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PCC Inks Another MOU with SDSU



(l-r) Dr. Steve Spencer- SDSU, PCC President Patrick U. Tellei, Dr. Fred McFarlane- SDSU, and Kehaulani Galeai- SDSU, holding the signed MOU between SDSU and PCC.

PCC President Patrick U. Tellei was in California early last month to formalize yet another memorandum of understanding with officials from San Diego State University (SDSU). The new agreement will pave the way for the establishment and entry of a new cohort of twenty-nine (29) students into the online program-bachelor of arts degree in Education. The BA degree in Education, being offered for the first time through the PCC-SDSU online degree program, is proving to be quite popular as reflected in the number of students that are enrolling in the program. Earlier online cohorts such as the masters in Educational Leadership and the bachelors in Vocational Education had enrollment numbers in the teens.

President Tellei, during the signing of the MOU, met with Dr. Steve Spencer and Dr. Fred McFarlane of the SDSU Department of Administration, Rehab, and Postsecondary Education, and Kehaulani Galeai, SDSU Coordinator for the Center for Pacific Studies, all of whom are SDSU officials who oversee the PCC-SDSU

online degree program. The agreement will add the Education program to the current offerings of the PCC-SDSU online degree program which are masters degree in Educational Leadership and bachelors degree in Vocational Education.

The twenty-nine new students in the Education program are mostly from the Ministry of Education (MOE) with some from other government agencies. They are part of a growing number of government employees, especially educators from the Ministry of Education, who are taking advantage of the PCC-SDSU online degree program, a program that conveniently provides them with the opportunity to further their education and earn a bachelors or a masters degree. The increasing popularity of the online degree program among government employees is due to the fact that the program is designed to help working adults integrate life-long learning into their busy professional lives. Through the latest trends in distance learning technology, students can receive quality education that is convenient, flexible, and highly personalized to meet their individual needs and schedules.

The PCC-SDSU online degree program, since its inception in 2000, has graduated a cohort in the masters degree program, and a number of individuals in the bachelors degree in Vocational Education program, most of whom are PCC and MOE instructors and administrators.

Individuals interested in applying to the program must have at least an Associate of Arts (AA) or Associate Science (AS) degree. For more information about the PCC-SDSU online degree program, please contact Sherman Daniel, Dean of the School of Technical Education at 488-2471, ext 254.



PCC Student Body Association Secretary, Kazue Sugiyama and Environmental Club President Anisa Hanser (front) with fellow PCC students during the tree planting project

PCC Students Join PCS in Tree Planting at Ngerikiil

On February 26, 2005, the PCC Student Body Association, PCC Environmental Club, PCC Agricultural Club joined with the Palau Conservation Society to conduct a tree planting project on the banks of the Ngerikiil river in Airai State. The group's aim was to "SAVE PALAU'S VALUABLE WATERSHED RESOURCE." With the assistance and guidance of Airai State officials and the Agriculture and Conservation officials, the students learned the value and importance of preserving our watersheds through such an effort of planting trees.

Trees help to hold the soil along the banks of the river so that it is not easily eroded into the river, and this is most crucial for the Ngerikiil river as it provides Koror and Airai its supply of fresh water.

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Project Beacon Gets New Secretary



Vernice Andrew

PCC welcomes a new staff member to the PCC family. Ms. Vernice Andrew began working at the College as the new secretary for the Project Beacon Office. Ms. Andrew is PCC alumna who recently graduated this past May, 2004 with a double major degree in Business Management and Office Administration. She also received the Outstanding Student Award and the PCC Alumni Award for her excellent grades, community service and dedication. Prior to working at the College, Ms. Andrew worked for the Ministry of Education as business teacher for Palau High School. She is also very familiar with services that the Project Beacon Office offers to PCC students as she previously worked there as a Peer Counselor and Administrative Assistant on a short-term contract.

With such a long list of accomplishments and an impressive resume, Ms.

Andrew's extensive experience, bright smile and positive attitude will be a welcome addition to the Project Beacon Office. She is wonderful example of how an education earned at PCC combined with hard work and dedication can open the door to new careers and opportunity. In her message to her former PCC classmates, Vernice Andrew says that Palau Community College has provided her with a very supportive learning environment and what she learned at PCC will always stay with her.

