

Alumni Notes

Class of 2005 (PCC)



Grace Salvador-2005 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Office Administration. Salvador is currently working as Library Assistant at the Palau Community College Library.

Class of 1979 (MOC)



Rosendo Skang-1979 MOC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) degree in Agricultural Science. Skang previously worked for the PCC-CRE Department before taking over the role of a Landscaper for Palau Community College.

Alumni Note showcases MOC&PCC alumni who contribute to the quality of life in their local community and are positive role models for other PCC students to emulate. If you are that alumni or know someone who is, please contact the PCC Development Office at telephone number 488-2471. We would like to feature you in future issues of the *Mesekiu's News*.

Celebrating Birthdays

Lourdes Reksid	February 17
Baskasio Oiterong	February 22
Ismael Anastacio	February 23

Happy Birthday To You!

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EXCEL WORKSHOP

PRESENTED BY: PALAU SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER

SYNOPSIS: The Excel Workshop is offered to those who wish to learn how to use excel spreadsheets to maintain inventory or small scale bookkeeping. It is also a preliminary and preparation for Quickbooks Simple workshop, to be conducted in March 2006 by Dr. Elickan Naines.

Excel Spreadsheets

Date: Thursday, February 23

Time: 6:00PM

Place: PCC, Room 68 Staches Bldg.

Fee: \$5.00 (Non-refundable)

Pre-registration is available now and seating is LIMITED. Please call the Palau SBDC at 488-6004 or email us at palausbdc@palau.net to reserve your seat.



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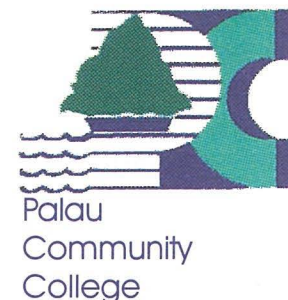


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Weekly Newsletter

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Progress Report Gets Approval from ACCJC



PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei with Dr. Shirley Kelly and Dr. Lyn MacConnaire, ACCJC evaluation team members, during their last visit which took place on November 8, 2005.

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), under the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) approved the College's Progress Report during its meeting early last month. The Progress Report which was submitted in October 2005 received the stamp of approval after its thorough review by the Commission during its three-day meeting that was held from January 11-13, 2006 in California. In its deliberation, the Commission also took into account the report and recommendations of the evaluation team that visited PCC on November 8, 2005.

In her January 31, 2006 letter to PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, Commission President Dr. Barbara A. Beno said that the Commission took action to accept the College's Progress Report with the standard requirement that the PCC

complete a Focused Midterm Report on issues that are of interest to the Commission. Based on the report from the visiting team, Dr. Beno said that the areas of interest that should be emphasized in the Focused Midterm Report are:

1. The college should establish a systematic cycle of planning and evaluation to improve institutional effectiveness. Such a process should connect plans with resource development and allocation; major planning areas should include instruction, human resources, student services, facilities, technology, and finance.
2. The college should improve learning and success by identifying and assessing student learning outcomes at the course, program, certificate and degree levels; by using assessment results in integrated cycle of planning, experimentation and evaluations.

3. The college should conduct systematic program review for all programs and services, including student learning outcomes as one element. This review should include the broad participation of those involved in the program.

Dr. Beno also went on to say in her letter that such report is required by all colleges accredited by WASC and is due during the third year after each comprehensive evaluation. Given that PCC's last comprehensive evaluation took place in February of 2004, the focused Midterm Report is due by March 15, 2007.

The Progress Report and the visits by the ACCJC representatives are all part of the ongoing Self Study process that the College conducts to ensure that it is meeting the WASC requirement for accreditation purposes.

Palau Community College was granted full accreditation by WASC in 1977 and has since maintained it.

Copy of PCC's Progress Report, visiting team recommendations, and Dr. Beno's letter are available at the PCC Library for review by any interested individuals or parties.

Correction:

In the *Mesekiu's News* February 3, 2006 Issue 5, *President Tellei Off-Island to Attend Land Grant & PPEC Meetings* story, we inadvertently wrote that PCC is under the umbrella of the COM-FSM Land Grant treaty, where in fact it is under the COM Land Grant treaty.

OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS & FINANCIAL AID 2006-2007 FINANCIAL AID SESSIONS

The Office of Admissions & Financial Aid is conducting series of meetings with continuing students to complete **2006-2007 Financial Aid** forms during the month of **February 14-17, 2006**. Meetings with students will be done in groups (8 groups) by alphabetical order as follows.

Last Names that begin with ltrs..	Group	Day	Date	Time	Location
A, B (55)	1	TUESDAY	2/14	11 – 12pm	CE T-room
C – H (59)	2	TUESDAY	2/14	12 – 1pm	CE T-Room
I – L (57)	3	WEDNESDAY	2/15	11 – 12pm	CE T-Room
M (36)	4	WEDNESDAY	2/15	12 – 1pm	CE T-Room
N, O (59)	5	THURSDAY	2/16	11 – 12pm	CE T-Room
P, R (30)	6	THURSDAY	2/16	12 – 1pm	CE T-Room
S (51)	7	FRIDAY	2/17	11 – 12pm	CE T-Room
T, U, V, W, Y (76)	8	FRIDAY	2/17	12 – 1pm	CE T-Room

Students who are unable to attend the sessions indicated above due to class conflicts may come to the Office of Admissions & Financial Aid for assistance.

