

Ostenso's Family In Chuuk Thanks PCC

On January 24th, Wilma Sukrad, a PCC faculty member, traveled on behalf of Palau Community College to Chuuk-FSM where she attended Mr. Ostenso Faungy's funeral. During a special dinner which Ostenso's family held to mark the end of the *Novena*, Wilma was given the opportunity to convey PCC's condolences as well as present to Ostenso's family a certificate of appreciation as a token of the College's appreciation for Ostenso's nineteen (19) years of dedicated service to PCC.

Ostenso's family in Chuuk was deeply moved by the extent to which Palau Community College went to provide support, and asked Wilma to relay their deep appreciation to the Board of Trustees, President Patrick U. Tellei, management, faculty and staff upon her return.



Wilma (l) handing over certificate of appreciation to Yoneko, Ostenso's mother

ENDOWMENT FUND WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

PCC staff and students welcome the newest members of the PCC Endowment Fund Contributors' Club. The newest members include the individuals on the front page of this newsletter, as well as the following people:

Ministry of Health-Div. of Env. Health employees Ms. Losii Samsel (PCC class of '97 with an A.S. degree in Bus. Acctg., '00 with an A.S. degree in Office Admin., and now an A.A. degree student majoring in Lib. Arts) and Ms. Sylvia Tmodrang ('98-Sec. Science), as well as Michie E. Sadang-Asanuma (ROP Pres. Office) and Ms. Rilla Julius (Ministry of Finance).

Indeed, PCC welcomes our newest members as well as encourages all others to join us. Call PCC Development Office at 488-2471 and we will be very happy to assist you!



Ms. Losii Samsel (l) and Ms. Sylvia Tmodrang



Ms. Rilla Julius (l) and Mrs. Michie E. Sadang-Asanuma

G.B.H. Employees, from front page

Judson Butelbai (Class of '91-AA degree in Lib. Arts), Joylynn Spis (Class of '01-AA degree in Lib. Arts), Dominina Ngiraibai, Ana Eungel (Off. Admin. major), Jelina Arurang, Kimie Abraham, Bertha Idelkei, Clara O. Joseph, Sungino Frank, Ngelechel Miko, and Polycarp Marciel. When asked what they thought about the notion of supporting PCC, one of them remarked, "It is our college. We must support it so that our children can attend PCC in the future. I hope all other elementary schools in Palau will join this wonderful program". PCC is heartened by this encouraging remark as it welcomes our friends from George B. Harris Elementary School!

Our Condolences

The Palau Community College family extends its sincere condolences to PCC Instructor Mrs. Soledad Garcia on the untimely passing of her older brother, Mr. Crisanto Guysayko, who resides in the Philippines. The College would also like to extend its sincere condolences to Sue Ikertang (PCC CRE) as well, on the passing of her brother Mr. Standis Towai. Our prayers and thoughts are with both Mrs. Garcia and Ms. Ikertang as they mourn the passing of their loved ones.

Celebrating Birthdays



Elenita Brel	February 8
Pioria W. Faungy	February 9
Nelson Esquerria	February 10

Happy Birthday To You!!!

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PCC ENDOWMENT FUND MEMBERSHIP DRIVE CONTINUES

Palau Community College continues to be excited to see that its current membership drive is recruiting more and more people who are joining the effort to ensure that PCC will continue to exist in the future to support the education and training needs of Palau's and the region's students. This week, many employees at the Ministry of Justice-Bureau of Public Safety opted to join the Endowment Fund Contributors' Club. These people all enrolled when PCC staff visited the Ministry to enroll Mr. Willie Mays Towai - a police officer with the Criminal Investigation Division - who earlier expressed interest in this program. These Ministry of Justice employees include: Officer III John Deck Timarong, Sargeant Benjamin Ngirdimau, Clerk Romarie Ngirmang (PCC Class of '00-AA degree in Lib. Arts), Administrative Assistant Felisa Ngirdengoll (Class of '98-Gen. Off. Clerk), Clerk Bonnie L. Rengiil (Class of '01-AS degree in Crim. Justice), Clerk Portiana Franz (Class of '01-AS Degree in Crim. Justice), Detective Sargeant Aloys Alonz, Detective Temdik Ngirblekuu, Detective Lieutenant Xavier Ngirameong, and Administrative Officer Jennifer Olegeriil.