Project Beacon (Student Support Services)

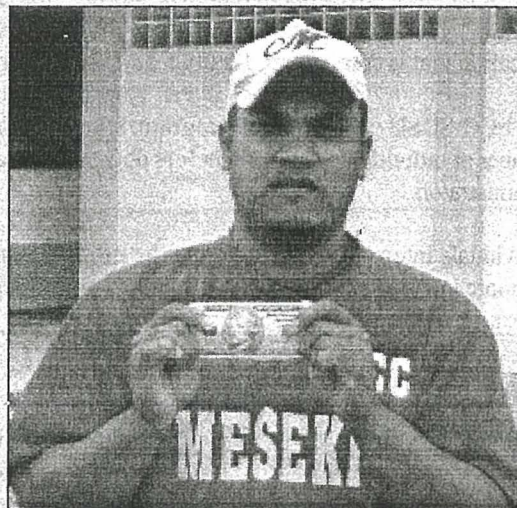
Project Beacon is an in-house name for our Student Support Services (SSS) here at the College. The goal of the project is to increase college retention and graduation rates of program participants, and facilitate the process of transition from PCC to a four-year college or university. Program Counselors and instructors provide assistance and activities that are geared at engaging and motivating students toward successful completion of college. Student Support Services is one of the federal programs funded by the U.S. Department of Education and is operating under Student Services. It was established to give support to students who want to utilize their full potential but are having difficulty in doing so. The Student Support Services staff are concerned not only with each student's academic progress, but also with that student as an individual. Through this program, each student receives assistance and encouragement that will enable him/her to be successful at Palau Community College. The components of the program are tutoring, counseling, and cultural activities.

2005 Charter Day Organizing Committee Appointed

This year's Charter Day Organizing Committee has been appointed by President Tellei. This year, the organizing committee will be chaired by Dean Willy Wally of the Continuing Education Office. The following are the committee members:

Ephraim Ngirachitei
Howard Charles
Allan Ziegler
Ismael Anastacio
Lesley Adachi
Armstrong Debelbot
Clement Kazuma
Cynthia Malsol
Ezra Takeo
SBA President, Tmetuchl Baules
Mekreos Silil
Larry Wakakoro
Leilani Senior
Angelio Anthonio
Tchuzie Tadao
Helene Moros

Student Receives \$100 for Homerun



PCC student Fred Nedlic shows off his crisp \$100 bill that he won by hitting a homerun that hit the PCC promotional sign on the roof of the Palau National Gymnasium. Nedlic is a team member of the PCC Meseiki Baseball team that participates in the Palau Major League Baseball.

BITS AND PIECES... UBMS to Conduct Workshop.....

All Upward Bound Math and Science (UBMS) students are duly reminded of their monthly workshop to be held tomorrow. The workshop will be held in the PCC Continuing Education Training Room, starting at 8:30am. For information about what will be addressed at the workshop, contact Mr. Keith Ignacio at PCC UBMS telephone number 488-3965.

Student Refunds Ready for Pick Up.....

Attention PCC students, student refunds are ready for pick up at the Student Account Office. Please bring picture identification such as a driver's license, passport or other photo ID. And as a friendly reminder to all students, spend your money wisely by reinvesting it in the things that matter most to your health and your education.

Charter Day Softball Tournament

The 2005 PCC Charter Day Softball Tournament is fast approaching so get your team organized. The tournament will take place on March 30th to April 3rd, 2005 at the Meyuns Ball field. This year's tournament will be made up of two divisions, a Co-Ed and Masters Divisions. Minimum age limit for the Masters Division is 40. Due to limited number of slots available, all interested teams are encouraged to register as soon as possible. You may contact Eugene Uehara or Armstrong Debelbot at the Palau Community College, telephone number 488-2470/2471 for further information or registration. Registration fee is \$200 per team and all proceeds will go to the PCC Endowment Fund.

PCC Bids Farewell to longtime employee.....

