

Head Start is Head Over Heels for Endowment


PCC is very excited to welcome Head Start into our Endowment Membership Club! This week, some twenty-five (25) staff at the Head Start Office join our growing endowment membership. By joining 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 refunds for their donations! In other words, they donate to a very good cause and in the end, get their money back.

These twenty-five (25) new members from Head Start are, **Leslie Ngirablosch, Augusta Kintaro, Reuben Inawo, Monica Blesoch, Maureen Teblak, Ines N. Tiobech, Pauline Jerry, Mike Ngeltengat, Miriam Ewatel, Miriam Johanes, Shannon Oseked, Shobert Skang, MelanJane Pedro, Florence Kambalang, Lory I. Ngemaes, Benjamin Adelbai, Engracia Ongino, Kuliana Bruno, Weena Mereb, Lorraine Emul, Eydeline Ikeya, Lovelynn Shrio, Madeline Tengeluk, Hasinta Techur, and Leonard Basilius.** At the Palau National Communications Corporation (PNCC), we welcome two (2) new members, **Marcia Ueda and Yukei Elidechedong.**



Head Start staff pose for a group photo after having enrolled to become the newest members of the PCC Endowment Fund Contributors' Club. PCC is very excited that they have joined the program!

Celebrating Birthdays

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

Donors Increase Allotments!

...And the trend continues to continue! Another generous bi-weekly donor has decided to increase his donation to the PCC Endowment Fund. This person is **Gregorio Oiterong.** Wow, now his donation is bigger, so his refund next year will be bigger!!!

Thank you very much!

From the Ministry of Justice, we welcome two (2) new members, **Gabriel Anastacio** and **Shayne Tatingal.** Over at the Ministry of Resources and Development's Bureau of Agriculture, we welcome one (1) new member, **Tarita Holm.**

In the Ministry of Finance's Division of Customs, we welcome one (1) new member, **Clive M. Telei.** At the Ngiwal State Office, we also welcome one (1) new member, **Lyndon Melaitau.** From the Ministry of Health, we also welcome five (5) new members, **Ritter B. Udui, Evelyn Elidechedong, Angie Bismarck, Allyne Kikuharu, and Magdalena Oikang.** And, right here at PCC, we welcome one (1) new member, **Norma Adelbai.**

Once again, we welcome these new members as they show 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 Jay at PCC telephone number 488-2470/2471, extension 253. **They will be very happy to assist you!**



Ben Adelbai



Yukei Elidechedong



Gabriel Anastacio



Shayne Tatingal



Tarita Holm



Clive M. Telei



Evelyn Elidechedong



Angie Bismarck



Allyne Kikuharu



Magdalena Oikang



Norma Adelbai



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Workshops Abound at PCC Upward Bound

Last Saturday February 7th, the PCC Upward Bound (UB) Program and the PCC Upward Bound Math and Science (UBMS) Program held simultaneous workshops for their student participants. The UB program, which serves 100 students, held its workshop at the College Cafeteria and featured a Motivation Session with local radio celebrity Mr. Alfonso Diaz, who used his personal experiences in encouraging the students to pursue their educational goals. Another speaker was Tino Faatuuala from the Ministry of Health. Mr. Faatuuala explained the importance of having a healthy body and how this affects other aspects of a student's life, including success in high school and postsecondary education.

On the other hand, the UBMS, which serves 50 students, held its workshop at the College Training Room and featured topics on the following: Learning and Study Strategies Inventory (LASSI), an assessment instrument that helps identify students' learning styles and behavior. The UBMS students also got to learn more about the College's Cooperative Research and Extension (CRE) department, courtesy of CRE staff Ms. Kris Lloyd. Ms. Lloyd explained the role of CRE and its programs and services, including its many programs aimed at helping high school students.

Due to the large number of students needing the services offered by the UBMS, Project Director Tchuzie Tadao is currently exploring the possibility of increasing the number of students served by another ten. The UB program, which served eighty (80) students last year, also increased the number of students served this year by another twenty, an indication of the need for its services as well.