Det. Ngirblekuu(l) and Det. Lieutenant Ngirameong



Detective Sargeant Aloys Alonz



Staff of the Bureau of Public Safety are the newest members of the PCC Endowment Contributors' Club



Sargeant Benjamin Ngirdimau



Pol. Offcr. II Willie Mays Towai, PCC Class of '89-Auto. Mech. Tech., & Class of '92-AS Deg. in Police Science

26 G.B.H. EMPLOYEES BECOME ENDOWMENT DONORS

It appears that the many supporters of education and the critical role it plays in the overall well-being of society have decided to put their money where their mouth is. This week, many of the generous teachers and cooks, security guards as well as facilities/landscape crews at George B. Harris Elementary School - the nation's second largest public elementary school - have decided to enroll in the PCC Endowment Fund Contributors' Club. By joining the Club, they join their colleague Ms. Pasquana Iyekar and almost two hundred other people who donate every two weeks directly out of their paychecks to the PCC Endowment Fund. These very generous George B. Harris Elementary School employees are: Osamu Ngirchchol (PCC Class of '98-AS degree in Bus. Acctg.), Sylvia Kloulubak (Elem. Ed. major), Mariana Wong, Bradley Melairei, Lucia Tabelual (Elem. Ed. major), Clarinda Worswick (Class of '97-AA degree in Lib. Arts and Class of '02-AS degree in Elem. Ed.), Paula Temael (Elem. Ed. major), Augustina Mesubed, Telebadel Baulechong, Laurette Darrow, Inglord Sumang, Lorraine Franz (Class of '96-AS degree in Bus. Acctg.), Sandy Mengloi (Class of '97-Cert. in Gen. Office Clerk), Margarete Ngiramengior, Shellene Dolmers (Class of '00 Cert. in Off. Admin.),



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Study Tips for All Students

Studying is more than just a way to get grades, it is a way to grow and develop as a person and contributing member of society. However, there are several things you must do to become a successful student. Start by taking care of your health, eating properly, exercising and getting the proper amount of rest. These things will help you to become a more effective studier.

Traits of Successful Students

Good students attend class regularly. They are on time and pay attention to what the instructor has to say. If you must miss a class, let the instructor know AHEAD of time. Call or e-mail them... they will appreciate it.

-Take advantage of extra credit opportunities. This demonstrates you care about your grade and want to earn a good grade.

-Successful students speak in class; participate in class discussions, despite clumsy or difficult attempts to ask pertinent questions. Others may have the same questions as well. There are NO dumb questions.

-Check with your instructor about grades, clarifying discussion points, and upcoming dates.

-Turn in assignments on time. Take the time to produce a product you are proud of. Don't just do it to get it done.

- Be attentive in class. Don't talk, read, sleep, stare out the window, or let your mind drift. Although this is difficult, especially during those boring lectures, you'll be much better off for this later.

-Complete all your work and **DON'T LEAVE BLANKS ON TESTS!** Guess if you are not sure. Go for partial credit.

-Stay on top of assignment and know when tests and pertinent dates are coming up during the term.

Classroom Advice:

-Don't let your thoughts wander. Focus on the instructor and pay attention to their points!

-Take neat, legible and pertinent notes. Don't write down everything, but write important points!

-Ask questions, but not if they have been asked previously (unless you are clarifying a point)

-Class attendance is vital to success in class. Show up on time and be ready to learn.

-Don't ask for special favors. Instructors are most likely to help you if you are gracious and don't seem too needy.

-Never talk when the instructor is speaking.

-Don't sit next to that person who likes to chat.

-Make frequent appointments with the instructor. Make them earn their money.

Spring '03 Internship Sets Record

The Spring 2003 semester at Palau Community College is seeing forty (40) students who have been placed in Internship Training. This is an unprecedented number for Internship participation in a semester since the College implemented the program in 1993. The breakdown of the internship trainees is as follows:

<u>MAJOR</u>	<u># OF TRAINEES</u>
Air Conditioning & Refrigeration	1
Business Accounting	9
Criminal Justice	10
General Electronics Technology	3
Office Administration	7
Tourism and Hospitality	9
Small Engine & Outboard Marine Technology	1
T O T A L	40

The College wishes these students an educational experience and strongly encourages them to work hard so that they may be able to successfully complete their training and earn the credits required for them to graduate. The College also commends the twenty-nine (29) employers in the public and private sectors who are voluntarily hosting our students as trainees this semester.



Carissa Subris is completing her internship at the Palau National Olympic Committee Office

Training Opportunities at PCC

The Palau Community College Continuing Education offers a variety of training to meet the specific needs of local residents, agencies, organizations and groups. The minimum number of participants needed to start any program is only ten. Below is a list of some of the training topics that are available:

Customer Service
Computer Training
Wood Carving
Palauan Conversation
Palauan Customs
English Conversation

Thus, everyone is encouraged to call PCC and inquire about these training opportunities that have been designed just for you. For more information on these and other training opportunities, please call 488-2471 extensions 237 thru 239 or 270.

