

Alumni Notes

Class of 2003 & 1998 (PCC)

Kenny Mers -



2003 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Criminal Justice (CJ) and a 1998 graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Secretarial Science (SEC). Mers currently works at the Foreign Investment Board as an Investigator. He has been working there for the past 2 years.

Class of 1997 (PCC)

'Atu Taumoepeau -



1997 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Secretarial Science (SEC). Taumoepeau works at the Ministry of Justice-Division of Fish & Wildlife Protection as an Enforcement Officer.

She has been working there for the past 3 years.

Class of 1976 (MOC)

Kenzi Kenty -



1976 MOC graduate with a Vocational Certificate of Achievement (VCA) in Welding (WELD). Kenty works at the Judiciary-Marshal Division as a Marshal Officer 3. He has been working there for the past 14 years.

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 in future issues of the *Mesekiu's News*.

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Celebrating Birthdays

Bluu Ongiil	January	5
Wiles Tmecherur	January	6
Leilani Senior	January	6

Happy Birthday To You!

More Show Support to Endowment Fund



Ron Ngirachereang



'Atu Taumoepeau



Paloma Soaladaob

Ron Ngirachereang of the Ministry of Justice-Division of Fire & Rescue, 'Atu Taumoepeau of the Ministry of Justice-Division of Fish & Wildlife Protection, and Paloma Soaladaob of the Ministry of Education-Ngaraard Elementary School are the newest members of the Endowment Fund. PCC welcomes the new supporters of the Endowment Fund and invites others who have not signed up to show their support as well. For more information about the PCC Endowment Fund, please contact Hulda, Dilubch, or Koyungil at the Development office at 488-2470 ext. 253.

New Library Hours

PCC library will be having the following schedule during the Christmas break until January 13, 2008. Regular PCC library hours will resume on January 14, 2008.

Mon-Fri.	8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
Sat.	9:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.
Sun.	12:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

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Tips for the New Year

Do What You Dislike First

Grab a quick look at your to-do list. Is there anything there that you really don't want to do? If so, your assignment is to tackle that first.

We can hear the grumbling, "First? I don't want to do it at all." Most people feel the same way and usually pile on other things to deal with until the dreaded task gets pushed to the bottom of the list or is completely forgotten. Often, we create non-productive diversions to keep us busy so that we don't have to deal with unpleasant matters. While postponing them may bring some short-term relief, it only postpones the inevitable.

Experts say most people feel a sense of accomplishment immediately after tackling a job they really didn't want to do and often get a surge of energy and enthusiasm that carries over into other things on their schedules.

Another benefit is that when we handle the tough issues first, it makes everything else pale in comparison and we can often blaze right through the balance of the list without batting an eye. We wind up feeling more productive, enjoying our jobs more, having better working relationships and having more energy for post-work activities.

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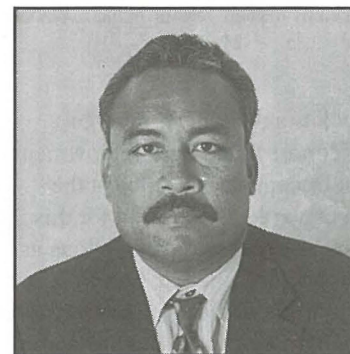


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Weekly Newsletter

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WESTOP Board of Directors to Meet in Palau



PCC President, Dr. Patrick U. Tellei

The board of directors of WESTOP, one of the largest educational organization in the United States serving students in the western United States, Hawaii, the U.S. Pacific territories including the Freely Associated States (FAS), will be visiting Palau to hold their first meeting for the year 2008. The educational organization which has a 19-member board are advocates of programs that help economically and educationally disadvantaged students including persons with disabilities succeed in their educational endeavors. Palau Community College is the WESTOP-member institution in the Republic of Palau, hosting a number of federal TRIO programs such as Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math & Science, Educational Talent Search, and Student Support Services.

According to PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, the college's TRIO program staff are organizing the visit of the WESTOP board members. "The meeting marks the first time that the WESTOP board convenes in the Pacific region and we are happy that they have chosen Palau.



WESTOP President, Joy Brittain

Given the achievements of our TRIO programs, we greatly welcome the visit as it provides a perfect opportunity for our TRIO personnel to showcase their programs," Tellei said.

