

## Alumni Notes

### Class of 2003 (PCC)

Gloria Tem



Gloria graduated from Palau Community College in 2003 with an Associate of Science Degree in Elementary Education. After PCC, she was hired as a teacher at Meyuns Elementary School. As a participant in the SDSU program, she is working very hard to earn her bachelors degree. The program just started this month.

### Class of 2004 (PCC)

Lovey Alfonso



Lovey received her Associate of Science Degree in Criminal Justice in May 2004. She is currently working at Palau High School as a teacher for two and half years. To reach her potential, she is taking classes before enrolling as

### Class of 2009 (PCC)

Annalisa Ngiraklei



Dina is currently working as a secretary in the Continuing Education Division in Palau Community College. She received her Associate of Applied Science Degree in Office Administration last year. She was an intern under WIA before becoming a regular staff member of the college.

**Alumni Notes** 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 and all alumni in future issues of the *Mesekiu's News*.

### Celebrating Birthdays

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Lyndon Masami       | Jan. 01 |
| Joseph Pfalzer      | Jan. 01 |
| Ramon Garcia        | Jan. 02 |
| Rechediool Jemmy B. | Jan. 03 |
| Bluu Ongiil         | Jan. 05 |
| Wiles Tmecherur     | Jan. 06 |

Happy Birthday To You!



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## Team Mesekiu 's Upcoming Games

Go For It Team Mesekiu!!

Let us all give a round of encouragement to Team Mesekiu for trying hard to complete this basketball season with as many gains as possible. Hamilton, the coach, hasn't and doesn't lose hope as easily.

### Next Week's Games

Wednesday, Jan. 13 7:30 P.M.

High Tide vs. PCC Mesekiu

Monday, Jan. 18 7:30 P.M.

Klebokel vs. PCC Mesekiu

Thursday, Jan. 21 7:30 P.M.

Ididers vs. PCC Mesekiu

### Endowment Donors from page 2

Ruth Adelbai

Palau Pacific Resort

### Donors Who Raised Their Allotment

Amount

Julia Haruo

Palau Pacific Resort

Lenore Max

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Pasquana Renguul

Palau Pacific Resort

**Thank You to All PCC Donors.** Palau Community College welcomes anyone who wishes to enroll as a bi-weekly contributor. Please stop by the Development Office or call 488-2470 ext. 251-253 for further information. Thank You.

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## Academic Calendar Spring Semester 2010

January 04 - May 19  
16 Weeks

First Day of Instruction  
Jan. 18 Monday

Midterm Period  
March 08 - 12, 2010  
Monday - Friday

Students' Spring Break  
March 15 - 19  
Monday - Friday

Commencement Exercises  
May 28 Friday

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# Living the Dream



Groundbreaking ceremony Back: President Tellei, college officials & guests Front: Masa-Aki Emsioch-Minister of Education, Mary Frances Vogt-BTA President, & Shallum Etpison-NECO CEO

In a decisive move to create our own history, Palau Community College, the Ministry of Education, and Belau Tourism Association joined together in a groundbreaking ceremony on December 31, 2009, to build a Palau Tourism & Hospitality School of Excellence in Palau. This ceremony signifies a collaborative effort of all stakeholders, government, and the private sectors to invest and develop a skilled tourism workforce to meet the tourism industry's demands, protect Palau's environment,

and contribute to a vibrant economy. Witnessing this occasion were Senator Diaz, Senator Mesebeluu, Kaleb Udui Jr. from National Development Bank, Shallum Etpison from NECO Group (contractor), Belau Tourism Association members, Tourism Industry Advisory Group members, Palau Pacific Resort General Manager Shokichi Suzuki, Tour and Dive Shop representative, media representatives, and President Tellei and college officials. The school is planned to open this year.



EXTERIOR PERSPECTIVE (FRONT'S WEST VIEW)

Palau Tourism & Hospitality School of Excellence

## Thank You Donors

At the end of every year, PCC hosts a Get-Together event with a light lunch and a raffle drawing with lots of surprising prizes for the bi-weekly contributors to the PCC Endowment Fund. Coming together as a donor community provides the college a chance to say thank you and report the annual amount of money raised for the year. As can be seen from the pictures below, PCC staff assisted the contributors in filling out their tax refund applications and gave out tickets for the raffle prizes. This year's event was held



PCC staff (Benny, Dilubch, Harline, & Hulda) assisting bi-weekly contributors filling out tax refund applications



PCC staff (Grace M., Poirra A.) giving out ticket stubs to the contributors for the raffle drawing

on Dec. 29, 2009 with Ephraim Ngirachitei as the Master of Ceremony. Once again, he pepped up the event with jokes which provoked laughter from everyone. Thank You to our donors for your wonderful generosity in believing and "walking" with us to make a difference for the future.

## New Year- New Doors-New Faces

### New Library "Soft Opening"

Palau Community College boasts a new library for Palau. On Thursday, December 24, 2009, President Tellei, college faculty and staff, and students celebrated a "Soft Opening" of the new library at 11:30 A.M. It was a short program aimed at opening the doors to the public while a formal ribbon-cutting occasion is being planned to take place early this year. Guests who witnessed this event included Shallum Etpison from NECO Group, PCC PTA chairperson Mary Frances Vogt, and Fr. Jim Gould who sanctified the event with a Blessing of the new building.



