

ALUMNI NOTES

Class of 1996 McSheldon Salvador



Earned a Certificate of Achievement in Business Accounting. He worked as a Labor Technician in the Division of Labor for 10 years. He is currently working as an accountant in PPUC for the past 3 years. *Message: Education helps in life; helps in finding better jobs with better pay.*

Class of 2008 Reagille K. Takataro



Earned an Associate of Applied Science degree in Office Administration. She has been working as a Claims Analyst for Social Security Administration for the past 4 years. *Message: PCC can help you attain a job of your choice.*

Class of 2012 Brenda Santos



Earned an Associate of Science degree in Criminal Justice. She has worked as a Police Officer for the past 13 years. *Message: It's never too late.*

Alumni Notes showcases MOC & PCC alumni who are positive role models and contribute to the quality of life in their local communities. If you are that alumnus/alumna or know someone who is, please contact the PCC Development Office at telephone number 488-2471. We would like to feature you in future issues of the *Mesekiu's News*.

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Celebrating Birthdays

Helen Imanuel Dec. 29

Happy Birthday To You!

Career & Transfer Workshops

Contributed by Tublai Ililau

To conclude this Fall semester 2012, the final rounds of Career & Transfer Workshops were conducted for first time college students and sophomores on November 15 and 27. A total of thirty-one (31) students participated.

The Career aspect focused on career planning, specifically on Individual Education Plans and Career Interest Surveys. The Transfer Workshops focused on the benefits of earning associate degrees here at PCC, and transferring to universities in pursuit of bachelor degrees. In addition, the importance of choosing the right university; the application process; and the available resources to tap into with regards to college funding.

Prospective graduates for the 2012-2013 school year were encouraged to see Coun-



Transfer workshop at PCC Library.

selor Ililau for transfer counseling that includes assistance with completing university applications and financial assistance. Financial assistance includes funding for university application fees, and transfer scholarships, in the amount of \$1,500.00 per student. To date, only 4 prospective graduates have completed their university application packages. All prospective graduates are encouraged to see Counselor Ililau as university application packages need to be completed the semester prior to the intended university enrollment date.



CareerTransfer at PCC Assembly Hall.

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Our Students, Our College, and
Our nation
To support, contact us today!

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If you want to enroll in the Biweekly Allotment program, call us NOW.

Vacancy Announcement

- (1) English Instructor, Learning Resource Center
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- (2) Math Instructor, Learning Resource Center
Salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum
- (3) Librarian
Salary range: \$16,010 - \$24,647 per annum

For application forms and information, please contact Harline Haruo at PCC Human Resources Office at 488-2470/71, ext. 227, email hr@palau.edu or download form at www.palau.edu

PCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Special Air Fares for Palauan Students

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MESEKIU'S NEWS



Friday, December 21, 2012

Weekly Newsletter

Volume 14, Issue 50

Chairwoman & President Give Greetings



Bilung Gloria G. Sali
Chair
PCC Board of Trustees



Dr. Patrick U. Tellei
President

All the People & Residents of Palau
Alumni & Students of PCC
PCC Administrators, and Faculty and Staff
National & State Leadership of the Government of Palau

PCC Engages in Relief Effort



ASPCC members & student volunteers & friends.

As part of the relief effort to our community, the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC) assisted in a clean-up activity at Ngaraard on Mon-

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BCRC UPDATE

Local Business Donates to Relief Effort

As Super Typhoon Bopha sweeps away leaving a devastated Palau with displaced families and damaged infrastructures in the eastern states of Babeldaob, Mr. Ralph Moses, Station Manager of Blue Bay Petroleum, leaps forward to reaffirm his commitment to support relief efforts with a \$10,000 donation.

As a community stakeholder, Mr. Moses believes that Blue Bay Petroleum has a social responsibility to assist in community assistance especially in national catastrophes.

Blue Bay Petroleum also donates every year to the PCC Endowment Fund. Thank You, Blue Bay Petroleum, for reinvesting in human lives and taking a proactive role in rebuilding our nation. For further information on how you can help, call (680) 488-2452/2659 or palaurelief@gmail.com or palau.bopharelieffacebook.com.