The College would like to bid a warm farewell to Ms. Jushida Ngirngebedangel, who recently went on medical retirement. Jushida has been with the College for twenty years and began her career here in 1985. We will miss her warm smile and friendly attitude she brought to our PCC family, and wish her luck and good health for her future years as a retiree.

TIPS TO SUCCEED IN THE CLASSROOM

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

Attention, Students! Midterm is next week. Are you ready? Fear not, we have provided some tips for those of you who will be taking your midterms. These tips may make the difference between a good and a bad grade. Note them, heed them, and remember them when you take your exams:

The *DETER* Strategy for Taking Tests

To do well on a test, you must have good knowledge of the information that you are being tested on. You must also have a strategy for taking the test that allows you to show what you know. The *DETER* strategy can help you do your best on any test. Each letter in *DETER* reminds you what to do.



D = Directions

- Read the test directions very carefully.
- Ask your teacher to explain anything about the test directions you do not understand. Only by following the directions can you achieve a good score on the test.
- If you do not follow the directions, you will not be able to demonstrate what you know.

E = Examine

- Examine the entire test to see how much you have to do.
- Only by knowing the entire task can you break it down into parts that become manageable for you.

T = Time

- Once you have examined the entire test, decide how much time you will spend on each item.
- If there are different points for items, plan to spend the most time on the items that count for the most points.
- Planning your time is especially important for essay tests where you must avoid spending so much time on one item that you have little time left for other test items.



E = Easiest

- The second E in *DETER* reminds you to answer the items you find easiest first.
- If you get stuck on a difficult item that comes up early in the test, you may not get to answer items that test things you know.

R = Review

- If you have planned your time correctly, you will have time to review your answers and make them as complete and accurate as possible.
- Also make sure to review the test directions to be certain you have answered all items required.

Using the *DETER* strategy will help you do better on tests and get better grades.

File for Refund Before March 31st Deadline!

Did you become a member of the PCC Bi-weekly Endowment Fund Contributors' Club in 2004? If you are, and have applied for a refund of your donation and have yet to receive it, let's find out what is taking it so long! Call the PCC Development Office at PCC telephone number 488-2471, and ask Dilubch, Hulda or Temmy to help you.

If you have not completed an application form for your refund, let the PCC Development Office help you. March 31, 2005 is the deadline for filing applications. It is just around the corner so hurry up because time is of the essence. Simply call any one of the people above at the stated telephone number and they will be very happy to assist you!

Ollachitnger (Palauan Proverbs)

Kemeral ngalk el ulled: Real child of the back (Literal Translation). A child or person who does well regardless of whether their parents or others are watching them; a child that behaves well while their parent's back is turned.

Celebrating Birthdays



*Gwen Bai

March 11

(*Bi-weekly Endowment Donor)

Happy Birthday To You!!!



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This tree planting project is the first step in an on going initiative by the Airai Working Group, a task force formed by leading Airai community members to actively pursue proper management of resources in Airai, and to preserve and protect the quality of living for all Palauans. Two hundred fifty plants (250) trees were planted during the tree planting project.



Business Planning and Development Workshops
Presented by the Palau Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

*Business Planning Workshop

Date: Wednesday, March 16th, 2005

Time: 6:00 pm

Place: PCC Room 57 (Sebus Building)

*Projected Financial Statements

Date: Thursday, March 17, 2005

Time: 6:00pm

Place: PCC Room 57 (Sebus Buidling)

Workshops are free but space is limited so please call 488-6004 to make your reservation.

Palau Small Business Development Center (SBDC). Training Sessions are open to all qualified small business owners, managers and key personnel and individuals planning to open or thinking about opening small business ventures. All training sessions are free of charge and will be held at the Palau SBDC Office located on the Palau Community College Campus. Upcoming training topics include:

- a. Practical Business Management Practices
- b. Marketing and Sales
- c. Business Plans
- d. Projecting Financial Plans
- e. Introduction to Record Keeping
- f. Computers in Business - Bookkeeping using MS Excel

For more information or to register for any of these workshops, please contact the Palau SBDC at 680-488-6004, or email to alfred@pacificsbdc.com.

CE Offers Training

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

Secretarial Training
Clerical Training
Customer Service

Taking Meeting Minutes
Office Management

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.