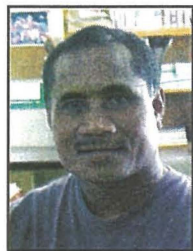


ROP GOV. Workers Boosting PCC Endowment Fund

This week, we at PCC are excited to continue announcing the addition of new members to the PCC Bi-Weekly Endowment Fund Contributors' Club! As members of the club, these individuals donate a certain sum directly out of their paychecks to the PCC Endowment Fund. At the end of the year, PCC will help them apply for and receive refunds for their donations! In other words, they donate to a very good cause and in the end, get their money back. This week we welcome six (6) new members. From the Executive Branch we welcome, **Margaret Gibbons** from the Ethics Commission, from the Ministry of Health's Medical Ward we welcome **Carolynn Ngirasowei**, from the Koror State Government's KSPLA's Office, we welcome **Rufino Kazuma**, from the Ministry of R&D, we welcome **Eugario Ngiratmab** and from Ngiwal Elementary School, we welcome **Benjamin Temol**. Great Job Guys!

We would also like to thank the following individuals for increasing the amount of their allotment to the PCC Endowment Fund: **Lourdes Matlab**, from the Koror State Government, **Tedrick Obichang**, **Wilhelm Frank** and **Steven Sebalt** from the Ministry of R&D, **Willy Mays Towai** from the Ministry of Justice, Bureau of Public Safety, **Sngebard Delong**, **Shra Ngirchchol**, **Saburo Remoket** and **Stelinda Gabriel** from the Ministry of Education. Thanks a lot!



Benjamin Temol from Ngiwal Elementary School

Once again, we welcome these new members as they showcase their commitment to support PCC's continued efforts to providing quality education to the students from Palau and the Micronesian region. If you would like to join the PCC Endowment Fund Contributors' Club, please call Hulda, Dilubch, or Temmy at PCC telephone number 488-2470/2471, extension 253. They will be very happy to assist you!

Celebrating Birthdays



Elenita Brel	February 8
Pioria Faungy	February 9
Nelson Esguerra	February 10

Happy Birthday To You!!!



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Some Images of PCC Life:



PCC Students making good use of their time enjoying a game of Hanakuda while waiting for their classes.



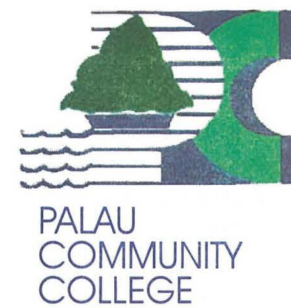
PCC staff member Ignacio Akiwo and a student constructing the new Computer Writing Lab for PCC.

CE Offers Training

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

Basic Statistics	Statistical Graphs
Effective Planning	Program Evaluation
Conflict Management	

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.



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Australian Ambassador Tomkinson Visits PCC Campus



Australian Ambassador Poses with PCC Staff (L-R), CRE VP Thomas Taro, PCC VP Jay Olegeriil, Ambassador Tomkinson, and Associate Dean Sherman Daniel

Corinne Tomkinson, Australian Ambassador to the Republic of Palau paid a courtesy call to the Palau Community College. Ambassador Tomkinson met with PCC Vice President Jay Olegeriil, CRE Vice President Thomas Taro and Associate Dean Sherman Daniel of the School of Technical Education. During their meeting, PCC VP Olegeriil briefed the Ambassador on the many academic programs and educational services the College offers the community. Also during their discussion, the Ambassador encouraged Palauans to look toward Australia as a place to further their education. She added that Australia offers excellent learning opportunities, especially in the fields of pharmacy, medicine, environmental law and nursing, fields that are on Palau's educational priority.

Ambassador Tomkinson was here in Palau to attend the inauguration and formally present her Credentials as the new Australian Ambassador to Palau. She is stationed at the Australian Embassy in Kolonia, Pohnpei of the Federated States of Micronesia. During her visit to PCC, she stopped at the PCC Library to inquire about the AUSAID grant the College received to start its online catalog system. Through

the assistance of the AUSAID program, this innovative computerized system formed the basis of the current on-line automated system the library uses. PCC Vice President Jay Olegeriil said, "Australia has been one of Palau's closest allies in the Asia-Pacific region and a generous benefactor to the Palauan people by offering grant assistance, educational scholarships and training opportunities."

Olegeriil added, "It is an honor for us at PCC to welcome Her Excellency, Corinne Tomkinson, Australian Ambassador to Palau and PCC. On behalf of the board, faculty, staff and students, I wish to thank Ambassador Tomkinson for taking time out of her busy schedule to visit our campus. On behalf of the College, we wish her a safe trip home."

