

Vicky, Ivan & Philip Join 'Endowment Club

Palau Community College is extremely excited to welcome three (3) new members to the PCC Endowment Fund Contributors' Club. First, we welcome Mrs. Vicky N. Kanai who hails from the Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs. We also welcome PCC alumnus Ivan Taueg, originally from the neighboring island of Yap state, Federated States of Micronesia, who has also made the decision to join the Club! Ivan is a nurse at the Belau National Hospital. Another individual, Mr. Philip Polloi, not only has opted to join the club, he joined almost six months ago! However, he has not been officially welcomed; thus, we take this opportunity to welcome Vicky, Ivan and



Vicky N. Kanai

Philip as they join us in proving their commitment to support Palau's only institution of higher learning via their bi-weekly allotments to the PCC Endowment Fund.

As donations to the PCC Endowment Fund may be refunded up to 10% of one's taxable income, Vicky, Ivan and Philip may get refunds for their donations. In other words, they donate to a very good cause and get their money back! If you would like to join us, do not hesitate to contact Jay Olegeril at the PCC Development Office at telephone number 488-2470/2471, extension 253.

If you are already donating every two weeks,

then don't forget to come to the PCC campus on Tuesday December 30th at 11:30am, THAT'S NEXT WEEK, for our very first annual meeting. At the meeting, we will find out how much we individually and collectively donated to the PCC endowment fund this year. At the same time, as mentioned in previous issues of this paper, we will fill out the refund forms that will enable us to get refunds for our bi-weekly donations!

Furthermore, we will give away fabulous prizes to many of those present at the meeting. Such prizes include a round trip ticket to any destination in Micronesia, computer system, PNCC calling cards, Palau Pacific Resort and Palasia Hotel getaways, cell phone, shopping spree at Ace Hardware, free gasoline, beauty packages at local salons, Shimbros coolers and beach chairs, dinner at PPR, polo and tee shirts from Fish 'N Fins as well as Dolphins Pacific, and much much more! Since we must be present to be eligible to win, each and every one of us is reminded and urged to attend our very first meeting. Let's shake the PCC campus as we help the College through our donations to the PCC Endowment Fund. Again, if you would like more

information about our meeting next week, feel free to call Jay at PCC tel. no. 488-2470/2471.

Vacancy at PCC

Position: Student Tracking Coordinator
Salary: Range from \$15,000-\$17,000 Annually

Location: Palau Community College
UPWARD BOUND PROGRAM
P.O. Box 857 - Koror, Palau - 96940

Phone: (680) 488-2962

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Summary of Duties: The Student Tracking Coordinator assumes overall responsibilities in developing long-range tracking plan for the project; maintaining Project database system to facilitate follow up and tracking of current and former project participants, including generating of annual performance report, summary reports and analysis of results.

Qualifications: Applicant should have either a Bachelor's Degree in Information Systems, Business, or related field; OR have a minimum of at least one year work experience with TRIO Projects, database design (Access and FileMaker Pro), and serving underrepresented students. Three years of alumni tracking experience is required.

General Information: Application forms can be obtained from PCC Human Resources Division (HRD) or Upward Bound Office. Submit completed application with academic transcript, resume, and verification of previous employment(s), if any, to the above address.

Palau Community College

extends our deepest sympathies to fellow PCC staffer, **Fran B. Kinsang**, on the passing of her beloved husband, **Tony Kinsang**.

Our prayers and thoughts are with Fran and her children Misti and Mark, as well as Tony's relatives during their time of bereavement.



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BOT Adopts Self-Study Report!

On Monday this week, the PCC Board of Trustees formally adopted the Institutional Self-Study Report. The Self-Study report is a self-evaluation process that the College underwent for the purpose of assisting the Accreditation Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) in determining the College's accreditation status.

This was a proud day for the College and especially the Self-Study Steering Committee and members of the various sub-committees. The Self-Study process started in November 2002 when the Accreditation Liaison Officer, Presley Etibek (PCC Dean of Students) was named by PCC President Patrick U. Tellei to chair the Self-Study process. Mr. Etibek underwent training in preparation for this process, considering that it covered the new Commission standards under which the Self-Study report will be based.

Formal planning of the Self-Study began in December 2002 with the forming of the Steering Committee in the same month. In January 2003, sub-committees were formed to address the four individual standards. These sub-committees then began their work and regularly provided reports to the Steering Committee for review. The PCC Board of Trustees also played an active role by review several drafts of the report.

This process has been repeated over the past twelve months, finally culminating in a 169 page report that accurately describes the nature and substance of Palau Community College, adopted by the PCC Board of Trustees on Monday this week.

