

A Dear Friend
(Dedicated to Mr. Ostenso Faungy)

*Well, dear friend
PCC will certainly be different
Without your smiling face
Around the place...
Your ready jokes
That brought smiles to everyone*



*It seems you get to go home early
though you may be rejoicing
Your unexpected journey
Leaves those left behind despairing
Leaves them, floundering...
The grief is new, and deep*

*Still... Life continues
But, lives are changed - eternally
Grief clings - its claws achingly sharp
yet, in time... slowly fades but never forgotten
Hope is awakened - Strength is returned
For there, approaching in the distance*

*A growing certainty
You will be together... again*

By: Midori Mersai

THANK YOU MESSAGE

I am very fortunate to have friends and colleagues here at PCC and elsewhere, who showered me with prayers and kind thoughts, assistance and comfort on the passing of my beloved husband, Mr. Ostenso Faungy. To all of you, Kom Kmal Mlo Mesaul, Thank You Very Much, Maraming Salamat Po, Kalahngan, Kirisou Chabur, Kulo, Kam Magar, Komol Tata.

/s/ Pioria O. Faungy

Our Condolences

The Palau Community College family extends its sincere condolences to the family of the late Skebong Ilabsis on his untimely passing. Mr. Ilabsis worked at the College as one of our cooks from September 20, 1970 to September 6, 1981.



**PCC ENDOWMENT CONTRIBUTORS' CLUB
GAINS NEW MEMBERS**

Once again more and more people are showing their commitment to the cause of higher education through their actions. We are quite excited to report that PCC staff Ms. Grace Yalap and Mr. Syozitaro Rekisiwang have recently enrolled in the PCC Endowment Contributors' Club where they donate directly out of their paycheck every two weeks. At the end of the year, they apply for and receive 100% refunds for their donations as PCC is a non-profit organization. In addition to these two individuals, Ms. Edline Mabel and Ms Lilian Masaharu (Class of '93 - Assoc. Degree in Business Accounting), Ms. Siang Morei, and Mr. Lloyd Ueda of the Bureau of National Treasury-Ministry of Finance, have also opted to join the club, as well as two teachers from the Ministry of Education, Ms. Pasquana Iyekar and Ms. Arnedia Kiarri Obeketang. They all realize the importance of higher education and want to support PCC's continued existence. Indeed, PCC welcomes our newest members and encourages all others to join us. Call PCC Development Office at 488-2471 and we will be very happy to assist you!



Ms. Grace Yalap works in the Physical Plant Division



Mr. Syozitaro Rekisiwang also works in the Physical Plant Division



Ms. Arnedia Kiarri Obeketang teaches at Koror Elementary School



Ms. Pasquana Iyekar teaches at Harris Elementary School



Celebrating Birthdays

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| Vernice Yuzi | February 2 |
| Eileen Babauta | February 2 |

Happy Birthday To You!!!



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Weekly Newsletter

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OEK STAFF HELP BOOST PCC ENDOWMENT FUND

Palau Community College is truly excited to see that more people are joining the effort to ensure that PCC will continue to exist in the future to support the education and training needs of Palau's and the region's students. This time, many of the Olbiil Era Kelulau (OEK) staff have enrolled in the Endowment Contributors' Club. They include Mr. Herman S. Alfonso, Mr. Dwight Jr. Albert, Ms. Anne L. Pedro, Mr. Drake Yoshiwo, Mrs. Lucy Tangelbad, Mr. Dale Pasqual, Ms. Evaline Mersai, Ms. Aileen Ngirangesil, Mr. Alonz Moses, Mr. Wiseman Kumaichi, Ms. Losii Ngirdengoll, Ms. Mahensia Ingais, Mr. Vickery Sngebard, and Ms. Verna B. Obak. PCC welcomes our newest members of the Endowment Contributors' Club.

PCC - Serving the Local Community

Other than providing educational and training opportunities, PCC also offers short-term training to local employees, employers, as well as the various industries in Palau. Enrichment and upgrade training is available at the College as well for all interested individuals/agencies/businesses. Thus, anyone who decides to support Palau Community College by donating to the endowment fund, is also ensuring that these types of training will continue to exist to meet the needs of the local community and industries. Indeed, PCC is very fortunate to be able to provide programs and services that Palau and the Micronesian region need. Help ensure that PCC continues to provide your needs. Join the PCC Endowment Contributors' Club by calling PCC Development Office at 488-2471. Together, we can make a difference!



Staff of the Olbiil Era Kelulau who have joined the PCC Endowment Contributors' Club.