Slated to arrive tomorrow evening, the group led by their President Joy Brittain will be on island for a week. They are scheduled to visit Palau Community College and meet with President Tellei and other college staff. The group will also visit local high schools including Bethania High School and Belau

Modekngai School in Babeldaob. Also in their itinerary is a stop at the Capitol Building for a courtesy visit with the leadership of Palau.

Presidents Remengesau and Tellei Remain Top Endowment Allotment Donors

ROP President Tommy Remengesau, Jr. and PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei remain the top givers among hundreds of ROP and PCC employees who give on a bi-weekly basis to the PCC Endowment Fund. Each allotting \$20 dollars every two weeks, Tellei started contributing in 1999 when he became president of the College, while Remengesau started a year later when he became president of Palau. For the year 2007, ROP allotment contributors gave \$46,064.15 while PCC gave \$12,201.96 for a combined total of \$58,266.11.

(More on Endowment inside)



President Remengesau and President Tellei are flanked by Senate Floor Leader Alan R. Seid (l) and Minister Victor Yano after Remengesau's State of the Republic Address at the Capitol Building in Ngerulmud last year.

PCC Applauds Outstanding Students with High Marks

As we move towards the beginning of a wonderful new year full of abundant opportunities, the College would like to take a moment to acknowledge the exceptional students who have excelled academically throughout the 2007 fall semester. The College congratulates all who made the Fall 2007 President's List and the Dean's List (High Honor and

Honor). It is a testament of your hard work and dedication that you all have achieved such academic accomplishments and have thus set yourselves as role models for your peers to emulate during the upcoming new year. The College congratulates all of you for a job well done, and we are all very proud of you!

President's List Fall Semester 2007 - 4.00 GPA

Name	Major	Credits Completed
Aiko Tanaka	THTS	17
Cecil Meteolechol	LA	16
Cherie Bukurrou	OA	15
Cheryl Patris	GE	12
Diliaur Tellei	LA	20
Eleos Tellei	OA	13
Emerald Decherong	LA	16
Evadne Nakamura	LA	13
Flora Kintaro	NU	13
Herson Herman	BA	12
Hussein Derbai	OA	15
Kimberly Idip	NU	13
Kristy Olkeriil	BA	15
Leena Muller	ES	12
Magdalene Heno	AG	16
Margarete Cabral	CJ	12
Marvin Mathew	LA	12
Obechou Mereb	LA	12
Ruth Anderson	OA	15
Sheena Henry	ES	12
Sherry Sisor	CJ	12
Smau Erungel	OA	15
Teongel Ngirkelau	IT	12



Diliaur Tellei, freshman majoring in Liberal Arts, is one of the twenty-three students who made the President's List with a perfect GPA of 4.0. Among the twenty-three, Tellei carried the most credits with 20. Tellei is also the daughter of PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei who himself is an alumni of the College.

Dean's List Fall Semester 2007- 3.80 -3.99 GPA

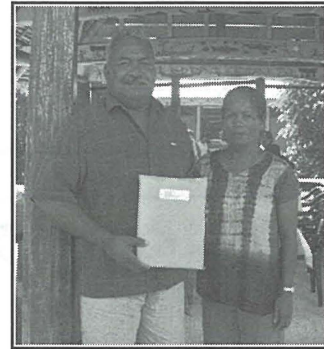
High Honor (3.80 - 3.99 GPA)		
Name	Major	Credits Completed
Josephine Francisco	OA	17
Juliana Ngiraingas	NU	13
Ann Hollingshead	OA	15
Yashina Donre	BA	15



Aiko Tanaka, an exchange student from Waseda University majoring in Tourism & Hospitality- Tour Services, was also among the top students who made it on the President's List. Tanaka is the second exchange student from Waseda University to attend PCC. She started in the fall of 2007 and will be completing her one-year of studies next semester.

Honor (3.50 - 3.79 GPA)		
Name	Major	Credits Completed
Jesse Mangham	LA	12
Lardean Iskawa	AM	12
Nathaniel Moses	IT	12
Norma Adelbai	OA	12
Rosania Victor	OA	12
Tommy Worswick	CJ	12
Rita Olkeriil	NU	13
Pejay Togolmaiu	GE	12
Renee Benardo	ES	12
Sahar Hanser	LA	16
Amaroy Marino	GE	15
Beatrice Ngiraungil	THTS	15
Filly Carabit	OA	15
Jonnie Ngeluk	CJ	15
Paula Mitmow	OA	15
Silverleigh Thomas	LA	15
Jane Kluilechad	OA	14
Dileah Faungy	LA	16
Zalyn Sisor	LA	16
Daynaleen Sebakim	IT	13
Godwina Kazuo	THTS	13
Baulbei Isechal	OA	12
Del Mad	ET	12
Komtil Ngirmang	LA	12
Ngirbechat Arsenio	OA	12
Pearlyne Ngiriou	THTS	12
Wai Ngiraikelau	OA	12

PCC Hosts Luncheon for Endowment Donors



Katsumi Ngirchokebai (r) receiving the Grand Prize from President Tellei on behalf of Wanbe Mesubed.

