

PCC Expresses Condolences

PCC would like to express its deepest condolences to PCC staff member Vincent Ito on the loss of his dear mother and to the Dean of Students, Presley Etibek on the loss of his dear wife.

The PCC family is praying for you and your family on the untimely loss of your loved ones.

On behalf of the PCC Board of Trustees, staff, faculty, and student body, we join you in your time of mourning with our deepest prayers and best wishes for you and your family.
We are here for you.

Celebrating Birthdays



Robert Ramarui February 13
 Lourdes Reksid February 17
Happy Birthday To You!!!



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CE Offers Training

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

Personnel Management	Team Building
Time Management	Effective Presentation
Job Training	

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.

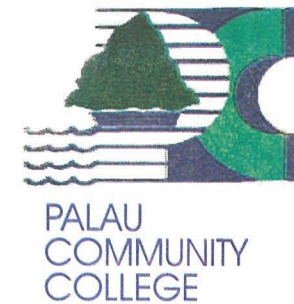
Attention PCC Students: Do You Want to Learn Authentic Japanese Cooking?

Do you love eating Japanese cuisine? Have you always wanted to learn how to cook Japanese food? Well now you are in luck as PCC is now Offering Cooking Classes to PCC students. The class will begin on February 27 to April 17 for a total of eight (8) classes. The class will be on Sundays with section one beginning at 5:30 pm—7:00pm and section two beginning at 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. The maximum capacity is six students per section. The class will be taught at the PCC Dormitory's Kitchen. For registration, please call PCC Recreation Staff, Eriko Yahagi at 488-3885.

PCC Students at the "Social Night"



PCC Students are all smiles as they are all full and satisfied after enjoying a great meal.



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SBA's "Social Night" a Big Success



SBA Vice President Jubilee Toribiong (front-center) and Palau Student Organization President Vanessa Saliu (3rd-right) pose with fellow SBA members

The PCC Student Body Association (SBA) out did themselves this year with the hosting the first ever "Social Night" held this past Friday. It was a tremendous success as over 200 hundred students showed up for the event to welcome the new school year. The gathering was held at the PCC Courtyard with lots of food and entertainment. The goal of the event was for

members of the PCC SBA to reach out to new students and help them get acquainted with student life at PCC. In addition, it provided the opportunity for many student clubs to set up booths, provide information on their club activities and recruit new club members. This was a great way to start off the new semester with students making new friends and expressing their school spirit.

SBA Vice President Jubilee Toribiong who helped organize the event said, "this fun activity was an opportunity for us to promote friendship, unity and school spirit among PCC students. Because college is more than just making the grade, it is also about new experiences and meeting new people, and I am happy for the great turnout of students."

The College congratulates SBA President, Tmetuchl Baules, SBA VP Jubilee Toribiong, Palau Student Organization President, Vanessa Saliu and the rest of the SBA for putting on a great show and wonderful event for the entire student body. Great Job!



PCC students digging into all the wonderful food provided by the PCC SBA.



PCC Instructor Robert Ramarui having some grinds with his students.

SDSU Bachelor's Degree Program Enrolls 29



Associate Dean Sherman Daniel

PCC has enrolled twenty nine (29) individuals from the Ministry of Education (MOE), and other government agencies into the first cohort in a series of cohorts for the Bachelor of Arts program in Education. In a joint effort between San Diego State University and PCC, this innovative degree program was developed to help upgrade the skills of educators in the Republic of Palau. The degree program is offered in collaboration with the Center for Pacific Studies at Interwork Institute/SDSU, the SDSU Undergraduate Division and PCC. This course of study is designed to provide knowledge in multiple subjects to elementary and secondary educators. The professional development of MOE teachers is part of the Palau 2000 Master Plan to require teachers to achieve a standard level of formal education from a post-secondary institution. This program is part of the College's effort to provide programs and other educational services to allow teachers, administrators, and staff to receive instructions in the latest trends in teaching methodology, development strategies, assessment and educational technology, through the use of the internet and on-site instruction.

Associate Dean Sherman Daniel who coordinates the program said, "this type of degree program was created to provide educators throughout Palau the opportunity to receive a Bachelor of Arts degree without having to leave Palau for studies aboard. Dean Daniel further said that, "our teachers are tasked with the vital responsibility of teaching the children of Palau so it is essential that we provide them with the best opportunities possible to develop professionally and receive higher levels of education. Eventually we hope to expand the online degree program into other fields but for right now, our priority is within the field of education." If you are a teacher, or work in the educational field and wish to pursue a degree, please contact Dean Daniel of the School of Technical Education at 488-2471 ext. 254.