We are excited to announce that the report has been mailed to the ACCJC and members of the Evaluation Visit Team. A visit and validation of the Self-Study report will be conducted from February 17-19, 2004 by an eight-member accrediting evaluation team. These eight individuals are community college administrators from similar colleges in California area and

Guam. During their three day visit, they will test the validity and accuracy of the Self-Study report against the institution's actual practices. The team will file an Evaluation Visit report to the ACCJC on their findings. Until then, we congratulate all who played a role in the successful completion of this important PCC document. Thanks for a job well done!!!



Presley Etibek

Transfer and Articulation Meeting Deemed Productive

The Inter Institutional Cooperation for Transfer and Articulation meeting between all the Colleges throughout the Pacific region has been declared a success. The meeting, held from December 8 - 11, 2003, saw participants from the following institutions: College of the Marshall Islands, College of Micronesia-Federated States of Micronesia, Guam Community College, Northern Marianas College, University of Guam, and Palau Community College.

The purpose of the meeting was a reaffirmation of friendly relations and an exchange of mutual communication and cooperation among the six regional institutions of higher learning. The meeting also served to establish clear articulate academic transfer of credit guidelines for all students entering the University of Guam and the rest of the colleges.

It was a great opportunity for the registrars, deans, vice-presidents and presidents of the colleges to meet and formulate and consummate acceptable policies and procedures of transfer of credit, which will be acceptable to all the institutions throughout the region. According to PCC Registrar Lesley B. Adachi, she says of the meeting, "It was a pleasure to meet and network with fellow academicians and to share information and knowledge in our line of work. I believe the Pohnpei Accord has established and laid out important guidelines which will help improve and strengthen the degree programs for all the colleges in the region."



PCC President Patrick U. Tellei (Ctr. front-kneeling) and PCC Registrar Lesley B. Adachi (4th from left-standing) pose for a group picture with participants of the recently held meeting on Inter Institutional Cooperation for Transfer and Articulation



Ivan Taueg



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Happy Birthday To You!!!

PCC's Santa Claus Wows Palau's Children

Last Friday, PCC became Santa's elves as he graced the 'Bethlehem Park' after some wonderful caroling performed by local students. Having anticipated a good-sized crowd, the College prepared 1,000 bags of candies, crayons, and pencils to be given by Santa Claus. This year's santa was PCC student Kirkwook Ileaki Kotaro and Mrs. Claus was Manna Kikuo, a member of the Koror State Youth Council. 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. In the meantime, as Santa Claus says, "HO HO HO, MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!"



Santa Claus (PCC student Kirkwook Ileaki Kotaro) is flanked by Ebsang Taima(l) and her friend, who had stood patiently in line waiting their turn for a photo-op with the Man of the Hour. Those who had their picture taken with Santa Claus on Friday December 19th, may pick it up at the PCC Development Office.



PCC Student Volunteers along with Development Office staff were Santa's elves last Friday as Mr. Claus himself gave away presents to Palau's children at 'Bethlehem Park.'

President Tellei To Receive International Leadership Award

PCC President Patrick U. Tellei has recently received notification that he will be a recipient of the Chair Academy's 2004 International Exemplary Leadership Award. This award recognizes President Tellei's ability to advance academic and administrative leadership at Palau Community College.

As a recipient of this award, President Tellei will be honored at the Chair Academy's 13th Annual International Conference in Reston, Virginia on March 6, 2004. President Tellei will be featured in the 2004 International Exemplary Leadership Award Booklet as well as the Chair Academy's web site over the next year. He will also be recognized in the Chair Academy's spring juried journal of *Academic Leadership*.

The entire PCC family congratulates our President and are proud to see that others also recognize and appreciate his excellent leadership abilities. Congratulations, President Tellei!

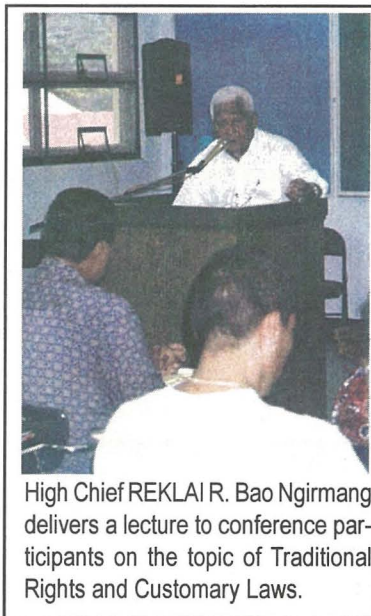


Law and Courts Conference Held

The 2003 Educators' Conference on Laws and the Courts took place this week at Palau Community College. The two-day conference saw participants from public and private schools as well as Palau Community College. Such topics that were covered included, but were not limited to, the following: History and Development of Courts in Palau, Constitution of the Republic of Palau, Fundamental Rights, Traditional Rights and Customary Laws, Palau Constitution and Traditional Laws, Juvenile Proceedings/Juvenile Courts, and Enforcement of the Laws of Palau