Introducing the 2005 PCC Baseball Team!



Front row: Joe Skille, Tomei Tomei, Fred Nedlic, Milson Seymour; Second row: Mayce Ngirmeriil, Harry Selik, Kramer Tem; Third row: Coach Norman Sato, Geitchy Eperiom, Everson Sadang, Muhammad Baules; Fourth row: CJ Martin, Blair Gabriel, Olkeriil Yaoch; not pictured are Cleopas Iyar and Cody Elwais

This baseball season is brimming with excitement as the 2005 PCC Mesekiu Baseball Team looks to make an impact on this year's Palau Major League (PML). This year the boys look to vie for the championship as they have practiced hard and prepared well in the off-season. The team is made entirely of PCC students and alumni.

The College invited PCC staff and students to go and cheer PCC's team to victory. With the season just beginning and with two games under their belt, our team has shown their eagerness and determination to do their best for the College. The team is comprised of some of the youngest and brightest talent Palau has to offer and as the season progresses, they can only get better. So far the PCC Mesekiu Baseball Team has a record of one win and one loss. They lost a close one to Koror (6-2) and squeezed out a win with a score of (11-8) against Kayangel.

Coach Norman Sato said, "I would like to thank the PCC staff and students for their support during our last two games. It's going to be a great season, and we ask everyone for their continued support. Our boys are working real hard to bring the championship trophy home to PCC."

For more information on this year's schedule for the Mesekiu Baseball Team, contact Coach Norman Sato at PCC telephone number 488-3885.

Peleliu State to Host 5th Annual Mikania Clean Up



(*Mikania micrantha*, *Teb el Yas*, or "Mile-a-Minute")

Everyone is invited to join in the 5th Annual Mikania Clean Up sponsored by the Bureau of Agriculture, Office of Environmental Response and Coordination (OERC), the Palau Conservation Society (PCS), and the Peleliu State Government. This year's Mikania Clean Up will be held at Peleliu State this February 12, 2004. The goal of the event is to rid the State of Peleliu of the terrible (*Mikania micrantha*, *Teb el Yas*, or "Mile-a-Minute") which has spread throughout the surrounding forest area. Peleliu State has a large infestation of the Mikania.

The Mikania poses a danger to Palau's delicate eco-system because it can blanket Palau's forests and suffocate them by blocking out the sun. Please help make a difference by protecting Palau's environment from this very unfriendly plant. The clean up will begin next Saturday on February 12, 2005 with lunch, refreshments and transportation provided to all volunteers. In addition, a free commemorative t-shirt will be provided to the first 100 volunteers. For information on how you can join in the Mikania Clean Up in

Peleliu State this weekend, please call Joe Tiobech, Invasive Weeds Control Officer at Forestry Office at 488-2504.

If you want learn more about the Mikania weed or other invasive plant species check out PCC's Micro-P Collection, a CD, 4.0 version of "Invasive Plants of the Pacific". This CD contains information on 900 plus plant species that are invasive to the Pacific Islands or invasive in similar ecosystems. It also includes risk assessments for many species that are specific to Hawaii and the Pacific Islands in addition to those previously included from Australia. This database has over 2,000 photos that are included in aid identification, with 293 species having images of voucher specimens from the Bishop Museum in Hawaii. It also includes an island-by-island presence of the listed species that has been documented by reference to literature, on-site survey or specimens in a herbarium collection.

PCC Sends 48 Interns into the "REAL WORLD" of Palau's Workforce

PCC's Internship Training program for 2005 is enjoying the continued support from agencies in the government and private sector. This is evidenced by the many employers who are providing training opportunities for PCC interns. A total of forty-eight (48) PCC students have been placed in various private and public agencies throughout Koror for the duration of the 2005 spring semester.

The College expresses its sincere gratitude to the thirty (30) employers who are currently providing training for our students. We also express continued appreciation and gratitude to the Workforce Investment Act (W.I.A.) Office for providing critical assistance in terms of placement support for these internship trainees. The following employers are commended for their invaluable support.

Attorney General's Office	Marine Law Enforcement
Bureau of Finance	Bureau of Marine Resources
Bureau of Land and Survey	Moses Uludong Law Firm
Capital Improvement Project	National Hospital
Clerk of Courts	Neco Marine
Ministry of Commerce and Trade	PCC Security Division
Computer's Plus	Palau International Coral Reef Center
Cooperative Research and Extension	Palau Pacific Resort
IA Business Center	Palau Public Utilities Corporation
Financial Institutions Commissions	PCC Project Beacon
Henaro's Air Con and Refrigeration	Bureau of Public Safety
Bureau of Immigration	Palau Red Cross
Johnny Reklai Company	Social Security Administration
Koror State Public Works	Surangel and Sons
Marina Hotel	Rudimch Enterprises

UB Program Helps PHS Student Pursue Goals

Submitted by PHS Student Glowly Ngwal



PHS Students Mali Alfred and Glowly Ngwal from the UB Program

Mali Alfred is an Upward Bound Student. She is Junior at the Palau High School and has just recently been enrolled in the UB program. Although, she is new to the program she feels that it has helped her in so many ways. For instance, the tutoring sessions that are held after school from Monday to Friday every week has helped her with her studies tremendously.