PCC Library Technician to Participate in 2003 ASAO Meeting

The Association of Social Anthropology in Oceania (ASAO) has announced that it will be holding its 2003 Annual Meeting in Vancouver, Canada from February 11-15, 2003. ASAO is an international organization dedicated to comparative studies of Pacific topics, and holds annual meetings with the special format designed to facilitate discussion and develop topics for publications.

This year we are very happy to announce that our very own Ms. Imengel Mad, Library Technician, Micronesia-Pacific Collection, has been selected as one of the recipients of the Pacific Islands Scholar Fund through ASAO.

Ms. Mad will be joining the Pacific Collection session, organized by Ms. Jane Barnwell - who is a former PCC Librarian and now works as Pacific Specialist in the Hamilton Library at the University of Hawaii at Manoa - and will be doing a presentation on "Management of Grey Literature". Other participants from University of California at San Diego, University of Michigan, Papua New Guinea University of Technology and the University of Oregon will join her as well.

The ASAO meeting will help Ms. Mad gain more knowledge about the intricate work involved when working in libraries. It will also provide her with the opportunity to meet other colleagues from different islands in Oceania and share valuable information and establish working relationships for the mutual benefit of all involved. This will ensure that information-sharing will permeate to all libraries at both the local as well as the regional level. We congratulate Ms. Imengel Mad for her successful efforts in applying for this grant.



PCC Library Technician
Ms. Imengel Mad



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For information about PCC Library programs and services, contact telephone (680) 488-2471 or (680) 488-3540

Sengebau is New Staff at CRE

The PCC Cooperative Research and Extension department, early last week, added another research assistant/extension agent to its staff with the hiring of Felix Sengebau, previously a math instructor with the PCC Adult High School Program.



Mr. Felix Sengebau

Mr. Sengebau worked as a teacher at Mindszenty High School for several years prior to taking on the math instructorship at the PCC Adult High School Program. There he taught Algebra for only one semester before being hired by the PCC CRE department. Mr. Sengebau's extensive background in education will be an added bonus, as his new position entails educational outreach programs that are designed to keep community members,

especially the ones in the field of agriculture abreast of the new scientific developments and studies in areas such as crop protection and propagation at the College's Research and Development Station in Ngermeskang, Ngaremlengui.

Sengebau will also assist PCC CRE Senior researcher, Dr. Nelson Esquerro and Dr. Aurora Del Rosario in both laboratory research and experiments as well as conduct actual field work in Biological Control Agent experiments. The College welcomes Mr. Sengebau aboard and wishes him much success as he takes on his new roles and responsibilities.

Upward Bound Student Graduates Early, Off to Medical School

With determination and smiles, Ms. Myra D. Adelbai left Palau on January 26, 2003 to Suva Fiji to attend Fiji School of Medicine to pursue a degree in the Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery Programs. A Palau High School senior and Upward Bound student, Myra is the first Upward Bound student to graduate ahead of schedule in order to meet Fiji school calendar system that begins in February.



Ms. Myra Adelbai is the daughter of Mr. Masayuki Adelbai and Ms. Mary Wenty

Myra's interest in the medical field was evident when she started in the Upward Bound in the fall of 2001. She was so firm in her career aspiration that she took part in all opportunities that would enable her to gain a head start on her college education. Hence, through UB program services, Myra took college classes through Dual Enrollment Program here at PCC as well as attended UB Math and Science Summer Program at Leeward Community College in Hawaii to reconfirm her career interest in science.

Myra Adelbai's impressive academic and extracurricular records were indeed major contributors to her successful admission to Fiji School of Medicine. While her fellow students at both Palau High School and Upward Bound will miss her, they are also very excited for Myra and have expressed confidence that she will indeed complete her medical education at Fiji School of Medicine.

PCC President Patrick U. Tellei and Upward Bound Director Kuye Belelai extend their gratitude to the World Health Organization (WHO), Republic of Palau Vice President and Minister Sandra S. Pierantozzi and her staff at the Belau National Hospital for securing a WHO Fellowship (financial support) that made it possible for Ms. Adelbai to pursue her education in Fiji this school year. Congratulations Myra, and good luck on your studies.

Academic Calendar Spring Semester 2003

- January 6-8, 2003 - Freshmen Orientation & Placement Testing
- January 6-10, 2003 - Academic Advising & Registration
- January 10, 2003 - Registration Day
- January 13, 2003 - First Day of Instruction
- January 13-17, 2003 - Late Registration/Drop & Add Period
- February 14, 2003 - Early Warning Progress Report
- February 21, 2003 - Last Day to Remove Incomplete Grades
- March 3-7, 2003 - Midterm Period
- March 14, 2003 - Holiday (Youth Day)
- March 17-21 - Spring Break
- March 17, 2003 - Last Day for all Withdrawals
- April 2, 2003 - PCC Charter Day
- April 4, 2003 - PCC Charter Day Celebration
- May 5, 2003 - Holiday (Senior Citizens' Day)
- May 9, 2003 - Last Day of Instruction
- May 12-14, 2003 - Final Examination Period
- May 16, 2003 - Grades Due
- May 23, 2003 - Commencement Exercises
- May 23, 2003 - End of Spring Semester/Spring Recess