Students are encouraged to come and complete their **forms if they plan to use financial aid to cover their educational costs.**

Voc./Tech. Educational Week Schedule

Monday 3/13/06
9:00 am - 12:00 pm - Elm. Students
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Elm. Students

Tuesday 3/14/06
9:00 am - 12:00 pm - Elm. Students
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Elm. Students

Wednesday 3/15/06
Youth Day Holiday

Thursday 3/16/06
9:00 am - 11:00 am - High Sch. Students
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm - High Sch. Students

Friday 3/17/06
9:00 am - 11:00 am - Public Tour
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm - Item Auction/Sale

Call Sherman or Vicky at 488-2471 for more information.

Functionality of the PacTOC is expected to include relevant news and events, resource center, database of telecenter best practice models and other telecenter information relevant to communities in the region, an e-mail list and discussion forum, virtual marketplace to products and services, and advertising space for corporate sponsorship.

Mad's participation in the workshop is seen as a step by the College to make available its extensive Micro-Pacific collection on-line to more users and telecenters once the PacTOC website goes on-line. It will also be possible for PCC Library patrons to search for information of interest in the PacTOC website including other networked telecenters. "The development of the PacTOC website will definitely benefit patrons at the library as it will allow them to tap into other telecenters for research resources and materials," said Mad.

The three-day conference, held from February 20-23 is sponsored by the Foundation for Development Cooperation, the Sasakawa Pacific Island Nations Fund and the IDRC telecenter.org program which is supported by Microsoft Unlimited Potential. The workshop is being coordinated by the New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO.

BITS AND PIECES...

Bunk Bed Donated to New Police Substation in Melekeok....

The College donated a bunk bed to the Bureau of Public Safety earlier this week. The bed will be used by police officers who will be stationed at the newly-completed police substation in the state of Melekeok.

The College regularly donates materials and manpower to help the community when it can and has also previously donated tables to the Ministry of Education. The tables were given to Koror Elementary School and other elementary schools.

2nd SDSU Master and Bachelor's Cohort Classes Underway.....



The second SDSU Master's cohort group began their first class this week with Professor Dr. Theresa Lally. The class, ARP 680 (Leadership for the Next Decade) is scheduled to run until April 14, 2006.

Also underway is the class in the Palau 3D bachelor program which is also administered through the SDSU's College of Education. Dr. Lally is here to get both classes started and will be returning back to San Diego this weekend.

PHS Job Shadow students Help Landscaper....



Palau High School students in the Job Shadow program working with College Landscaper, Rosendo Skang (r).

Guam Post, SOCIETY of AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS (SAME) 2006/2007 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

PURPOSE: The purpose of this scholarship program is to assist in the development of engineering and architectural talent among permanent residents of Guam and those islands within the geographic area known as Micronesia, which have structured political associations and ties with the United States of America.

SCOPE: It is the intent of this scholarship program to provide one year scholarship grants as follows to selected students interested in obtaining a bachelor's degree in engineering or architecture.

- The Guam Post may provide one year grants of up to \$2000 for students who will be attending their first or second year of college and are enrolled in or intend to enroll in an engineering or architectural program at a college or university for undergraduate work approved by the Guam Post and leading to an accredited bachelor's degree;
- The Guam Post may provide one year grants of up to \$2500 for students enrolled in an upper level engineering or architecture program at a college or university for undergraduate work approved by the Guam Post leading to an accredited bachelor's degree;

Scholarships recipients will be selected on an annual basis with the types and numbers of scholarships to be awarded dependent upon the availability of scholarship funds and the eligibility of candidates. Consideration will be given to awarding scholarships to prior year awardees, however, no promise that the award of one scholarship will lead to additional awards is expressed or implied.

ELIGIBILITY: To be eligible for the scholarship, a candidate must meet the following qualifications:

- Be a permanent resident of Guam or the islands of Micronesia as described under "Purpose";
- Exhibit sincere interest in obtaining an engineering or architectural undergraduate degree and returning to Guam or Micronesia after graduation to begin professional career;
- Be accepted to or plan to enroll in an accredited engineering or architectural program. (A candidate may apply for the scholarship before you are actually accepted to the undergraduate program).

TO APPLY: Submit the following by April 28, 2006, 5:00P.M.:

- The attached 2-page SAME Application for Engineering/Architectural Scholarship;
- Provide a minimum of two (2) letters of recommendation from persons who are well acquainted with the applicant and can vouch for his or her character, integrity, sincerity, and ability to work with others. Do not include recommendations from immediate family members. One letter shall be from an official from the school most recently attended. All applicants, including past recipients, must submit two letters of recommendations. Applications will be considered incomplete without them.
- Official School transcript (High School or College transcript as applicable)
- SAT or other standard achievement test results. If you did not take one of these tests please state so on the application form.
- Previous award recipients must submit their grades from the last quarter/semester and class schedule for the next quarter/semester.

To obtain application forms please stop by at the Office of Housing and Student Life and see Deikola Olikong.

Library Technician to Attend Workshop in New Zealand



Imengel Mad,
Library Technician

Imengel Mad, a library technician who is in charge of the College's Micro-Pacific Collection has been invited to attend a workshop a Pacific Telecenter

The interactive workshop will focus on hands-on work to customize and launch a PacTOC website on a platform developed by the tele.org program. It will also build off-line network and relationships that will sustain the on-line community.

The PacTOC website will be an on-line resource and knowledge-sharing center to support the establishment, sustainability, upscaling and replication of people-centered, development-oriented, multipurpose community telecenters in the Pacific region, according to PacTOC publications.

Online Community (PacTOC) development workshop in Auckland, New Zealand.