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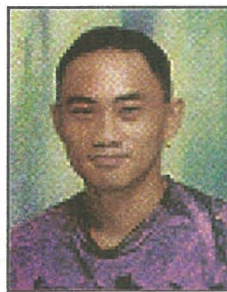
PCC Student Attends International Youth Conference



PCC Alumni Irvin Dwight (left in the back row) wearing green and PCC student Janelle Iechad in the (center back row) wearing black

Janelle Iechad, a PCC sophomore majoring in Environmental Science and Irvin Dwight, a PCC Alumni currently working for the Palau International Coral Research Center (PICRC) attended a youth conference for the Small Island Development States (SIDS) held in Mauritius. The conference was held from January 7-12, 2005 and included youth representatives from around the world. The program was part of the 'Youth Visioning for Island Living' process which encourages young people from small island nations to voice their concerns at international meetings and contribute to the future development of their islands. During the conference, the participants discussed their concerns, shared information, formulated their vision, and created specific strategies for future implementation. The proposals which resulted from the outcome of the youth conference were presented to the main United Nations meeting which was held right after the youth conference. In addition, the young participants were also able to share experiences, promote cultural understanding, and interact with organizations represented at the UN meeting. Small Islands Voice is an inter-regional initiative focusing on small islands facilitated by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

Former PCC Student Makes Dean's List at UH-Hilo



Fredrick Ikertang

Former PCC Student Fredrick Ikertang who majored in Agriculture at PCC and the proud son of former PCC employee Sue Ikertang made the Dean's List at the University of Hawaii—Hilo. This is a great honor as Fredrick has made both his family and PCC proud by demonstrating his dedication and commitment to excellence in education. Fredrick is just one of the thirty-one students from the University of Hawaii at Hilo's College of Agriculture and Resource

Management who received this esteemed honor. Fredrick who is majoring in Agricultural Science is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in that field. Acting Dean William Sakai in a formal letter of acknowledgement to Mr. Ikertang stated, "Congratulations on your academic performance this past Fall 2004 semester! Because of your outstanding scholastic achievement, you have been placed on the Dean's List. This recognition comes only through diligence and hard work. I am proud of your accomplishments; keep up the good work." PCC is also proud to see that one of our very own has achieved such success. Mr. Ikertang is a great example, that with hard work, anything is possible!

PCC Intramural Basketball Tournament to Begin Next Week

The PCC Intramural Co-Ed Basketball Tournament is slated to begin next week. The tournament will be played every Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning on February 15 until March 22. The first game begins at 7:00 pm and the second game begins at 8:00 pm. There are currently ten teams with two divisions. The tournament is open to all PCC students and it is an alcohol free event. The top four teams will advance to the playoffs and as a reward, only the top final three teams will receive a cash prize. So check out the fast paced action packed basketball games next week and cheer for your favorite team. For more information on the tournament, please call the PCC Recreation Office at 488-3885

PCC Student's Home Run First to Hit PCC Sign



PCC Student and Home Run hero Fred Nedlic

PCC Student Fred Nedlic from the College's Mesekiu Baseball Team hit a homerun during a game against Peleliu. He not only hit a solo home run, Fred also hit the PCC signboard posted right over center field. A \$100 dollar reward is given to any player in the Palau Major League whose homerun hits the PCC signboard.

Fred not only hit the first home run for the Mesekiu Team this season, he is also the first player ever to hit the PCC signboard. To have a homerun hit the signboard is a great athletic feat, but to have it done by a PCC student makes it extra special. Great job Fred! Keep on hitting those home runs!

The College would like to invite PCC staff and students to attend the College baseball games and cheer the Mesekiu Team to victory! For more information on this season's schedule, please call Coach Norman Sato at 488-3885.

PCC Staff Member Expresses Gratitude to the College

PCC Staff Member Norma Adelbai on behalf of herself and family would like to thank all the PCC staff for their generous donations to her House Party held this past Friday, February 4, 2005. She would also like to express a special thanks to all the PCC staff and students who attended her House party. Norma was truly touched by the support she received from her second family, PCC. Congratulations Norma!

BITS AND PIECES... PCC Tourism Club Elects Officers.....