(For information about PCC spring semester calendar of activities, call 488-2471, extension 234 or 247)

REMINDERS FROM THE LIBRARY

All returning and new students who wish to utilize the Library's xeroxing services are reminded to purchase a xerox card from any one of the PCC Library staff. Card prices are as follows:

First Card	- \$4.00 for 20 copies and \$7.00 for 50 copies
Second Card	- \$2.00 for 20 copies and \$5.00 for 50 copies

All students and community members who check e-mail using Library computers A, B, and C and other Library equipment are reminded to present a valid PCC ID card and Library card respectively. The computers are on a first-come first-serve basis.

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Friday 8am - 8pm
Saturday 9am - 6pm
Sunday 12noon - 6pm

Job Opportunities Galore

For those who wish to earn more money by getting a second job, or simply work part-time, the following are job opportunities at Palau Community College that are definitely worth exploring:

ENGLISH & PALAUAN TUTORS

POSITION : Five (5) English & Palauan Tutors

SALARY: Depending on individual qualifications, salary ranges from \$40.00 to \$64.00 Bi-weekly.

LOCATIONS: Airai, George B. Harris, Koror, Maris Stella, and Meyuns Elementary Schools

DUTIES: To assist students in their assignments in English & Palauan Grammar, Sentence Structure, Paragraph Writing, Composition, and Reading Comprehension.

QUALIFICATIONS: Applicants must be teachers, retired teachers, college education major students, or recent college students. Must have work experience with students.

MATH TUTORS

POSITION : Five (5) MATH Tutors

SALARY: Depending on individual qualifications, salary ranges from \$40.00 to \$64.00 Bi-Weekly

LOCATIONS: Airai, George B. Harris, Koror, Maris Stella, and Meyuns Elementary Schools

DUTIES: To assist students in their mathematical skills starting from Basic Math to Pre-algebra

QUALIFICATIONS: Applicants must be teachers, retired teachers, college education major students, or recent college students. Must have work experience with students.

APPLICATION forms can be obtained from PCC Talent Search Office or PCC Human Resource Office. Forward Completed application forms to:

PCC - Talent Search Office
P.O. Box 9047
Koror, PW 96940
Tel. (680) 488-2471, extension 244
Fax (680) 488-2447

Palau Community College is an equal opportunity employer

BITS AND PIECES...

Magliari and Associates Audits PCC

In case you see some new faces at the PCC Business Office, say 'Alii' to our friends from the auditing firm of Magliari and Associates, a Saipan-CNMI based firm which is contracted by the College to do an annual audit. In fact, this is the third year in a row that PCC has contracted Magliari and Associates to audit our books. Magliari and Associates also audits several local firms as well including PNCC, Farmers' Home, etc.



Mr. Scott Magliari of 'Magliari and Associates'

Master's Candidate Thanks PCC

PCC President Patrick U. Tellei has received a thank you letter from Palauan student Ms. Jennifer L. Anson, a master's degree student currently studying in the United States. Anson expressed gratitude toward PCC for ensuring that her survey return ratio be adequate, which in this case was "a very rare 80%" for mailed surveys. Results of the survey, according to Anson, indicate that sexism "is prevalent across cultures, regardless of lineage and educational background".

Self Study Accreditation Steering Committee Meets

In preparation for the upcoming February 2004 Accrediting Commission's Team Visit, the College Self Study Accreditation Steering Committee has met and begun preparation of the institution's self-study report. Several key issues were discussed and decisions made at this initial meeting. For instance, PCC instructor Mrs. Marianne Temaungil became the new Assistant Accreditation Liaison Officer. It was also determined that a rough draft of the timetable for steering committee has been done by Dean Etibek and will be discussed at a future meeting of the committee. However, major deadline and due dates were agreed upon. They include:

- February 4 - Finalization of Sub-committees membership listing
- February 26 - 1st Draft Due (Descriptive Summary)
- May 30 - First Draft Report
- August 23 - Second Draft Report
- October 31 - Final Draft Report
- November 14 - Final Review and Editing
- November 28 - Final Report
- December 8 - Mail Final Report

It was also decided that the Steering Committee will have regular meetings held every other Thursday beginning February 6, 2003; hence, all subcommittees would be aware of this and schedule their own meetings around these set dates. For information about the College's Self-Study activities, contact Presley Etibek at 488-2471, extension 249. In the meantime, this newsletter will keep readers updated periodically.