The conference featured Palau's legal eagles from such offices as the Office of the Chief Justice, Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, Palau Bar Association, Court of Common Pleas, Land Court, Office of the Attorney General, Office of the Public Defender, Micronesian Legal Services Corp., and the Office of the Special Prosecutor.

This being the first time such a conference is held for Palau's educators gave them the opportunity to learn about modern as well as Palau's traditional legal system. It also enabled them to examine the relationship between the law and the courts and the education system in Palau. As one participant says of the conference, "I never knew that the area of law and the courts could be so relevant to what I do in the classroom. It is a very fascinating area and I would like to learn more about it thru such activities as this conference. This should become an annual event." For more information about this conference, contact Ministry of Education at tel. (680) 488-1464.



High Chief REKLAI R. Bao Ngirmang delivers a lecture to conference participants on the topic of Traditional Rights and Customary Laws.

BITS AND PIECES...

Thank You Yano's Market

The Palau Community College Cafeteria staff (Supervisor Ezra Takeo and team of hard-working cooks), on behalf of some very grateful PCC students, extend a heartfelt 'Mesulang' to Yano's Market. The Market donated 135 pounds of fresh cucumber and 85.27 pounds of squash to the College Cafeteria. In the spirit of the holiday season, all of us at PCC, particularly our Cafeteria staff and our students, wish Yano's Market a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Your donations were very much appreciated and we look forward to reciprocating your gesture of goodwill in the future.

Happy Holidays from ETS!

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!!!

Santa Claus Visits Palau



Santa Claus visited the 'Bethlehem Park' last Friday December 19th, and was happy to see so many Palauan children waiting anxiously for him. Fortunately, he had made arrangements with his elves at PCC to take pictures. Hence, Santa Claus says, "Mesulang PCC for taking pictures of me and Palau's children who have all been so very nice this year!"

PCC General Catalog To Be Updated

All Palau Community College divisions and departments are hereby notified that work has begun to update the existing PCC general catalog. The general catalog highlights specific programs and services that the College provides for our students and the communities we serve. Therefore, its accuracy and relevance is of utmost importance both for our customers and ourselves. In this regard, all PCC divisions and departments are requested to review and make appropriate changes to your respective sections in the catalog. Double check the information and regulations that affect your area to make sure that they are accurate, up-to-date and consistent. Submit your input to Ms. Marianne Mesengei or Vincent Ito at the Academic Affairs Office no later than March 31, 2004. We expect to put the catalog together and have it ready for review by President Tellei and the Board of Trustees by May 2004. Printing will follow making the catalog available for us and our students by fall 2004. Your cooperation and prompt action on this matter is much appreciated. Thank you very much!



Leeharms and Travis Leave a Lesson for All

On the morning of December 14th, Palau woke up to find out that two of her promising young citizens had died in a tragic car accident. Mr. Leeharms Kloulubak, a junior at Palau High School and Mr. Travis Earnest, a senior at Mindszenty High School died on impact when their sedan crashed into an electric pole on the Koror-side of the Japan-Palau Friendship Bridge.

It is believed that the two teenagers had been driving to Koror from Airai. Speed was a factor in the accident. Leeharms was the eldest son of Rebechong Iskawa and Chris Kloulubak.

Mr. Travis Earnest, son of Earnest Ongidobel and Jila Rekemesik, was a participant of the PCC-based Upward Bound Program, and had already decided to enroll at PCC upon graduation from high school.

While all of us will miss both Leeharms and Travis, let us take this tragic incident as a powerful reminder on the dangers of speed driving. With the holiday season in full swing, let's remind ourselves and each other that we have friends and loved ones who care for us and do not want to see us get hurt. Always, Always, Always have a designated driver and always obey traffic laws. Be safe.

FSM Car Wash is a Clean Success!

The PCC Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) Student Organization held a car wash last Saturday as part of their fund raising activities. We are happy to note that the car wash was a huge success. Thus, they would like to thank all local citizens and residents for patronizing their fund raising activity. *Mesulang el roki el mlei e olngeseu er kemam! (Thank you all for your support!)*

