


On behalf of Myorang and myself, let me thank the entire PCC family and countless friends and colleagues in the community for their condolences and outpouring support during my time of deepest sorrow. Profound appreciation for your most generous monetary contributions that greatly helped in our preparation and arrangement for the funeral. Thank you so very much from the bottom of my heart and may God bless us all.

Vincent Ho

Celebrating Birthdays

	Baskasio Oiterong	February 22
	Ismael Anastacio	February 23
	Xavier Decherong	February 24

Happy Birthday To You!!!

Ollachitnger (Palauan Proverbs)

Ng kora osechel a mengur, el di ngara milkolk el mora milkolk.
Translation: Just like coconut juice, passed from one darkness to the next.

Coconut juice drank from a coconut passes from the darkness of the inside of the coconut to the darkness of the inside of the mouth. This resembles certain discussions by village elders that are secretly passed from one to the other without public discussion.

 **Mesekiu's News**
 Palau Community College
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Japanese Movie Showing

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TITLE: Hotaru no Haka (Grave of the Fireless)
Produced in 1988, Directed by Isao Takahata
 88 Minutes long with English Subtitles, Rated: NR- not rated

WHEN: 3:00 pm on Saturday, February 19, 2005
WHERE: PCC Cafeteria
 Movie Open to the Public. FREE ADMISSION.

Parents, please bring your children and experience the winner of the 1994 First Prize for Best Animated Feature at the Chicago Film Festival and Rights of the Child Award. Based on the true life story of the novelist Mr. Akiyuki Nosaka who at the age of 14 was orphaned during the air raids in 1945 and was left to fend for himself and his younger sister Setsuko. Watch their adventures as they face many hardships of securing shelter and food for survival. Kids, please bring your parents and grandparents to experience and enjoy this wonderful true life story in animation.

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SPECIAL MESSAGE TO ALL PARENTS

Encourage your sons and/or daughters to launch their college life experience at Palau Community College. The cost to you and your children will be minimal. Your children can take math, English, etc. and learn how to survive in college environment and increase their success in achieving their college education.

Special note of appreciation and many thanks goes to all high schools principals and counselors, for allowing us the opportunity to meet with the prospective students in regards to college education.

For more information, contact Director of Admissions & Financial Aid, Dahlia M. Katosang at 488-2470/2171 or through email: dahliapcc@palaunet.com

For Spring Semester 2005, the Office of Admissions & Financial Aid have also prepared and transmitted the First Pell Grant Report for students who are currently enrolled. The report included a total of 463 Student Aid Report (SARs) which amount to \$762,526 expected reimbursement from Pell Grant.



Palau Community College MESEKIU'S NEWS

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Friday, February 18, 2005

Weekly Newsletter

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BSUA, Tiull 2000, and MOC/PCC Alumni Give \$1000 to PCC Endowment Fund

Two regular donors to the PCC Endowment Fund, the Belau Softball Umpires Association (BSUA) and the MOC/PCC Alumni together with Tiull 2000, donated \$1000 dollars to College's Endowment Fund this week.

Tobias Marbou of BSUA, Satrunino Tewid of Tiull 2000 and Ngirchochit Tolngii and Ignacia Oilouch of the MOC/PCC Alumni Association met with PCC President Patrick Tellei, Vice President Jay Olegeriil, Vice President Thomas Taro, and Executive Assistant to the President, Todd Ngiramengior in the PCC Board Room on Wednesday to present their \$1000 dollars donation to the Endowment Fund.

During the meeting, PCC President Tellei thanked the representatives of the three organizations and said that the College is very fortunate to continue to receive such generous support from groups such as BSUA, Tiull 2000 and the MOC/PCC Alumni Association. President Tellei also recognized the services that BSUA and MOC/PCC Alumni has, in the past, offered to PCC during events such as the annual Charter Day softball tournament. "You have been with us from the very beginning when we started our endowment fund softball fundraisers, and I would like to offer my sincere appreciation to you for helping us "dig the well," President Tellei said. "I also thank Tiull 2000 for its generosity and welcome them to join the on-going PCC/community effort of boosting the College's Endowment.

Since the late 90s, the BSUA and the MOC/PCC Alumni Association have worked closely with Palau Community College in promoting, organizing, and sponsoring school activities, most especially softball tournaments, that raise funds for the Endowment Fund.

New Office on Campus- Community Advocacy



(l-r) Thomas Taro, PCC Vice President; Dr. Stevenson Kuartei, Director-Public Health; Patrick Tellei, PCC President; Dr. Isebong Asang, Comm. Advocacy Coordinator and Jay Olegeriil, PCC Vice President.

The newly created program under the Ministry of Health called the Community Advocacy Program (CAP) is now on campus. Sharing space with the AHEC office in the shop area, the Community Advocacy Program's purpose is to offer services geared at helping Palauans make informed decisions with regards to their health.

Teaming up with the Behavioral Health and the Family Health Unit, the Community Advocacy Program is offering courses and training in numerous areas such as crisis counseling, life skill enhancement, human growth development to name a few. The courses will be offered through the PCC Continuing Education.

The program is comprised of four main areas and they are Health Research, Social Marketing, Health Education, and Health Promotion. Dr Isebong Asang will coordinate the functions of the new office and will be assisted by Jane Olsudong, Health Educator; Tino Faatuuala, Health Promoter; Cathryn Marino, Health Researcher; and Edolem Ikerdeu, Social Marketer. The College welcomes the new program and its staff to the campus.



