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# MESEKIU'S NEWS



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## PCC Commencement Exercises in a Week!

### Environmental Science Symposium



Members of the Environmental Science Club.



Dean Willy Wally (Continuing Education) with Persis Omelau.



Dean Sherman Daniel (Student Services) with Itungelbai Bells.

Palau Community College (PCC) will have its 50<sup>th</sup> Commencement Exercises this coming Friday (May 24, 2013) at 10:00AM at the PCC Cafeteria. Over a hundred students from PCC, Adult High School, and the Substance Abuse and Addiction Treatment Program are expected to graduate.

Members of the Graduation Committee for the 50<sup>th</sup> Commencement Exercises have dutifully fulfilled their assignments and all is prepared for this year's graduation ceremony.

For more information about the 50<sup>th</sup> PCC Commencement Exercises, please contact Graduation Committee Chair, Sherman Daniel, at 488-2470/2471, extension 269 or Lesley Adachi, extension 257.

Itungelbai Bells and Persis Omelau, students in the Environmental/Marine Science Programs, were featured in a symposium on Thursday (May 16, 2013). Each had spent a semester under different agencies that dealt with the environmental issues of Palau.

Bells had interned at Koror State Government where he worked with Ilebrang Olkeriil on the Rare Campaign. He assisted with surveys that aimed to collect information about the level of awareness boaters and fishers have about such conservation sites as *Ngederrak*. Omelau spent the semester working at Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC) where she studied the effects of Typhoon Bopha on the corals. She researched about how the storm had affected the corals and biodiversity of the reefs in *Uchelbeluu* and *Ngerchong*.

Both presentations showcased how Palau's environment has changed due to natural and human influences. Members of the Islands of Opportunity Alliance (IOA) - Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSTAMP) Program were present to witness the results of these students' field studies.

*Palau Community College is an accessible public educational institution helping to meet the technical, academic, cultural, social, and economic needs of the students and communities by promoting learning opportunities and developing personal excellence.*



*Members of the Career & Transfer Panel.*



*Participants at the Career & Transfer Forum.*

## **First Career & Transfer Forum: A Success!**

Contributed by Tublai B. Ililau

On Thursday May 02, 2013 a Career & Transfer Forum was conducted for freshman and sophomore students at the PCC Assembly Hall. A total of 55 students attended the forum. The objective of the forum was to motivate and empower students to make informed decisions about their careers, including pursuit of higher education. Successful PCC alumni as well as professionals from the community were invited as panelists for the forum.

The panel consisted of Lynna Thomas, IWRM Coordinator, EQPB; J. Maireng Sengebau, CEO, Palau Water & Sewer Corporation; Lekelong Secharaimul, Assistant Legal Counsel, the Senate; Kevin Polloi, Chief Researcher, PICRC; Victor Nestor, Researcher, PICRC; and Darnelle Decherong, Executive Director, Palau Community Health Centers - MOH. The panelists were allotted 10 minutes each for presentation. Topics of discussion centered on the importance of pursuing higher education, identifying a major/career, and advice and tips for



*Students in the Talent Search Program visiting Ngeremdiu.*

## **Talent Search Students Visit Historical Sites in Airai**

contributed by Talent Search Program

Talent Search participants from Palau High School wrapped up this school year (2012-2013) with an exciting cultural field trip to historical sites in Airai. As a part of yearly activities, students take field trips to either Babeldaob or the rock islands to visit environment and historical sites. The purpose of the trips is to expose students to learning experience outside of the classroom.

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## **Surangel & Sons Contribute to Student Learning**

contributed by Don Hanser

Surangel & Sons Company recently donated products to the PCC Electrical and Electronics Technology programs. Flashlights, camping lanterns, rice cookers, coffee makers, air pots, gas stoves and an LCD TV were among the items donated to the college to be used as teaching aid. The students now have opportunity to diagnose these products and to fixing them, thereby refining their skills. Such a good deed from Surangel & Sons has put it at the top in term of corporate citizenry. Thank you, Surangel & Sons!



*Electronics students with their instructors.*

## BITS AND PIECES...

### A Good Samaritan

Priscilla Paul, a student from the island of Yap, found a \$10.00 at Dort Building. Instead of keeping it, she turned it in for the rightful owner to claim.

### Library Donations

APRIL 29, 2013: *Sandra Ngirngesang* donated 4 DVDs.

MAY 01, 2013: *Chioko Delong* donated 3 magazines.

MAY 04, 2013: *Sandra Ngirngesang* donated another 22 DVDs.

### Summer Internship Reminder

**APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW READY FOR PICK UP ANYTIME DURING WORKING HOURS FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY!**

Academic Advisors are asked to advise those eligible to participate in the summer internship training to **see Mr. Robert Ramarui at the Associate Dean's Office**. Eligible persons are also asked to fill out the required application forms.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:**

**WEDNESDAY  
MAY 22, 2013**

### NEWS/STORIES

MESEKIU'S NEWS welcomes stories/articles/announcements from students, faculty, and staff. Submission deadline is Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in hard and/or electronic copies to [dilubchs@palau.edu](mailto:dilubchs@palau.edu) and [alvinam@palau.edu](mailto:alvinam@palau.edu).

Articles from MOC/PCC Alumni are also welcome.

Please call 488-2470/2471 (extensions 251, 252, and 253) for more information.

## Talent Search CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

The participants visited a number of historical sites including *Iier a Itemruchel*, *Metuker er a Bisech*, WWII underwater Japanese plane wrecks, WWII Japanese relics, *Olekull er a Risong*, and *Chelecholl er a Orrak*.



