

Endowment Club Gets New Members

Palau Community College is excited to begin the New Year by 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 100% refunds for their donations! In other words, they donate to a very good cause and in the end, get their money back. These very generous individuals represent various segments of the national government. From the Ministry of Education, we welcome two (2) new member, **Darlene Hicks** from Airai Elementary School, and **Katsumi Ngirchokebai**, from Special Education. Here at the College we welcome three (3) new members, **Deikola Olikong**, **Adora Nobuo-Andreas** and **Pauline Jerry**. Once again, we welcome these new members as they showcase their commitment to supporting PCC's continued efforts to providing quality educational and training opportunities to Palau's and the Micronesian region's students. 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!



*Darlene Hicks, a Teacher
Airai Elementary School*



*Adora Nobuo-Andreas,
PCC Counselor, Project
Beacon*



*Deikola Olikong,
PCC Counselor,
Student Life*




*Pauline Jerry,
Secretary, Project
Beacon*

Important Dates to Remember for PCC Students

- Placement Testing - January 3-6 (T-F)
- Registration-January 9-10 (M-T)
- Freshmen Orientation-January 11 (W)
- First Day of Instruction-January 16 (M)

Celebrating Birthdays

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|  | Ramon Garcia | January 2 |
| | Jemmy Blelai | January 3 |
| | Leilani Senior | January 6 |
| | Antonia Sisor | January 6 |
| | Willes Tmecherur | January 6 |

Happy Birthday To You!!!



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Job Opportunities at PCC!

PCC-Upward Bound Program has the following job openings:

Positions: (2) PT Math Instructors/Tutors
(1) PT Science Instructor/Tutor
(1) PT English Instructor/Tutor

Salary: \$150.00 to \$300.00/bi-weekly (Based on Service Hours)
(Duration: January to May 2006)

Location: Upward Bound Office
(Federally funded program)

Examples of Duties:

- * Responsible for teaching basic and advanced level skills for the respective field, which they applied.
- * Monitor the progress of each student enrolled in the subject area through his or her respective high school grades to ensure that each student served is progressing.
- * Maintain records of tutorial sessions; provide evaluation for each student at the end of the year.
- * Keep records of each participant's tutoring progress or problems.
- * Submit evaluation/recommendation report at the end of each week.
- * Other assigned duties as requested by the Project Director.
- * Participate in all extracurricular activities for UB students.

Minimum Qualification Requirements:

Bachelor's degree in a subject area or related field required; previous experience working with under represented students preferred; and at least a year experience working with TRIO Projects, especially Upward Bound Project.

General Information:

Application forms can be obtained from Human Resources Division, Upward Bound Office or download application from our website: www.palau.edu. Submit completed application with original transcript(s), resume, and verification of previous employment(s), if any, to the same address. For further information, call the number above or come in and see us.

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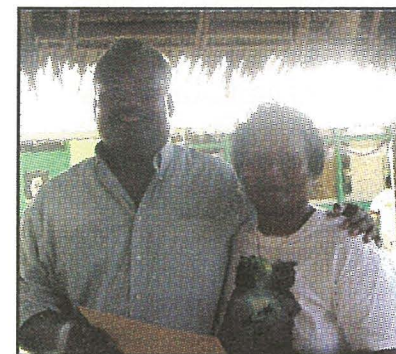


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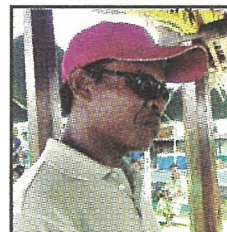
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PCC THANKS BI-WEEKLY ENDOWMENT DONORS