(l-r) PCC President Patrick Tellei, Satrunino Tewid of Tiull 2000, Tobias Marbou of BSUA, Ignacia Oilouch and Ngirchochit Tolngii of MOC/PCC Alumni Assoc. and Todd Ngiramengior.

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PCC Students to Prep G.B. Harris Students for Awareness Week

The PCC students from Yap, Kosrae, and the Marshall Islands will be teaching students from George B. Harris Elementary School songs and dances from their respective countries. This in an effort to prepare the elementary students for their grand performances during their up-coming school awareness week.

Director of Student Life and Housing, Marhensia Edward approved the activity for the PCC students after a request from Wycliff Emul, Principal of G.B. Harris Elementary School to ask assistance in preparing his elementary school students for their annual school awareness week celebration.

The G.B. Harris' awareness week will be held from March 14-18, and will see skits, dance performances, and other activities that showcases the school and the spirit of its students. The students who will be learning dance performances from the Yap, Kosrae and Marshalls students are scheduled to have their performances on the last and final day of the celebration which is scheduled for the 18th of March.



Ismael Anastacio, Student Services Supervisor (seated-center) introduces the PCC Yapese students to G.B. Harris Elementary School Principal Wycliff Emul (r) during their initial meeting earlier this week.

Project Beacon

Job-site Visit/ Career Survival/ Transfer Workshop

On February 11, twenty-nine Project Beacon students went on a job-site visit to Palau Development Corporation (PDC). The students visited various offices in the company and sat in on several presentations where PDC executives talked about the specific responsibilities required to be able to work in a company such as PDC that offers a wide array of products and services to its customers.

Among those who presented to the Project Beacon students were brothers Uchel Tmetuchel and Ngirai Tmetuchl. Uchel Tmetuchl works at the corporate office while his brother is tasked with the daily operations and management of the auxiliary company, Palau National Quarry in Malakal.

The presenters were tremendous in clearly explaining to the visiting students the various skills and responsibilities required for employment at PDC.

PCC Project Beacon thanks the PDC and its executives for a most educational presentation and an insightful tour of a company such as PDC.

Pictures of the Project Beacon students during their visit to the PDC main office and all of its subsidiary companies.



PDC Corporate Office



PDC Rock Quarry



PDC Boardroom presentation



PDC Travel Office Tour

BITS AND PIECES... Japanese Language Competition this Saturday

This Saturday, February 19, the PCC Cafeteria will host the annual Japanese Language Competition. Not only is our cafeteria hosting, our very own Japanese language instructor, Junko Kobayashi (JICA Volunteer) is also involved in the organization of this event. Furthermore, our PCC students will be competing against students from Palau High School and Mindszenty High School. So please stop by and show your support. The event will start at 1:00 pm and run until 5:00 pm.

Dorm Office Staff team up with Ngak Mak Tang & SBA to offer AIDS awareness

PCC dormitory staff, working with Ngak Mak Tang Organization and the PCC Student Body Association will be organizing a gathering on Tuesday evening, February 22 at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria. The gathering will focus on promoting good healthy personal relationships as well as provide information and educational materials about AIDS and AIDS awareness.

It will be a fun gathering as presentations will include musical performances, skits, poetry recital, and individual testimonials. Slots are still open for any student or group of students who is interested in doing a presentation. See you next Tuesday evening.

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) meetings. 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.

FINANCIAL AID NIGHTS SESSIONS' SUMMARY

The Office of Admissions & Financial Aid conducted Financial Aid Nights with high schools' seniors and their parents during the month of January 2005 from 7:00pm in the evenings. During these sessions they briefly discussed the **Financial Aid Programs and its Eligibility Requirements**. They also assisted interested students in attending Palau Community College (PCC) in completing the required application forms for both admissions and financial aid.

Out of two hundred forty-six (246) seniors from all the high schools in Palau, a total of one hundred twenty-five (125) students and 83 parents attended the financial aid night sessions and have expressed their intention to attend Palau Community College (PCC). One hundred two (102) out of 125 students wishes to begin their enrollment at PCC this coming Summer Session 2005 while twenty-three (23) will begin in Fall Semester 2005 (see table below). Therefore, 51% of the total Spring 2005 high school graduating students have filed their applications to attend PCC. The Office of Admissions & Financial Aid will continue to communicate with the remaining seniors who has not file their applications to come in the office and complete the required documents if they are interested in attending PCC.

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT SESSIONS RESULTS FOR HIGH SCHOOLS IN PALAU						
HIGH SCHOOL	# of Seniors	# of seniors attended	# of parents attended	Summer 2005 Applicants	Fall 2005 Applicants	Total Applicants
Bethania (BHS)	13	8	4	4	4	8
Belau Modekngel (BMS)	4	4	3	3	1	4
Emmaus (EHS)	15	10	0	7	3	10
Mindszenty (MHS)	44	24	19	24	0	24
Palau High School (PHS)	158	78	52	63	15	78
Palau Mission Academy (PMA)	12	1	0	1	0	1
TOTAL	246	125	83	102	23	125

PCC Admissions & Financial Aid Office will process and issue acceptance letters and financial aid awards letters to any prospective students who has completed their applications for admissions and financial aid during the month of April 2005. **The maximum Pell Grant Award for each student is \$4,050 for School Year 2005-2006. (Please see more on back page)**

TIPS 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.