*Students exploring an environmental site.*

Present to chronicle the significance of this site were state authorities on each historical and cultural sites. After the learning experiences, the students enjoyed a ride to Ngeremdiu for lunch and for underwater explorations before returning to Koror. The Talent Search office staff and teachers would like to express their deepest gratitude to Airai Governor, Vicky Kanai; Airai Ranger and Conservation officer,

Augustine Marcelino; Assistant State Historian, Elisabeth Sugar; and Watershed Officer, Dedlil Daniel. Without the support of the Airai State government, the Talent Search Program field trip to the historical sites would have been impossible. Special acknowledgement to Governor Kanai and Airai State for providing this educational experience free-of-charge.

## Forum CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

The panelists encouraged students to pursue higher education after PCC to increase employment opportunities and benefits, and to give back to their communities; to identify and follow one's passion when choosing a major/career; to be proactive with their studies by getting to know their instructors as that creates a network of support; to be engaged in their educational journey by participating in activities that interest them and making use of available resources; to balance time between studying, working and activities; to enjoy college life and to have fun; and last but not least, to know that achieving educational goals is within the palm of one's hands.

As one member of the panel said, "Friends, boyfriends, girlfriends and spouses come and go but your degree will stay with you forever." In other words, a college degree is earned by one's effort and is something that can never be taken away from you.

This is the first time a career & transfer forum has been conducted, and it was a success. Student evaluations reflect that 98% rated the forum as excellent. In addition, student comments were all positive in that they enjoyed and learned from the forum. As a result, career & transfer forums will continue to be held for the benefit of our students.

<b>50<sup>TH</sup></b>		<b>Friday - May 24, 2013</b>
<b>COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES</b>		<b>10:00 AM</b>
		<b>PCC Cafeteria</b>

## Alumni Notes

### KADOI RULUKED

(Class of 1994)

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE - LIBERAL ARTS

*"Work hard, study hard and you can accomplish anything in life."*



He graduated from PCC with a Liberal Arts Degree in 1994. For the last seven years, he has been working as a marketing representative for Palau Visitors Authority.

### NORIA MANAHANE

(Class of 1994)

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE - BUSINESS ACCOUNTING

*"A high school diploma is not enough for a decent job. Earn a college degree, begin at PCC to gain an insight of college life and continue on to achieve the highest degree possible."*



In 1994, she completed her AS degree in Accounting. Since then she has worked for 19 years as senior accountant for the bank reconciliation of the Ministry of Finance.

### MAYCE NGIRMERIL

(Class of 2005)

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT - AUTOMOTIVE MECHANICS

*"A Key to success is education. Go to school! There's no shame in educating yourself. You can be Palau's idol someday. I, Mayce Ngirmeril, challenge you, the future generations of Palau, to become respectful educated citizens of the Republic of Palau."*



After graduating from PCC in 2005, he went on to study at the Asian Institute of Maritime Studies in the Philippines. He then interned at Matson Shipping Co. in Guam. Now, he is a 2<sup>nd</sup> Officer in Charge, Marine Law, Ministry of Justice, and learning pilotage at Majuro, Marshall Islands.

**Alumni Notes** showcases MOC & PCC alumni who are positive role models and contribute to the quality of life in their local communities.

If you are that alumnus/alumna or know someone who is, please contact the PCC Development Office at telephone numbers 488-2470/2471 (extensions 251, 252, and 253).

We would like to feature you in future *Mesekiu's News* issues.

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## Vacancy Announcement

- (1) *Federal Work-Study Coordinator (Office of Admissions & Financial Aid)*  
Salary range: \$12,049 - \$20,607 per annum
- (2) *English Instructor (Learning Resource Center)*  
Salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum
- (3) *Accounting Technician, General (Administration Department-Business Office)*  
Salary range: \$9,913.00 - \$16,954.00 per annum
- (4) *Math Instructor (Learning Resource Center)*  
Salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum
- (5) *Librarian (Tan Siu Lin PCC Library)*  
Salary range: \$16,010 - \$24,647 per annum
- (6) *Computer Technician (Computer Services Office)*  
Salary range: \$12,049.00 - \$20,607.00 per annum
- (7) *Cook (Administration Department)*  
Salary range: \$6,086.00 to 10,408.00 per annum
- (8) *Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Instructor (Academic Affairs)*  
Salary range: \$16,010.00 to \$21,191.00 per annum
- (9) *Public Relations Manager (Development Office)*  
Salary range: \$16,010 TO \$24,647 per annum
- (10) *UB Academic Tutors (Upward Bound Program)*  
Salary range: \$200 to \$315 biweekly
- (11) *UB Math, English, and Japanese Instructors (Upward Bound Program)*  
Salary range: \$400 to \$800 biweekly

For application forms and information please contact Harline Haruo at PCC Human Resources Office at 488-2470/71, extension 227.

E-mail: [hr@palau.edu](mailto:hr@palau.edu)  
or download forms at [www.palau.edu](http://www.palau.edu)

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## Celebrating Birthdays

Damiana Kunihiro		May 18
Akiko Udai		May 20
Dr. Aurora Del Rosario		May 20
Sharleene Skebong		May 23

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

## 2013 Summer Kids Program

Classes for Elementary Students

- Math 3rd - 8th
- English Reading 3rd - 8th
- English Writing 3rd - 8th
- Palauan Orthography 3rd - 8th
- Marine Science 5th & 6th
- Keyboarding 7th & 8th

Each Class - 20 max no. of students  
Keyboarding - 15 max no. of students

**All Classes Conducted  
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until May 30, 2013.**

**Contact PCC-CE Office  
488-6223 for more information**

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If you want to join the *biweekly allotment program*  
call us NOW.