

# The Tide's Currents

Pacific Islands University

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## Messages from two presidents . . .

(Featured in the Ruby-Silver Celebration Commemorative Booklet)

*The MIBS and PIBC students coming from Chuuk, the Marshall Islands, Pohnpei, Yap and Palau always showed a wonderful Christian family atmosphere on campus on Tol Island, Chuuk State. They studied, worshipped, ate, worked, and played together. This created a great sense of belonging. People always looked forward to the students ministering at their churches on weekends as well as on special occasions in the form of music, testimonies, teaching and preaching. We always enjoyed teaching them and then seeing them go out into the world as testimonies to the glory of God. We are thankful to God to have played part in molding their lives and characters to make this world a better place to live in.*



**Dr. Roland Rauchholz, First President  
Pacific Islands Bible College**

*During my 23 years at the school I have seen many young men and women make significant growth toward becoming the person God created them to be. Sometimes it involves a radical change in which a selfish young man or an angry young woman, who often does not want to be here, suddenly has the light go on and they make a radical 180 degree turn around in their lives. More often, it is a slow steady process, building on what they were taught in their homes as children, seeing who they are in Christ, and maturing into the responsibility to serve their communities. The "secret" to this is the application of the love of Christ which says, I will spend time with you and I am on your side, so that we can walk toward Jesus together.*

**Dr. David Owen, Current President  
Pacific Islands University**



### *The Tide's Currents*

is a regular publication of Pacific Islands University with the purpose of keeping friends of PIU abreast of current events and ways they can be involved with the University.

### **Mission Statement**

PIU exists to provide accessible, excellent, transformational Christian higher education and ministry training to the people of Micronesia, the Pacific Islands, and to the ends of the earth. As such, our mission is to prepare men and women with a biblical worldview for leadership and service in life, work, and ministry in the global community and the church.

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# A RUBY—SILVER CELEBRATION!



**March 7  
through  
March 13, 2016**

PIU students welcomed Roland and Dorothea Rauchholz on their arrival from Germany.

Over 150 guests started off the Ruby-Silver Celebration with a fundraising dinner at Two Lovers' Point.



Board Chair Howard and Kathy Merrell capped off the evening cutting the anniversary cake.

**40 years in  
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PIU students shared *Is Your Home in the Wide Micronesia?* and *God Is So Good to Me* (sung in English, Chamorro, Chuukese, Pohnpeian, Marshallese, Kosraean, Yapese, and Palauan).

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The Owens and the Rauchholzs.



Trustees Bill Schuit (Liebenzell USA) and Pastor Komber Kumo (ECC— Chuuk)



Former President Dr. Bill Wood



Lisa Tomada, Shelter Alokoa, Jonie Hartt, Jesse Hartt



Mary Jane Edwin



Board chair Howard Merrell and Advisory Council Member Greg Calvo



Former PIBC teacher Wanda Aigner and Betty Amon



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## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT . . .

### Jordan Darrow

Jordan Darrow is a 2010 graduate of Emmaus High School in Palau. He worked at a couple of hotels in Palau before taking PIU online courses in the Fall of 2014 and then coming to the PIU Mangilao campus in the spring of 2015. Jordan answered some questions about his experiences at PIU:

**Why did you choose to attend PIU?** Out of all the colleges I thought of, PIU was the only Christian college that would help give me a Christian background and foundation in life. This makes it different from the rest of the colleges. **What are the greatest lessons you've learned at PIU?** First, building your life in the roots of Christianity and Jesus is very important. Secondly, education is the key to success. **How have you contributed to the PIU community?** As an RA, I help to ensure the cleanliness and safety of the dorm. I help with PIU events. I help people organize. I am involved in ministry with other students in different fields. In class, I'm organized, creative, and always want to do my best. **In what ways do you expect your education at PIU to shape your life?** PIU is helping to develop the discipline and foundation with a Christian viewpoint to be the person God wants me to be in the future. PIU provides resources and knowledge for me to use them and apply in my life. **What advice would you give someone you care about to help him or her decide on coming to PIU?** If you're



willing to serve the Lord and you want an education, PIU is the right place. PIU is a family. People are friendly. Faculty and staff are helpful in getting you to achieve what you want to achieve. PIU provides excellent spiritual and educational aspects in life which builds a good foundation for your future goals. PIU is the right place for you.

## PIU

### Updates . . .

- Starting in the Fall of 2016, PIU will offer a Minor in International Business for those working towards a BA in Liberal Studies
- PIU opened a Distance Education (DE) Center in Pohnpei in the spring of 2016. Students will be able to use the center for DE and hybrid courses offered by PIU. Two DE courses were taught during the spring term.
- In the spring of 2016, courses were offered at the Teaching Facility on the Berea Christian School campus in Weno.
- The Teaching Facility in Palau offered two courses taught by PIU Board Chair Howard Merrell. The TF is located on the Palau Community College campus.
- A review of the Biblical Studies Department led to an articulation of program outcomes and recommendations for changes in requirements and offerings for the program. A similar review for the Liberal Studies department started this spring and will be completed in the fall of 2016.

## A donation to PIU . . . helps to support

- † the cost of replacing 20 year-old dorm furniture for one room: \$1500
- † adding one more up-to-date laptop computer to the study center: \$1000
- † upgrading electrical and emergency equipment in the Men's Dorm: \$5000
- † scholarships to pay for one semester of resident room charges: \$1300
- † enhancing interactive hardware and software in one classroom: \$5000

It all adds up . . . and donors help PIU continue to be accessible, excellent, and transformational. God bless you.

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## Alumni Reflection

*PIU is a very important and special place for me. It's like a second home for me. It's where God started to strengthen me not only academically, but most especially in my spiritual life. In a way, I could say that PIU is where I grew up, spiritually. There are so many reasons why PIU is a special place for me. Most importantly, it is because it's where I learned to depend on God in every way as He shaped and molded my life through many challenges, blessings, ministries and so much more. PIU is my second home where everyone is family and I'm proud and happy to be a member of that family.*



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