Both UB and UBMS hold monthly workshops; hence, the next workshop for both programs will also be held simultaneously on March 6, 2004 at the same venues. For information about UB Program, contact Project Director Ms. Kuye Belalai or Hellen Imanuel at telephone (680) 488-2962. For information about the UBMS program, contact Mr. Tchuzie Tadao or Larry Wakakoro at telephone (680) 488-2470.



PHOTO ABOVE: UBMS students listen attentively as Mr. Huan Hosei delivers a riveting presentation on LASSI, an assessment instrument that is designed to help identify students' learning styles and behavior.



PHOTO LEFT: Local radio celebrity Mr. Alfonso Diaz captivates UB students with his no-nonsense presentation on what it takes to succeed in school and in life. The UBMS and UB students thank all workshop presenters for taking time from their busy schedules to meet with them. Thank you Mr. Diaz, Ms. Lloyd, and Mr. Faatuuala!

Introduction to College

PCC requires all new students to take the **SS100 Introduction to College** class, regardless of major. This class introduces PCC students to the many programs and services offered by the College. It also serves to provide the student with a well rounded college experience, by ensuring that the student is informed as to where and how to obtain needed services and assistance. The photo on the right shows students in Ms. Damiana Kunihiro's SS100 class being oriented on the PCC Library's program and service offerings by Library staff Pioria Faungy. For information about this and other PCC academic courses and programs, contact Alvina Timarong at PCC telephone number 488-2471, extension 246.



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Mentoring and Career Practicum at PCC

Last week saw seven Palau High School (PHS) juniors doing their Job Mentoring at the Palau Community College AutoMechanics Shop, Small Engine and Outboard Marine Shop, as well as the Cooperative Research and Extension's Agriculture program. These students were **Exodus Timarong, Kayla Obeketang, Olikong Kingich, Webster Blaluk, Ysim Rengulbai, Wonderful Kumaichi, and Goodwin Shiro**. Mentoring, according to the Work-Based Activity Office at the Palau High School, "is a learning experience that takes place at a private business or government agency." This activity is designed to give students a chance to do the following:



- Learn about different jobs and careers
- Identify personal interests and abilities
- Get to know and work with adults in the community
- Practice a variety of academic, work and communications skills
- Change their ideas about different jobs and careers
- Understand the connection between school, work, and achieving their goals

The Mentoring program started in 1999 and has since been conducted on an annual basis. For this year, some one hundred thirty-nine (139) PHS juniors participated in this one week program at various local agencies. These juniors joined an additional one hundred sixteen (116) PHS seniors who began doing their Career Practicum, which started in January and will finish in April 2004. PCC is also hosting eight (8) PHS seniors doing their Career Practicum at the College AutoMechanics Shop. They are **Cherie Bukurrou, Marc Solang, Remmy Blesoch, Randall Saburo, Omenged Albert, Hadson Ngirakesau, Christopher Techur, and Ordiil Christopher**. For more information about this program, contact the Work-Based Activity Office at telephone number 488-4446.

More in College Taking Remedial Courses

The following article is taken from the January 2004 (Volume 10, number 1) issue of 'The Bulletin'

More students today are taking at least one year of remedial coursework upon reaching college than five years ago, according to a report from the National Center for Educational Statistics.

Thirty-five percent of students entering two- and four-year public and private colleges took at least a year of remedial courses during 2000, the study says. Five years ago, 28 percent spent that much time in remedial classes, according to the NCEES study, "Remedial Education at Degree-Granting Postsecondary Institutions in fall 2000."

"I wish I could tell you remediation isn't necessary in today's world, but sadly, it is," Secretary of Education Rod Paige said of the findings, in a statement. Someday, he said, the United States "wouldn't need to rely on remediation to do the job that the K-12 system should be doing to academically prepare students."

For a copy of the January 2004 issue of 'The Bulletin,' contact Jay Olegeril at PCC telephone number 488-2471

Financial Aid Nights Are a Success

From January 19-30, 2004, the PCC Admissions and Financial Aid Office held 'Financial Aid Nights' for high school seniors and their parents from all local high schools in Palau, with the exception of Palau Mission Academy.

These night sessions were put together by PCC so that the College can provide hands-on assistance to prospective students and their parents, as well as provide parents the opportunity to gain a better understanding of the process involved in a student applying for U.S. federal financial aid.