Front: Carmel Hanser-student trustee, President Tellei, Ephraim Ngrachitei- President of Classified Staff Organization, Shallum Etpison-NECO CEO Back: Sasha Lirow-Associated Students of PCC (ASPCC) President, Fr. Jim Gould & Tutii Chilton-Faculty Senate Association President

In his remarks, President Tellei acknowledged the contributions of students, donors, faculty and staff, NECO Construction, and Chester Lelis, a structural engineer/autoCAD designer, who designed the new library building.

### NECO Group Wins Bid to Build Palau Tourism & Hospitality School of Excellence

After the library "Soft Opening," President Tellei moved forward to conclude a contractual agreement with NECO Construction to build the Palau Tourism & Hospitality School of Excellence.



College officials look on while President Tellei signs the contract with NECO representatives.



L-R: Mary Frances Vogt- PCC PTA President, President Tellei, Shallum Etpison-NECO Construction & Vicky Maui

### New Bi-Weekly Endowment Donors



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Angela  
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Ngaraard  
Elem. School

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## New Faces

One of the goals of Mesekiu's News is to help unite PCC as a community of friends and learners. To help everyone get acquainted, we will feature photos and brief profiles of PCC faculty & staff and students in the "Faces of PCC" section. If you want to appear in the newsletter or want to nominate someone, just stop by the Development Office or call 488-2470, ext 251-253.

### Kendra D.M. Ise

Kendra D.M. Ise, also known as Dilbi, works in the library under WIA. She is a mother, and at the same time a continuing student majoring in Library Science. She loves the library and hopes to pursue her educational goals after PCC.



### Amanda Ebas

Amanda is a continuing student majoring in Office Administration (OA). She is a mother of two children who loves to read books and enjoys sports like volleyball, basketball, and track & field.



### Joleen Ulengchong

Joleen is a continuing student who majored in Tourism & Hospitality (Tour Services) and has change her major to Library Science. Joleen loves to read different kinds of books.



### Linda Kloulchad

Linda has a Bachelors degree in Business Management from the University of Guam. She loves to read different kinds of books and spends time keeping herself physically fit.



## Talent Search Vacancy

Accepting applications for the position of **Assistant Project Director for Talent Search Program** \$18,000.00 to \$22,000.00 per annum depending on qualifications. Application forms can be obtained from PCC Human Resources Division or from the PCC Website at [www.palau.edu](http://www.palau.edu).

Send completed applications with official transcripts, resume, and verification of previous employment(s), if any, to the HR office. Call 488-2470/2471 or stop by and see us.

## Journalism Club

Enjoy writing stories, taking pictures and exploring new things?

The Journalism Club is still open for members to join. Those who are interested need to contact Dank Ledgerwood either through email, [dankainmicronesia@yahoo.com](mailto:dankainmicronesia@yahoo.com) or stop by the Academic Affairs Division.

## Palau School of Tourism & Hospitality School of Excellence

The Palau Tourism & Hospitality School of Excellence is still accepting donations to meet the \$750,000 mark to cover the cost of the building and outfitting of a new school that will be utilized by tourism students as a classroom, operational restaurant and practical teaching area. We need your support. To contribute, please call Peter Bonini at 488-2600 or stop by at PCC.

## PCC Endowment Fund

**What is it?** A nest egg for the future  
**Why is it important?** To invest in order for PCC to stay around for a long time; to expand the services for the people of Palau  
**Who will use it?** Your children  
My Children - Our Children  
**You make a difference.**

**Enroll now as a bi-weekly donor.** If you are interested to know more about the PCC Endowment Fund, please call the Development Office at 488-2470/2471. ext. 251-253.

## Marshallese Students On the Road

Hooray for the Marshallese students! With a liveliness that stirred up the senses to stop and listen, the Marshallese students did "office-hopping" and sang Christmas songs around the campus. They also made a few stops off-campus by request. It is hard to imagine that a single finger of the conductor can elicit such melodies from the singers. Unencumbered by shyness, the students gave their hearts in their songs in this holiday season.



Marshallese students at the Old Age Center

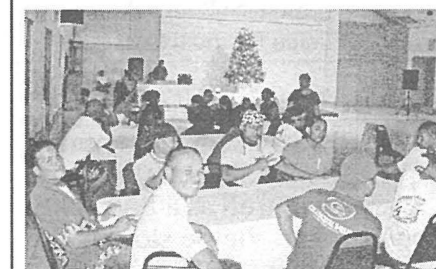


Marshallese students at PCC Development Office



Marshallese students at Ngerulmud, Melekeok, the capital of Palau

## PCC Celebrates the Season of Joy



PCC Santa Claus & helpers at Bethlehem



Dormitory students get together for a Christmas dinner



Christmas luncheon for PCC community

Director Olikong & ASPCC Sec. Justin Saburo