Ms. Alfred says that the UB program is a great program for students because it helps them become better students and encourages them to pursue their educational goals after college. Mali Alfred stated, "The program encourages us to look beyond high school and strive to achieve our educational and career goals."

BITS AND PIECES...

PCC's SBA Plans a Friday Night Bash.....

The Student Body Association (SBA) will be hosting a Social Night Gathering to welcome new, returning and transferring students to PCC this Friday, February 4, 2005 from 5pm to 7pm. The event will be held in front of the SBA Office on the PCC Campus. There will be a cook out with lots of food and entertainment. There will also be representatives from the various PCC student clubs and organizations looking to recruit new students for their clubs. Everyone is welcome.

Jobsite Visit for Project Beacon Sophomores.....

Attention Project Beacon Sophomores, there will be a Jobsite Visit next Saturday, February 12, 2005. The Jobsite Visit will take place at the Palau Development Corporation (PDC). Students who wish to go to this event need to sign up to attend. The deadline is February 10. For more information, please call Cynthia Malsol, Career Counselor at 488-5654 at the Project Beacon Office.

Workshop for UMBS Students.....

High School students in the Upward Bound Math and Science Program (UBMS) will have a workshop conducted by the Palau National Scholarship Office. The goal of this workshop is to have students familiarize themselves with the process of applying for scholarships. The workshop will be held on Saturday, February 6, 2005 in the PCC-CE Training Room.

Oops! To Err is Human.....

SORRY! Here are the correct names and photos of the students who made the PCC Honor Roll. Their names and photos were inadvertently switched in the last issue of Mesekiu's News



Joy Kintoki
Honor List



Krystle Benjamin
President's List

Endowment Donors: FILL FORMS FOR YOUR REFUND BEFORE DEADLINE

Did you become a member of the PCC Bi-weekly Endowment Fund Contributors' Club in 2004? If you are, and have applied for a refund and not received it yet, let's find out what is taking it so long! Call the PCC Development Office at PCC telephone number 488-2471, and ask Dilubch, Hulda or Temmy to help. If you have not completed an application for refund, again let the PCC Development Office help you. With the March 31, 2005 deadline for filing refund applications just around the corner, time is of the essence. Do not procrastinate, do it today! Once again, simply call any one of the people above at the stated telephone number. As always, they will be very happy to assist you!

STUDY TIPS FOR STUDENTS WHO WANT TO SUCCEED

Taken from Study Tips.com at <http://www.how-to-study.com>

Studying is more than just a way to get grades, it is a way to grow and develop as a person and contributing member of society. However, there are several things you must do to become a successful student. Start by taking care of your health, eating properly, exercising and getting the proper amount of rest. These things will help you to become a more effective studier.

Traits of Successful Students

Good students attend class regularly. They are on time and pay attention to what the instructor has to say. If you must miss a class, let the instructor know AHEAD of time. Call or e-mail them... they will appreciate it.

-Take advantage of extra credit opportunities. This demonstrates you care about your grade and want to earn a good grade.

-Successful students speak in class; participate in class discussions, despite clumsy or difficult attempts to ask pertinent questions. Others may have the same questions as well. There are NO dumb questions.

-Check with your instructor about grades, clarifying discussion points, and upcoming dates.

-Turn in assignments on time. Take the time to produce a product you are proud of. Don't just do it to get it done.

- Be attentive in class. Don't talk, read, sleep, stare out the window, or let your mind drift. Although this is difficult, especially during those boring lectures, you'll be much better off for this later.

-Complete all your work and **DON'T LEAVE BLANKS ON TESTS!** Guess if you are not sure. Go for partial credit.

-Stay on top of assignment and know when tests and pertinent dates are coming up during the term.

Reminder: Please Help Keep PCC Campus Clean

Our Palau Community College campus grounds have been so well kept and the landscape so wonderfully maintained that many in the local community continue to compliment us for a beautiful campus. Thus, all PCC students and employees are encouraged to ensure that our campus grounds and facilities remain that way. Let us see to it that all our litter go into the trash bins and that each of us remind one another to do the same. Mesulang!