*Dominina Ngiraibai, Grand Prize Winner
poses with PCC President Dr. Tellei.*



*Jameson Techitong,
Ngatpang State Gov't
staff receives his prize.*



*Ministry of R & D's Gwendalynn
Bai and Pua Michael are all
smiles.*

Reef Ctr. staff - 2; Palau Housing Authority personnel - 4; Koror State Gov't. employees - 27; Aimeliik State Gov't. staff - 5; Surangel & Sons staff - 25; Palau Community Action Agency staff - 32; Palau Pacific Resort staff - 44; Palau Public Utilities Corp - 29; Angaur State Gov't staff - 2; Melekeok State Gov't staff - 5; Ngiwal State Gov't staff - 3; Ngaraard State Gov't staff - 3; Ngerchelongs State Gov't staff - 8; Ngatpang State Gov't staff - 1; Peleliu Gov't State - 1; and Ngaremlengui State Gov't staff - 62). While everyone was eager to find out just how much each of them has donated this year, they collectively donated the sum of \$71,653.86 to the PCC Endowment Fund for the calendar year 2005! This is a very unique group of people and perhaps the biggest of its kind in Palau. As individuals, they donate a certain amount directly out of their paycheck to the PCC Endowment Fund every two weeks. They do this because they believe that as the only institution of higher learning in Palau, PCC must receive the support from the community so that it can continue to provide for the educational and training needs of the nation and the surrounding region as well. Some of the prizes that were given away included a round trip ticket to Hong Kong, a computer system, hotel getaways, \$100 shopping sprees, Sim Cards, beauty packages, T-shirts, calendars, pens, spear guns, dinner and lunch certificates and tote bags. The winners of the two most coveted prizes were First Grand Prize Winner Domina Ngiraibai an employee from Harris Elementary School, who won a round trip ticket to Hong Kong, a refrigerator, a \$100 WCTC certificate, and a PNCC Sim Card, while the Second Grand Prize Winner Margie Ngirmidol from the Ministry of Justice's Fish and Wildlife Division won a spear gun, Bem Chermii Cheese burgers and a complete computer system from Computer Plus. Palau Community College takes this opportunity to thank each and everyone of our bi-weekly donors to the PCC Endowment Fund and for choosing to showcase your commitment to the cause of higher education. We look forward to yet another year of your donations and the time when we convene once again on the PCC campus much as we did this week. For all those who wish to join the PCC Endowment Fund Contributors' Club, please feel free to call anyone at the PCC Development Office at telephone number (680) 488-2470/2471. They will be more than happy to assist you. Join us as together, we help to secure the future viability of our college, Palau Community College!

The Third Annual Meeting of Bi-weekly donors to the PCC Endowment Fund took place on December 28, 2005 at the PCC Campus. Almost four hundred bi-weekly donors from the government, semi-government, state, and private sector were on hand to celebrate this once a year event hosted by the College. During the event, Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, PCC President greeted our special guests and thanked them for their support and assistance to the College for the past year. Afterwards, donors were treated to a light lunch and special raffle drawing with wonderful prizes. In addition, donors found out how much they donated for the year as well as filled out their forms for their tax refund. Even though some 400+ people attended the event, the total number of bi-weekly donors is 1215 (ROP employees - 811; PCC staff - 110; PNCC employees - 34; NDBP staff - 5; Palau Int'l. Coral



*Margie Ngirmidol from the
Division of Fish and Wildlife
receiving her prize.*



*Bi-weekly donors waiting for their turn to win
some wonderful prizes from the raffle drawing.*



*Bi-weekly donors submitting their tax refund
forms to PCC staff.*

PCC Wishes Everyone a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

This coming Sunday is New Year's Day. Happy New Year Palau! It's the beginning of a new year and we hope all of you have gone to a good start. There is nothing like a new beginning, a fresh start, a chance to right those wrongs, strengthen those weaknesses, and improve everything else. However, before we press on with business this 2006, let us take the opportunity to visit some of the events that were recorded by this newsletter in 2005. By doing so, we are reminded as to where, what, how, who, and why events occurred; therefore, better preparing us for the year to come. Here are some of the 2005 Mesekiu's News Headlines:

- Dean of Academic Affairs, Alvina Timarong conducted a Student Learning Outcome (SLO) seminar for the entire PCC faculty.
- PCC welcomed the newest members of the PCC family, Deikola Olikong, Harlin Haruo, Evelyn Demei and Lyndon Masami.
- Student Support Services-Project Beacon Program has been funded for another four years (2005-2009).
- 1,286 bi-weekly donors collectively donated \$73,147.41 to the PCC Endowment Fund for 2004.
- PCC staff and students donated \$1,094.15 toward the Tsunami Relief Fund
- PCC President Patrick U. Tellei signed a memorandum of understanding with officials from the San Diego State University.
- PCC accepted twenty nine (29) individuals from the government agencies into the first cohort of the Bachelor of Arts program in Liberal Studies.
- The College has the Carita Asanuma Scholarship established by the family of the late Carita Asanuma.
- PCC received assistance from the UNESCO Participation Program in the amount of \$20,000.
- CRE Conducts Soil Workshop
- PCC students in collaboration with the Palau Conservation Society conducted a tree planting project.
- New Program on campus called the Community Advocacy Program (CAP) is established.
- Outreach Program Conducts RSA Training
- The Palau Pacific Resort (PPR) conducted a job fair for PCC students.
- Australian Diplomat Visits PCC Corinne Tomkinson, Australian Ambassador visits PCC.
- President Tellei was presented his doctoral degree, Dean of Continuing Education Willy Wally received his Masters degree Sherman Daniel, Karen Mobil, Secundina Azuma, and Serelina Ridep received their Bachelors degrees.
- Armstrong Debelbot, Director of the PCC Development Office attended a two-week seminar in the Republic of China -Taiwan.
- PCC Librarian Gretchen Reynolds and LR Director Laura Mangham attended the 2005 American Library Association conference held in Chicago.
- CRE hired Ms. Leilanie Rechelluul as an Extension Agent.
- Upward Bound Program welcomed new staff member Deidre Yamanguchi.
- PCC Science Instructor Vernice Yuji attended a six-week faculty training in environmental biology.
- PCC welcomed Ms. Mary Arius and Pauline Jerry as its newest staff members.
- The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) approved a CRE aquaculture research project.
- PCC raised over \$36,000 thousand dollars during its Seventh Annual Thanksgiving Endowment Fundraiser.
- His Excellency Tommy E. Remengesau Jr. was the special guest and keynote speaker for the PCC 42nd commencement exercises.
- PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei concluded his role as the Chairman of the South Pacific Mini Games Organizing Committee.
- PCC welcomed Manami Fukuda who is an exchange student from Waseda University in Japan.
- PCC recognized the Small Engine and Outboard Marine Technology Club as the newest club that the College has officially on campus.
- PCC students Anisa Hanser, Filton Rdechor, Patricia Remeliik, and Zillah Mereb attended the '2005 Students' Tourism Summit.
- Health Career Foundation Program graduated 18 new Nursing Assistants.
- PCC students Sierra Isalias, Gerda Ucharm, Victor Nestor and Keib Delemel attended 10-week student summer training.
- PCC student Michelle Ramos was nominated as a recipient of the National Collegiate Nursing Award.
- The Japan Embassy nominated PCC student Zillah Riuch Mereb to attend a Japanese Language Program in Japan.
- The PCC Nursing Program held a health clinic on campus.
- Dr. Nobuyuki Hatada and his tourism students conducted field research.
- Dr. Makihiko Tsujihara presented his project on Japanese historical architecture of in Palau.
- FSM Senator Resio S. Moses met with PCC staff and students.
- Redley Killion, FSM Vice President visited PCC students.
- PCC College welcomed Dr. Shirley Kelly, President of the College of San Mateo, and Dr. Lyn MacConnaire, Dean of Student Services at Ventura College on their visit to the College.

