

CE Offers Training

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

History of Palau
Palauan Historical Sites
Palauan Proverbs
Palauan Leadership Structure
Palauan Leadership Strategies

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.

PCC Students Working Overtime



PCC Carpentry students gaining valuable experience building and installing new partitions for the PCC-Upward Bound Program Office.

Celebrating Birthdays

Jesus Christ December 25
 Hellen Imanuel December 29
 Marianne Mesengei December 29
 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)	Project Beacon
	(For those who test out of MA 90)	
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:

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 to any of the above addresses.



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Friday, December 24, 2004

Weekly Newsletter

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PCC Student Body Association Hosts Christmas Bash



PCC students and staff kicking it during the dance contest

Members of the PCC Student Body Association hosted a Christmas party for the whole college this past week. The event was a fun filled occasion where students and staff alike were treated to great food, and lively entertainment of dances, music, games and a live band. This event started the holiday season with a bang, as everyone had a grand old time. The success of this Christmas event was due to the hard working members of the SBA who took time out of their busy schedule to organize the Christmas party. The College would like to thank Tmetuchl Baules, SBA President, Jubilee (Yobech) Toribiong, SBA Vice President, Vanessa Salii, PSO President and the rest of SBA for their effort in hosting a wonderful event and making this Christmas holiday event a truly memorable occasion to remember.

PCC President Patrick U. Tellei stated, "I would like to thank the members of the SBA for pulling together and organizing this Christmas party for the

College. Such an effort demonstrates your initiative, creativity, teamwork and school spirit and it is an accomplishment that you should all be proud of. Thank you and on behalf of the entire PCC, I wish you all a happy and safe holiday season."

PCC Christmas at Bethel Park a Sweet Success



These kids are all smiles as they get their photo taken with Santa Claus

Last Wednesday, PCC students and staff became Santa's elves as he graced the 'Bethel Park' after some wonderful caroling performed by local students. Having anticipated a good-sized crowd, the College prepared 1,500 bags of candies, and pencils to be given by Santa Claus. Yet the crowd proved to be bigger than expected and PCC's Elves soon found themselves almost out of candy. Needless to say, Santa was quite a big hit with the little children! PCC provided picture taking services for those who wished to have their picture taken with Santa.

This proved quite popular as picture taking took about an hour to finish! Those parents who had their children's picture may stop by the PCC Development Office and pick up their copy. The College would like to thank all the PCC students who volunteered as elves this year. In the meantime, as Santa Claus says, "HO HO HO, MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!"



PCC Students Volunteering as Santa's Brown Elves

Bi-Weekly 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 and be treated to a light lunch and be eligible to win some wonderful prizes from our raffle drawing.

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 a form, call the PCC Development office 488-2470/2471 ext 253 and we will either deliver a tax form or fax one to your office.) Refund checks will take approximately one to two weeks to be processed. Remember, the sooner we file your application, the sooner you receive your refund!

Academic Affairs Holds Luncheon for PCC Instructors



Not to be outdone by the students, the members of the PCC faculty and the Academic Affairs Department got together to host their own Christmas party luncheon. Although there was no live band, there was still a lot of food and good cheer. After getting all the grades and compiling their reports, teachers and staff alike were able to take their minds off the past semester and focus on having a good time with their fellow PCC family members. The luncheon was held at the PCC Diangel located at the Btelul a chang ra Idererach towards the lower campus. Prior to the luncheon, Dean of Academic Affairs, Alvina Timarong thanked the faculty for their dedication and hard work throughout the semester and wished them a joyful and peaceful Christmas break.

Dean Timarong stated, "As this semester comes to a close, I congratulate the entire PCC faculty for a productive semester and a job well done. Although, teaching can sometimes be challenging, it is an extremely rewarding career because you are planting the seeds of tomorrow, by developing the hearts and the minds of our students today. You have

(L-R) Instructors, Natalia Rekemesik, Wilma Sukrad and Soledad Garcia take a break for a picture

given the best present one can give, that is gift of knowledge, a gift that the students will cherish and will always keep using throughout the rest of their lives. You have truly made a difference in the lives of our students and PCC, and for this you are greatly appreciated for your efforts. Have a wonderful holiday season and we look forward to seeing everyone all rested and energized for the spring semester."