Palau NOC Opens Office Extension Press Release

Koror, Palau: On Tuesday, February 4, 2003, the Palau NOC had a small "open house" and tour of the newly built 2nd floor of the Palau National Olympic Committee Office, located at the Palau National Gymnasium. The new office extension was built through supporting funds from the International Olympic Committee (IOC). Palau NOC received the funds after President Samaranch of the IOC visited Palau during April 2001. Some funds for the new office were also received from IOC under regional programs specifically to help Palau host the 2005 Mini Games. The Office preparation for construction was made possible through the assistance of the Palau CIP Office and Hanpa Construction for receiving the bid for the construction work.

President of the Republic of Palau, President of Palau Community College and various sports officials and athletes visited the Office during the open house and tour on Tuesday. Fr. Rusk Saburo was also present at the open house to provide prayers and blessing of the newly built office. The Palau NOC administration is now located at the 2nd floor of the Palau National Gym, while the first floor is specifically for sports development officers of the various sports in Palau. The Palau NOC also hosts the Office of the 2005 Mini South Pacific Games. The Palau NOC has a small conference room and sports information/materials available to anyone with sports needs. For additional information on any upcoming games (MIBT, Athletics Oceania Championships, SPG 2003, and the 2005 Mini South Pacific Games), please stop by at the Palau NOC Office or call 488-6562.

The Palau NOC extends appreciation to the Palau government leadership, the community and all local sponsors for your continued support to all sports programs.

Job Opportunities Galore

For those who wish to earn more money by getting a second job, or simply work part-time, the following are job opportunities at Palau Community College that are definitely worth exploring:

ENGLISH & PALAUAN TUTORS

POSITION : Five (5) English & Palauan Tutors

SALARY: Depending on individual qualifications, salary ranges from \$40.00 to \$64.00 Bi-weekly.

LOCATIONS: Airai, George B. Harris, Koror, Maris Stella, and Meyuns Elementary Schools

DUTIES: To assist students in their assignments in English & Palauan Grammar, Sentence Structure, Paragraph Writing, Composition, and Reading Comprehension.

QUALIFICATIONS: Applicants must be teachers, retired teachers, college education major students, or recent college students. Must have work experience with students.

APPLICATION forms can be obtained from PCC Talent Search Office or PCC Human Resource Office. Forward Completed application forms to: PCC - Talent Search Office, P.O. Box 9047 Koror, PW 96940, Tel. (680) 488-2471, extension 244, and Fax (680) 488-2447.

Olegeriil to Screen Applications for Disabled Assistance Fund

ROP President Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr. has recently appointed PCC Development Director Jay Olegeriil to serve as Chairman of a newly established seven member committee, primarily responsible for reviewing and screening applications of individuals with disabilities, to determine their eligibility to receive monthly stipends under the Palau



Jay Olegeriil

Severely Disabled Assistance Fund. Republic of Palau Public Law 6-26 establishes stipulations allowing for individuals with certain disabilities to receive financial assistance from the government. This new type of assistance coming from the government can be deemed as a result of nation's first ever Convention for Palau's People with Disabilities held in 2001. While Director Olegeriil realizes that this may mean additional duties and responsibilities, he also realizes the important role that PCC has to play in serving all members of the local community, including those with special needs. Thus, he has indicated his willingness and enthusiasm to serve Palau, on behalf of PCC, in this regard. Applications for this program are located at the Office of the Minister of Community and Cultural Affairs.

BITS AND PIECES...

No More Parallel Parking

For safety purposes, the Bureau of Public Safety of the Ministry of Justice has informed PCC that parallel parking next to the main highway is hazardous and should be discontinued. Effective immediately, all vehicles that are parked parallel to the highway shall be towed away at the vehicle owner's expense.

As part of our courtesy and service to our students and visitors, the parking lot facing the main highway is reserved for them. All faculty and staff may park their cars in the parking lot in front of BTACHES Building or the Parking lot located next to TEKRAR building. Additional parking can also be located between MIICH building and the Tourism and Hospitality Office leading to the National Track and Field. It is to be used by all PCC customers and employees. For yours and well as everyone else's safety, please utilize these parking spaces rather than parallel parking next to the main highway.

Help Keep Campus Clean

Our Palau Community College campus grounds have been so well kept and the landscape so wonderfully maintained that many in the local community have complimented us for a beautiful campus. Thus, all PCC students and employees are encouraged to ensure that our campus grounds and facilities remain that way. Let us see to it that all our litter go into the trash bins and that each of us remind one another to do the same.