BITS AND PIECES... Report Cards and Testing for next week....

Reminder to all PCC Students to have not picked up their reports cards, the moment of truth is here so if you want to find out how well you did this past semester, please pick up your report cards at the Registrars Office. The Registrars Office would also like to remind PCC students who will be graduating this Spring 2006 to register at the Registrar's Office. 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 after New Year's day so be sure to get your dates right and come in to PCC to take your placement test.

Tis the Season for a Real Good Reason to Rest.....

This Holiday Season, New Year's Day (January 1st) falls on a Sunday. In observance of this occasion which falls on a weekend, Monday January 2, 2006 will be observed as the New Year's Holiday. All Offices will be closed and only essential services will be provided on that day.

CE OFFICE has Grant Writing Workshop and Palauan Class

The PCC-CE Office will be having six-week course on basic Palauan Conversation beginning on January 9, 2005. The class will be held at 5:00 pm to accommodate the schedule of participants who work during the day. In addition, a one-day Grant Writing workshop will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2005 and will begin at 9:00 am. Both the Palauan class and the Grant Writing workshop are open for registration. For more information or to register for the above classes or other classes of interest, please call Tariu Nakamura or Sharon Elbelau at 488-2470/1 or 488-6223.

Library Holiday Hours.....

PCC Library hours from December 31st till January 14, 2005 on Monday to Friday are 8:00 am to 5:00 pm., while the weekend hours will remain the same. The Library will be closed on January 1 and 2, 2005.

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 Development Office 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 2005 Calendar year. Step 3, Bring completed form and a copy of your check stub to PCC's Development Office behind the PCC Library. For those of you who have completed their packets, all packets have been submitted to the Palau Tax Office. 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 two weeks to be processed. Remember, the sooner we file your application, the sooner you receive your refund!

If you are not sure whether or not your application packet is complete, please feel free to contact Hulda Lukas, Dilubch Samil, or Temmy Temengil at PCC's Development Office.

PCC Hosted Holiday Luncheon



These PCC students are filled with the holiday spirit.

Last Thursday, PCC held a Holiday Luncheon for the entire PCC family. Students and staff were treated to some great food and cold drinks graciously prepared by the PCC Cafeteria staff. During the luncheon, PCC President Patrick U. Tellei on behalf of the Board of Trustees, and Administration wished everyone at the college a happy and safe holiday season, and encouraged everyone



PCC staff digging in on the wonderful food.

to take this holiday break to spend quality time with their family and friends. Although there were over a hundred PCC staff and students in attendance, the delicious food was in abundance and almost everyone helped themselves to second servings. The event was special as it was a way for the College to come together in the spirit of the holiday season to share some good food and warm laughter with their students, friends and co-workers.



CRE's Maria Teruzi enjoys a laugh.



Beautiful ladies from the Office of Financial Aid grace the luncheon.



PCC students from Pohnpei preparing Sakau or Kava, a traditional drink enjoyed throughout Pacific Island Region.



Members of the Palau Small Business Development Center (PSBDC) join the fun.