Some of the topics that were discussed at length during the sessions included Student Federal Financial Aid programs and eligibility requirements. As the cost of college continues to increase, the dependence of Palauan citizens on U.S. federal financial aid increases.

At the present, just about 100% of students attending PCC are eligible for and are receiving this type of financial assistance to help pay for their college education. These students would have to pay an average of \$840 per semester (or \$1,680 per school year), totalling at least \$3,360 for two years' for tuition alone at PCC. At \$70 per credit, PCC offers the lowest cost for any higher education institution in Micronesia. Even so, the price is still too steep for the majority of Palau's students; thus, the need for and continued dependency on U.S. federal financial aid.

During the financial aid nights, many parents expressed appreciation to PCC for helping out with the many forms that are required of them and their children to complete. Even those whose first college choice is not PCC received the services and assistance that they sought. We thank Admissions and Financial Aid Office Director Ms. Dahlia M. Katosang and her staff for taking the initiative to provide this service for Palau's graduating high school seniors and their parents!



BITS AND PIECES...

Thanks, Bruce Mikel

The PCC Dorm residents join the Cafeteria staff in extending their sincere 'Mesulang' to Mr. Bruce Mikel and his family for their generous donation of 30 pounds of juicy lemon! The lemon were put to good use by the students when they had sashimi for dinner during their January Barbeque!

Mina & Susa, They're #1

Congratulations to PCC students Mina Aizono and Susa Wishim! They are the first students to successfully complete the required Reading Lab hours for this 2004 spring semester. For this achievement, they get 30 points (or 10%) toward their ultimate grade in their respective English classes. Both Mina and Susa challenge their peers to complete their hours, ASAP!



Mina Aizono



Susa Wishim

Register Your Team Today!

Palau Community College is proud to announce that it is now registering teams for the upcoming Sixth Annual Charter Day Softball Fundraiser for the PCC Endowment Fund. The tournament has been scheduled to take place the weekend of April 2-4, 2004 at the Meyuns Ballfield.

In the tournament's tradition, there will be 16 slots for co-ed teams playing in a double-elimination format. A registration fee of \$200 will be deposited directly into the PCC Endowment Fund. To register your team, simply call PCC telephone 488-2471 and speak to Todd, LeoBen, Dilubch, Hulda, or Jay. They will be very happy to assist you. Register your team today, ensuring your spot in the tournament. Join us for a weekend of fun activities as we help build the PCC Endowment Fund!

Fall 2004 Recruitment Begins

As they say, it pays to plan ahead. That is exactly what the PCC Admissions and Financial Aid staff have been doing. While some may think it is a bit early, Admissions Director Ms. Dahlia M. Katosang and her staff have been busy traveling to and fro speaking to seniors at Palau's local high schools.

During these visits, Mrs. Katosang describes the many academic programs that Palau Community College has to offer to its incoming freshmen. The prospective students also get to hear about many programs and services that PCC offers outside the classroom, including organizations, clubs, recreational activities, cultural and social programs.

The recruitment program that has been implemented by the College in the recent years has been very effective. Combined with College efforts to add/improve programs, services and facilities, it has resulted in a steady enrollment ranging between 600 and 700 students for the past few years. This is great considering that for most of the 1990's, enrollment rarely topped the 500 mark.

Thus, the College encourages all high school seniors to make the most of Mrs. Katosang and her staff's visit to their schools. If you missed them, please feel free to call the PCC Admissions and Financial Aid Office at (680) 488-2470/2471 and speak with any of our friendly staff. They will be very happy to assist you! After all, we at PCC look forward to seeing you as a PCC student in the 2004 fall semester.



Vacancy Announcement

Position: Public Relations Manager
Salary: \$16,010 to \$21,911 per annum
(Depending on qualifications)

Examples of Duties:

Under the direct supervision of the Director of Development, Public Relations Manager will work to create and market a positive image of Palau Community College to all sectors of government, business, specific community groups and the general public. This includes but is not limited to the following:

- Contributing to the high profile exposure and resource to promote College activities and programs;
- Ensuring regular communication of College activities and marketing of its programs including production of a high quality newsletter and other printed materials;
- Organizing, planning, and controlling the public relations activity, including budget, reports, etc.;
- Establishing an Alumni Association throughout Micronesia and will provide assistance in all public relations aspect of the Association;
- Working with other College components to ensure that high quality of the marketing content provides a positive and accurate corporate image;
- Provide key role in College fund raising activities; and,
- Doing division budget and other reports as may be required.