PCC held its annual meeting of bi-weekly donors to the PCC Endowment Fund on December 28th, 2007 at the PCC Courtyard. The turnout for this once-a-year event was tremendous as over 100 people joined PCC in celebrating the dedication and support of so many donors who donate to the College on a weekly basis. During the event, donors were treated to a delicious lunch and raffle drawing with many of them leaving with wonderful prizes from the raffle drawing.

This annual meeting hosted by the College is an opportunity for PCC to express its gratitude to all donors who have made the noble contribution in support for the future of Palau's children. Currently there are over 1,000 bi-weekly donors. For the year 2007, \$123,469.85 was raised for the Endowment Fund, \$66,330.16 of which came from the bi-weekly donors.

Bi-weekly donors donate a certain amount directly out of their paychecks to the PCC Endowment Fund every two weeks. Their monetary support to the only institution of higher learning in Palau, ensures that the College can continue to provide educational and training opportunities to students in Palau and the surrounding region for many years to come.

PCC raffled away some wonderful prizes that had been donated by some

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THANKS

Thank You Everyone...

PCC President Tellei and students thank all staff for their support to the Endowment Fund. Thanks for making this year a record year by helping us raise over \$123,000. Thank you very much for your continuous support.

REMEMBER

Important Dates to Remember

January 2-4 (Wed.- Fri.)
Placement Testing

January 3 (Thurs.)
Freshman Orientation

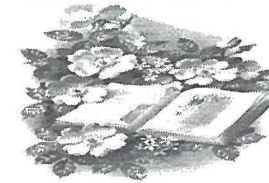
January 7-10 (Mon.- Thurs.)
Advising & Registration

January 14 (Mon.)
First Day of Instruction

January 14-18 (Mon.-Fri.)
Late Registration/Drop & Add Period

CONDOLENCES

Our Condolences



The College family expresses its deepest condolences to College employee, Virginia "Hinia" Ikeya on the untimely loss of her mother, Tosko Ikeya.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during your most difficult time of sorrow and grief.

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very generous local corporate sponsors.

Some of the prizes that were given away included a round trip ticket to Guam, an air conditioner, hotel getaways, cell phones, beauty packages, and much more. The Grand Prize Winner was Wanbe Mesubed who won the round trip ticket to Guam donated by Continental airlines, lunch for two at Furusato Restaurant donated by Bendix Lakobong, Palauan Cook Book donated by Fish 'N Fins, and a Daily Planner from PCC.

Palau Community College takes this opportunity to thank each and every one of our bi-weekly donors for showcasing their commitment to the cause of higher education, and making a difference in the development of Palau's most important resource, its students.



Endowment Donors waiting in line to submit their tax refund forms during the Endowment Gathering held last week at the PCC Courtyard.



Donors claiming their winning prizes from the raffle drawing.

Reminder to All Endowment Bi-Weekly Donors to Fill Out Refund Forms

All bi-weekly donors to the PCC Endowment Fund are reminded to come to PCC Development office and complete their application form, enabling them to get refunds for their donations.

Here are a few steps to help explain the filing process for your refund:

Step 1: Fill out the top portion of the tax refund form and sign your name on the bottom.

Step 2: Make a copy of your last check stub for pay period 26 of the 2007 Calendar year.

Step 3: Bring the signed form and the copy of your check stub to PCC Development office behind the PCC library.

PCC will contact you when your refund check is ready. If you do not have a form, please do not hesitate to call PCC Development office at 488-2470/2471 ext. 253 and we will either deliver a tax form or fax one to your office. If you are not sure whether or not your application form is complete, please feel free to contact Hulda, Dilubch, or Koyu at PCC's Development office.

Refund checks will take approximately two to three weeks to process. The sooner you complete your form, the better!