The PCC Tourism Club during its first official meeting this semester on February 2, 2005 elected its new officers for the spring semester. They are Ilima Kloulchad, Club President; Patricia Remeliik, Club Vice President; Filton Rdechor, Club Secretary; and Ashley Ongrung, Club Treasurer. The College congratulates all of you and wishes you a successful and productive year.

Peleliu Hosts 5th Mikania Clean Up this Saturday.....

Everyone is invited to join in the 5th Annual Mikania Clean Up sponsored by the Bureau of Agriculture, Office of Environmental Response and Coordination (OERC), the Palau Conservation Society (PCS), and the Peleliu State Government. This year's clean up will be held at Peleliu State this February 12, 2005. Lunch, refreshments and transportation will be provided to all volunteers. For information on how you can join in the Mikania Clean Up in Peleliu State this weekend, please call Joe Tiobech, Invasive Weeds Control Officer at Forestry Office at 488-2504.

Library Invites Student Groups.....

The PCC Library encourages student groups to visit the Library. Our friendly staff are available to conduct orientation on how to familiarize oneself with and make the most of one's visit to the PCC Library. Teachers who wish to bring their students to the PCC Library are encouraged to call in advance so that arrangements may be made. Call us at PCC telephone number 488-2470/2471/3540. We will be very happy to assist you!

Tutoring is Available at Project Beacon...

All students who need tutoring in the subjects of Math, Science and English are encouraged to come to Project Beacon for tutoring. Tutoring is free to all students and is available throughout the day. For more information, please see Midori Mersai, Project Beacon Counselor. Project Beacon counselors are open and ready to help you with your class work, homework, tests, quizzes and basic problem solving.

FINANCIAL AID SESSIONS FOR PCC STUDENTS

The Office of Admissions and Financial Aid is conducting a series of meetings with PCC continuing students to complete 2005-2006 Financial Aid forms during the month of February. Students are encouraged to come and complete their forms if they plan to receive financial aid. Students are requested to follow the schedule below:

- February 14, 2005—Students from the Federated States of Micronesia and the Marshall Islands are to meet at 7:00 pm at the PCC Cafeteria.
- February 14-17, 2005—Meeting with students from Palau will be done in groups by alphabetical order in room 68. Separate meetings for students who are employees of the Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Education and the Palau Community Action Agency will be arranged at a later date.

Alphabetical order by last name	Groups	Date	Time	Location
A-D	(Group 1)	2/14	11:00 am – 11:45 am	Room 68
E-J	(Group 2)	2/14	11:45 am – 12:45 pm	Room 68
K-M	(Group 3)	2/15	11:00 am – 11:45 am	Room 68
N-P	(Group 4)	2/15	11:45 am – 12:45 pm	Room 68
Q-S	(Group 5)	2/16	11:00 am – 11:45 am	Room 68
T-Y	(Group 6)	2/16	11:45 am – 12:45 pm	Room 68

*Students unable to meet at these times may meet on Thursday, February 17, at 11:00 to 12:45 pm at room 68.

*Please bring a pen, 2005-2006 FAFSA Renewal Form and Pin Number.

TIPS FOR PCC STUDENTS TO SUCCEED IN THE CLASSROOM

Taken from Study Tips.com at <http://www.how-to-study.com>

Taking good notes is a three-stage process in which there are certain things you should do before class, during class, and after class. Here are the three stages of note taking and what you should do during each stage.

1. Get Ready to Take Notes (Before Class): Review your notes from the previous class session before you come to class. This will help you remember what was covered and get you ready to understand new information your teacher provides. Complete all assigned readings before you come to class. Your teacher will expect that you have done this and will use and build upon this information. Bring all note taking materials with you to class. Have several pens and pencils as well as your notebook.

2. Take Notes (During Class): Keep your attention focused on what your teacher is saying. Listen for "signal statements" that tell you that what your teacher is about to say is important to write in your notes. Be sure to include in your notes information that your teacher repeats or writes on the chalkboard. Write quickly so that you can include all the important information in your notes. Do this by writing abbreviated words such as med for medicine, using symbols such as % for percent, and writing short sentences. Place a ? next to information you write in your notes, but about whose meaning you are not sure.

3. Rewrite Your Notes (After Class): Rewrite your notes to make them more complete by changing abbreviated words into whole words, symbols into words, and shortened sentences into longer sentences. Make your notes more accurate by answering any questions you had when writing your notes in class. Use your textbook and reference sources to obtain the information you need to answer your questions. If necessary, ask your teacher or other students for help. Check with other students to be sure you did not leave out important information.

Having good class notes will help you to be better prepared for tests.