2013-2014 Federal Updates
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Palau Community College is an accessible public educational institution helping to meet the technical, academic, cultural, social, and economic needs of the students and communities by promoting learning opportunities and developing personal excellence.

AG Students Attend Career/Transfer Info Workshop

Contributed by Cooperative Research & Extension



VP Taro, Instructor Gachalian, Counselor Ililau & AG Students.

On Wednesday, November 28, 2012, Counselor Ililau conducted a workshop entitled "Ag culture Science Major & Transferring" at the PCC-CRE Research Station at Ngermeskang. The workshop was tailored for AG majors to inform them of the benefits of pursuing degrees in Food and Agricultural Sciences and related fields. The workshop focused on Career Opportunities and Benefits; Transferring to pursue Bachelor Degrees; and Available Resources that support the students retention, graduation and transfer. These resources include the Resident Instruction in Insular Areas (RIIA) & Distance Education

(DE) Programs, and the AANAPISI Program. The RIIA and DE Programs overall impact are to increase the enrollment, retention and graduation rates of Food and Agriculture Science students. This will ultimately lead to the expansion of Food and Agriculture Sciences and related fields in Palau, and the Micronesian region. The RIIA & DE Programs provide students with opportunities for work study practicum, scholarships, and summer internships. The AANAPISI Program shares similar goals with both the RIIA & DE Programs which is to increase the retention, graduation and transfer rates of PCC students. The program provides tutoring; student technological access; and career & transfer counseling, including university application fees and transfer scholarships. The workshop concluded with the distribution of RIIA Scholarships by VP-CRE, Thomas Taro and AG Associate Professor Alex Gachalian. A total of thirty-two (32) students participated in the workshop.

FSM Students Help Bopha Clean-Up

Contributed by Rose Aliven-Kohama

On December 11, 2012, FSM students responded to PCC President Patrick Tellei's request to clean the outside of the old OEK building the day after Typhoon Bopha hit Palau.



Clean-Up Crew

Helston Haleyalib, Dickson Utha John Albert, Timothy Twice, T-One Ozzy, Action Joseph, Norman Emanuel, Kayfin Tokyo, Jennifer Monkeya, Abram Shirai, Arvy Mwareyal, Jake Smith Nicolaus Yagupmal, Darson Sonis, Cypriano Tawalmal, Evelyne Tachibelmel, Jayven Tachibelmel, Scott Tairuwepiy, Peckleen Lesaiugyal Percy Retogral Maverick Yarofalyangmera

CSO Entertains at PTHSE

The Chuuk Student Organization responded to a request by Palau Tourism & Hospitality School of Excellence (PTHSE) for Pacific Basin Dental Association's (PBDA) dinner function held on December 11, 2012.



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day, Dec. 17, 2012. ASPCC is composed of student organizations from the various island states of FSM - Yap, Chuuk, Kosrae, and Pohnpei - the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau.



We met with Gov. Laurentino Ulechong, who assigned us to focus on cleaning the area of Ngesang. We were assisted by the Ngaraard State people. On behalf of ASPCC students, let me extend my sincere gratitude to all students and staff who volunteered for this activity.

Contributed by Yosko Aichi

PCC Maintenance

The PCC Maintenance personnel traveled to Peleliu and Angaur where they worked tirelessly with the clean up and rebuilding effort.

PCC Personnel

The College's personnel have been hosting and catering to Bethania High School students on campus while they complete their final examinations.

PCC 'Relief/Rejuvenation Day'

As a token of the College's appreciation for everyone's hard work over the past year 2012, including Typhoon Bopha, Chair Bilung Gloria G. Salii and Dr. Patrick U. Tellei have designated Monday, Dec. 24, 2012, as PCC 'Relief/Rejuvenation Day.' Therefore, all offices will be closed on this day.

BITS AND PIECES...

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

Hours of Operation

Monday to Friday: 8am - 5pm
Saturday: 9am - 6pm
Sunday: CLOSED

UNTIL SAT. JAN 11, 2013

For information call 488-3540.