Minimum Qualification Requirements

Bachelor's degree in international relations or related field and at least three years work experience in public relations or related areas. Has the ability to communicate effectively in writing and speaking English, following and giving oral/written directions, and meeting timelines of difficult work assignment schedules.

General Information

Application forms can be obtained from Human Resources Division at Palau Community College - P.O. Box 9 - Koror, Palau - 96940. Send completed application with transcript(s), resume, and verification of previous employment(s), if any, to the same address. For further information, contact Ms. Karen Mobel at telephone (680) 488-2470/2471.

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Dr. Shirley Kelly
President, College of San Mateo,
San Mateo, California

Dr. Shirley Kelly had served as president of College of San Mateo since 2000 and prior to that she served as vice president of instruction at College of San Mateo for eight years. Dr. Kelly served as chair of the Accreditation Team to Reedly College in 2000 and then in 2002 chaired two Accreditation Teams, one to Contra Costa College and another one to Samoa Community College.

Dr. Patricia Griffin is vice president of Student Services at College of San Mateo, a position she has held since 1990. Prior to that, Dr. Griffin served as Dean of Counseling and Special Programs at Saddleback College, in California. Dr. Griffin has served on nine accreditation teams for California area and Hawaii. She co-chaired College of San Mateo's self-study process during its last two accreditation cycles and presently serves as Accreditation Liaison Officer (ALO) for her college.



Dr. Patricia Griffin
VP of Student Services
College of San Mateo
San Mateo, California



Dr. Lyn MacConnaire
Dean of Student Development
Ventura College
Ventura, California

Dr. Lyn MacConnaire is the Dean of Student Development at Ventura College. Dr. MacConnaire has served as Division Dean of Social Sciences, Dean of Continuing Education and Vice President of Instruction at Ventura College at Ventura California. Dr. MacConnaire has served on eight accreditation teams in California area and one to College of Micronesia-Federated States of Micronesia (COM-FSM) in Pohnpei, FSM.

Dr. Robert Barr is the Executive Director of Institutional Research and Planning at the two-college Foothill-De Anza Community College District in Silicon Valley, California. Prior to that, Dr. Barr served as Director of Institutional Research and Planning at Palomar College in San Marcos, California. Dr. Robert Barr has served on six accreditation teams and has also served on Community College League of California (CCLC) commissions including its commission on Educational Policy for eight years.



Dr. Robert Barr
Executive Director,
Institutional Resch. & Planning
Foothill-De Anza CCD
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Mr. Jerry Patton is the vice president of Finance and Administrative Services at Palomar College in San Marcos, California. Prior to that Patton served as vice president of Administrative Services at West Hills Community College District. Mr. Patton also served as vice president of Administrative Services at Missouri State University system prior to West Hills CCD.

Mr. Jerry Patton
VP of Finance & Admin. Services
Palomar College
San Marcos, California



Dr. Roger Welt is the Executive Dean of Off Campus Programs at Allan Hancock College in Lompoc California. Dr. Roger once lived and worked in the Micronesian. Dr. Welt served as Dean of Students at Community College of Micronesia (CCM) where he visited Palau on several occasions.

Dr. Roger Welt
Executive Dean of Off
Campus Programs
Allan Hancock College
Lompoc, California



Mr. John Armstrong has been a faculty at Guam Community College for over twelve years. Mr. Armstrong teaches courses in the social studies department, including general psychology, sociology, and interpersonal relations. Mr. Armstrong has served on various self study committees at his college including chair of Standard 1: Institutional Mission , during the most recent one. Mr. Armstrong has served in two accreditation teams and is a returning member team member to PCC.

Mr. John Armstrong
Assistant Professor
Guam Community College
Barrigada, Guam

Mr. Daniel Petersen has taught reading, composition, literature, critical thinking, and film for over twenty years at college and university level. Mr. Petersen for the last twelve years has taught English at Hartnell College in Salinas, California.



Mr. Daniel Petersen
English Instructor
Hartnell College
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