PCC Women's Volleyball Team Win Championship in the Palau Volleyball League, PCC Men Take Second Place



THE PCC-KOBE TEAM VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS POSE FOR THE MESEKIU

The Kobe team consisting of female PCC students steamrolled their way to the Palau Volleyball League Championship by beating the Stealers Team in three straight sets. However, in the championship round, the same Stealers team proved to have a lot of heart as they took the PCC women to five sets where they were finally knocked off in the fifth and deciding set. Although the championship round proved to be more difficult, the PCC women proved themselves to be warriors and won the championship in a convincing manner. One PCC volleyball team member in celebration of their victory stated, "We just want to thank all the PCC students for their support, especially during the tough times, when we were struggling and they still kept cheering us on. Without them, we don't think we would succeed at this level. Once again, thank you and have a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year!

The men's team who call themselves the PCC Invaders easily defeated the Palau High School Team in the playoffs to reach the championship. However, in the Championship

game they met their match against the KY-Angels who proved to be too tough for the PCC boys who were only able to win one game out of four sets and take Second place. Congratulations to the PCC-Kobe Women's Team for winning the championship and to the PCC Invader Team for taking second place. Great Job Guys and Girls, you did PCC Proud!

More Images from PCC's SBA Christmas Party:



BITS AND PIECES...

PCC-ETS Expresses Holiday Greetings.....

The PCC Educational Talent Search Program and its dedicated team of hard working staff would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Special greetings to our Talent Search students and to all PCC staff, faculty and students. Enjoy this holiday season and remember to drive safely. Remember, drinking and driving is not an option. Therefore, think twice and find a designated driver. Happy Holidays Everyone!!!

Report Cards and Testing for next week....

Attention, PCC students, report cards will be ready to be picked up by Wednesday, December 29th next week. In addition, new and returning students who will be taking the placement test for English, Math, Science, TOEFL and Keyboarding are scheduled for the week right after Christmas so be sure to get your dates right and come in to PCC to take your placement test. For dates and time of placement testing please refer to page four of this newsletter. TOEFL score of 450 or better (Actual or Institutional) is a prerequisite for most Social Science/Humanities' courses under degree programs. 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.

'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.

Library Holiday Hours.....

PCC Library hours from December 23rd til January 9th are Monday to Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. The Library will be closed on December 24, 25, 26, 31, 2004, and on January 1 and 2, 2005.

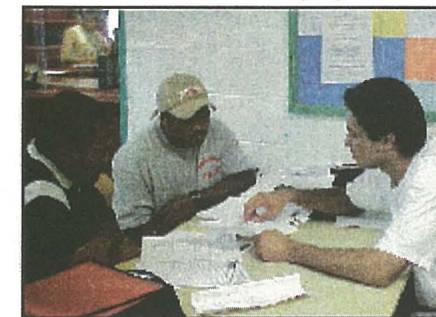
PROJECT BEACON SEMESTER-END ACTIVITIES



On December 13 and 14, Project Beacon held a study marathon for students to review and study for their final exams. Instructors and Counselors as well as peer tutors/counselors were on hand to assist with the study marathon. About 60 students took part in the marathon and studied their hearts out for their finals. The purpose of the study marathon was to provide an adequate setting where students can study independently or in groups.

On December 16, 2004, Project Beacon staff took a trip to Bablomekang along with about 50 of their student participants. The trip served a dual purpose for Project Beacon. One was to help students relieve their stress from final exams, and the other was to hold a couple of workshops before students went home for the holidays. There were two workshops conducted on this trip. One was the *Importance of Following Directions & Listening* and the other was *Teamwork and Cooperation*. These workshops consisted of fun activities which reiterated the workshops' topics. The students enjoyed very much doing these activities and it gave them an opportunity to interact with each other in a fun and relaxing setting.

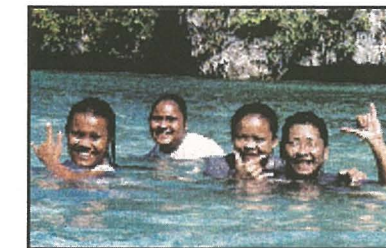
One of the major goals of these program-sponsored activities is to get the students to open up and get to know each other despite the differences of their cultural backgrounds. These activities are just one of the ways to get students to become more acclimated as well as enhance a sense of belonging at PCC.



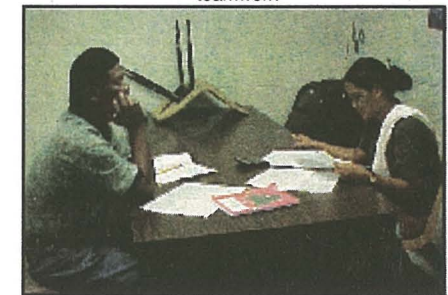
Science Instructor Hamada Vitarelli giving tutoring lessons



PCC Students conducting games promoting teamwork



Project Beacon English Instructor, Midori Mersai Taking a swim with her students



Project Beacon Counselor Mekreos Siliil helping a student with her work