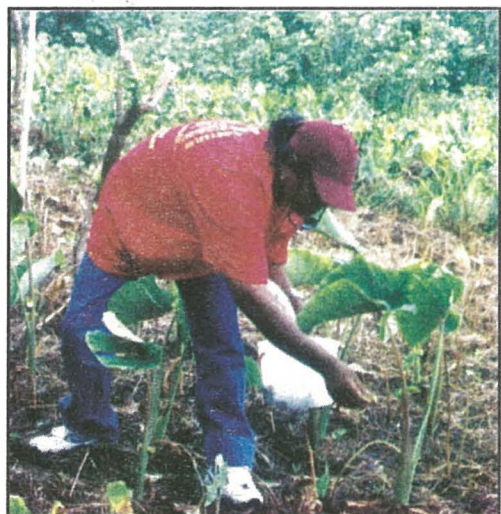


PCC Students Busy Building Bungalow

PCC students from the Construction Technology Program gain valuable experience while building a bungalow for the College. The bungalow is located behind the Temekai Building and the Wind Orchestra Building on PCC's lower campus.

This new bungalow will be used to house guests and outside instructors who are here at the College to teach on a short-term basis. The application of these skills learned in the classroom is tested in the real world where students get practical experience by actually doing the construction. This hands-on approach to the field of construction is essential to giving the student a well rounded learning experience they can apply in their future career. The Construction Program is designed to provide students with technical knowledge, skills and proper work habits necessary for employment in the construction industry. If you are interested in learning the latest trends in construction technology or just want to learn a valuable skill you may use in your everyday life, please call PCC at 488-2470 to inquire about our comprehensive Construction Technology Program.

PCC-CRE Releases Biological Control Agents On Angaur and Peleliu States



Maria Teruzi, PCC-CRE Extension Agent Dispersing Biological Agents in a Taro Patch

PCC-CRE Agriculture Staff went on boat trips to Angaur and Peleliu States with the primary objectives to release the gallflies for control of the Siam weed, *Chromolaena odorata*, and to release the mirid bugs aimed at controlling the taro leafhopper (*nguk*).

In their first trip on October 2003, 220 gallflies were released on Siam weed infested areas and 200 mirid bugs were released on a taro patch on Peleliu State. In the second trip on February 25, 2004, 100 gallflies were released on *Chromolaena* and 100 mirid bugs were released on taro in Angaur State. The third trip was done on August 19–20, 2004 wherein 400 gallflies were released on Peleliu and 100 gallflies on Angaur. Likewise, 200 mirid bugs were released on Peleliu and 20 mirid bugs on Angaur.

In their last trip, they observed that the gallflies were already established on Siam weed on Peleliu and slowly getting established on Angaur. Likewise, the mirid bugs were recovered easily on taro plantings on both island states.

A meeting with local residents is being arranged in April, 2005 to discuss results of insect releases made and other problems of crops. These trips were conducted based on approved Smith Lever funded Project entitled "Transferring Gallflies and Mirid Bugs on Angaur and Peleliu."

New Aquaculturist at PCC-CRE



Jose P. Baldia, PCC-CRE Aquaculturist

The Palau Community College Cooperative Research and Extension Department recently hired Jose P. Baldia to undertake aquaculture projects at the R & D Station. Jojo as his friends call him, holds a Master of Science degree in Biology from the University of the Philippines. He has worked as a researcher for 14 years at the Aquaculture Department of

the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC, AQD) based in the Philippines. Since his retirement from research in 1990, he was involved in various local and international aquaculture consultancy services. His latest stint before coming to Palau was as an Aquaculture Consultant for Schering Plough Animal Health Global.

Mr. Baldia was likewise involved in livelihood trainings in aquaculture and has been commissioned by the Philippine government to formulate the competency based standards for Aquaculture.

His field of specialization includes the hatchery, nursery and grow-out of marine and freshwater finfishes and shrimps. He is also particularly adept in the culture of natural food for the larval rearing of the fishes that he cultures. Mr. Baldia has published several scientific publications and has delivered seminars in international conferences and forums

As a hobby, Mr. Baldia operates his family-based freshwater aquarium fish breeding facility in the Philippines.

Tree Planting at PCC R & D Station



PCC President Tellei (Right) with Staff Planting Tree at the R & D Station

The staff of the Palau Community College celebrated Thanksgiving with a Tree Planting on November 26, 2004 at the Research and Development Station in Ngermeskang, Ngaremlengui. Among the fruit trees planted were 96 bananas, 24 Citrus seedlings, 24 soursop seedlings, 60 rambutan seedlings, 24 mangosteen seedlings, 12 avocado seedlings, 12 mountain apple seedlings, 15 seedlings of narra (las) and 131 Indian mulberry (Noni / ngel) were planted around the R & D Station. PCC President Patrick Tellei and the PCC Board of Trustees led the more than a hundred faculty, staff and students who participated in this tree planting activity. The tree planting was capped by a sumptuous lunch served by the PCC Cafeteria.

After graduation in May, 2004, a similar activity was held wherein about 1000 mahogany seedlings were planted along the boundary of the R & D Station serving as riparian buffer as part of the conservation plan at the R & D Station. The future students and staff of the Palau Community College hopefully would utilize these trees.

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, students and their families to a special Christmas/New Year Luncheon on December 23, 2004 at 11:00 pm 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 Saturday. In observance of these occasions which both fall on a weekend, Friday December 24th and Friday December 31st, 2004 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.

Give us your Opinion on our New Website.....

In efforts to improve our College's website, PCC is seeking input from any and all constituents. Please visit the Palau Community College website, www.palau.edu, and take time to note how you would make changes to make the site more appealing and easier to browse for information. Then, provide us your suggestions by calling Bruce or Grace at PCC telephone number 488-2471. Together, let us make our PCC website one of the best out there!!!

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 30th 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 2004 Calendar year. Step 3, Bring completed form and a copy of your check stub to PCC on December 30th 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.

2004 Bi-weekly Endowment Donor Prize List

PRIZES:

- Computer with Printer—Computers Plus
- Trip to Guam—PMA
- \$1000 Shopping Spree—WCTC
- Cell phone—PRA
- DVD Players—S&S
- Cassette Player—S&S
- Air Condition—ACE Appliance
- Overnight Stay—Palasia Hotel
- Overnight Stay—Carp Island Resort
- Two-week Membership at Fitness Center—Palasia Hotel
- One week Free Lunch & Drink at PCC Bookstore
- Phone Cards—PNCC
- Building Materials—PTC
- Plants—Ngiwal State
- Free Gas—Shell Co.
- Beauty Makeovers—Kathys/Sonias
- Flower Arrangements—Bgnal a Chen
- Pizza—RIC
- Shopping Spree—Hanpa
- Really Really Big Fish—PITI
- Dinner Certificates
- Lunch Certificates
- Internet Access
- Piglet—Ngiwal State

The Annual PCC Endowment Prize Giveaway for bi-weekly donors is near. This is one day out of the year where PCC demonstrates its appreciation to all the donors of Palau who donated on a bi-weekly basis to PCC's Endowment Fund. In honor of these dedicated donors, PCC will offer a light lunch with a special raffle drawing for wonderful prizes. Bi-weekly donors will have to be present to win. In addition, PCC staff will also be there to assist all donors fill out their tax forms in order to help them receive their tax refund.