Public Notice

PCC is accepting sealed proposals from interested vendors.

**35 computer sets, 7 printers
2 multimedia projectors
20 Microsoft Office 2010 Prof. AE
25 Microsoft Visual Studio Prof. AE**

Proposal No. 2012-REP-002

Bidding Period

Dec. 07 - Dec. 28, 2012

Send proposal to
Dir. Uroi Salii, Finance
Email: usalii@palau.edu
or

Palau Community College
P. O. Box 9 Koror, Palau 96940
Tel: (680) 488-2470/2471
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Contact Dir. Salii for further information @ 488-2471 x 344

REMINDER

2012 Annual Report covering Fiscal Period Oct. 2011 - Sept. 2012 is due at Development Office on or before January 11, 2013.

News/Stories Wanted

MESEKIU'S NEWS welcomes stories/ articles/ announcements from students, faculty, and staff. Submission deadline is Monday at 4:30 p.m. in hard and electronic copies to adoraa@palau.edu, dilubchs@palau.edu, and alvinam@palau.edu.

Please call ext. 251/252/253 if you intend to submit your article after Monday or for more information.

Office of Admissions & Financial Aid Federal Updates for 2013-2014

Contributed by Admissions & Financial Aid

Identity/Statement of Educational Purpose

Director Dahlia M. Katosang attended the Federal Student Aid (FSA) annual conference from November 26 to December 1, 2012 at FAA at Orlando, Florida. The FSA Annual Fall Conference is sponsored by the US Department of Education.

It is designed to provide the most up-to-date information on Title IV programs and developing the federal policies and procedures affecting all customers. The conference also covered topics ranging from the technologies associated with our information systems to improved practices for supporting aid applicants and recipients.

This year's conference program was focusing on topics related to changes in Title IV policies and programs impacting schools participating in the federal student aid programs.

The trainers and presenters included staff from the U.S. Department of Education.

There was a guest speaker, Martha J. Kanter, Under Secretary of Education who emphasized the *President Obama's 2020 Goals (a. 10 million more graduates from community colleges, four-year colleges and universities by 2020. b. Every American completes one year or more of higher education or advanced training in his/her lifetime).*

Some of the Federal Updates for Award Year 2013-2014 include the following:

Two new items were added to help combat fraud (Fraud Detection and Prevention) for 2013-2014 Verification were:

- 1. High School Completion Status**
(Required documentation such as a copy of high school diploma or final high school transcript that shows the date the high school diploma was awarded.
(Note: If a copy of an applicant's high school diploma or final high school transcript is unavailable, the institution may accept alternative documentation such as GED certificate, a recognized equivalent of a high school diploma.)

(Documentation of identity/statement of educational purpose – an applicant shall appear in person and present to an institutionally authorized individual a valid government-issued photo identification (such as a copy of a driver's license, non-driver's license or passport) and a signed statement of educational purpose.

Schools must maintain an annotated copy of the identification submitted by the applicant that includes the date documentation was received and the name of the institutionally-authorized individual that obtained the documentation. If unable to appear in person, an applicant must provide the institution a copy of a valid government-issued photo identification and an original notarized statement of educational purpose signed by the applicant.

2. Increasing Pell Grants

President Obama has raised the maximum Pell Grant awards from \$5550 to \$5635 for the 2013-2014 Award Year.

3. Limitation on Pell Funds

When a student reaches 600% Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU), he/she has reached his/her Federal Pell Grant eligibility limit. A student may decline all or a part of a Pell Grant award.

More detailed information about the entire conference is being prepared to be used to conduct workshops/orientation with various groups within the college community such as the Retention Committee, Counselors/advisors, ASPCC officers and entire student body, appropriate Business Office staff and, of course, staff from the Office of Admissions & Financial Aid. For more information, visit the Office Admissions & Financial Aid.

End-of-the-Year Get Together

Thursday, Dec. 27 FOR PCC ENDOWMENT DONORS

PCC Mesekiu Bai