

## Alumni Notes

### Class of 2003 (PCC)

Brandon Giramur -



2003 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Criminal Justice (CJ). He works at the Ministry of Commerce & Trade as a Security Officer 1. He has been working there for two months now.

### Class of 2003 & 2001 (PCC)

Epsie West -



2003 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Education- Special Education and a 2001 graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Education- Secondary Education. West works

as a Koror Elementary School Teacher. She has been working there for the past 5 years.

### Class of 1989 (MOC)

Stephanie Adelbai -



1989 MOC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in General Office Clerk (GOC). She works at Koror Elementary School as a Teacher and has been working there for the past 10 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

Wiles Tmecherur	January 06
Leilani Senior	January 06
Imengel Mad	January 08
William Wally	January 11

**Happy Birthday To You!**

## More Show Support to PCC Endowment Fund



Josephine Ulengchong



Brandon Giramur



Dreng Akiwo



Lackson Basilius

Workforce Investment Act Director, Josephine Ulengchong, Head Start Employee, Dreng Akiwo, Ministry of Commerce & Trade Security Officer, Brandon Giramur, and Bureau of Land & Survey Employee, Lackson Basilius 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, Charlene, or Koyungil at the Development office at 488-2470 ext. 253.

Visit PCC website: [www.palau.edu](http://www.palau.edu) and learn all about Palau's only institution of higher education. While there, check out the PCC weekly newsletter, *Mesekiu's News* including back issues!

**Thank you to all our Endowment Donors**

**Over 1,000 Bi-Weekly Endowment Donors throughout the Republic of Palau helped collectively raise \$110,753.25 for 2006!**

**PCC would like to thank all of you for making this year one of our most successful yet.**

**Thank you Palau!**

## SPRING SEMESTER Important Dates to Remember

January 1 (M)	Holiday: New Year's Day
January 3-5 (W-F)	Placement Testing
January 4 (TH)	Freshman Orientation
January 8-11 (M-TH)	Advising & Registration
January 15 (M)	First Day of Instruction
January 15-19 (M-F)	Late Registration/ Drop & Add Period
February 23 (F)	Last Day to Remove Incomplete Grades
March 5-9 (M-F)	Mid-term Period
March 12-16 (M-F)	Student's Spring Break
March 15 (TH)	Holiday- Youth Day
March 23 (F)	Last Day for Withdrawals
March 30 (F)	PCC Charter Day Celebration
April 2 (M)	PCC Charter Day
May 4 (F)	Holiday: Senior's Citizens' Day
May 11 (F)	Last Day of Instruction
May 14-16 (M-W)	Final Examination Period
May 16 (W)	Graduates' Grades Due
May 21 (M)	Grades Due
May 25 (F)	Commencement Exercises End of Spring Semester Students' Spring Recess



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## PCC Honors Outstanding Students with High Marks

As we move towards the beginning of a wonderful new year full of opportunity, PCC would like to take a moment to acknowledge the exceptional students who have excelled academically throughout the 2006 school year. The College would like to congratulate the fourteen (14) students who made the 2006 President's List with a Fall semester Grade Point Average of 4.00, the two (2) students who made the High Honor List with a GPA of 3.80 - 3.90, and the twenty-nine (29) students who made the Honor List with a GPA of 3.50 - 3.79. It is a testament of your hard work and dedication that you all have achieved such an academic accomplishment 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 2006- 4.0 GPA

Name	Major	Credits
Barbara Gbewonyo	LA	16
Sandy Fernandez	LS	14
Del Mad	ET	14
Wanderful Kumaichi	AG	13
Leena Muller	ES	13
Sadang Osarch	AG	13
Shane Salvador	LA	13
Christopher Carlos	SE	12
Arthur Obet	AG	12
Zilah Oiterong	ES	12
Cheryl Patris	GE	12
Carmin Pipit	ES	12
Dillusech Sadang	LA	12
Wililah Xavier	ES	12

### Outstanding Students

High Honor (3.80-3.99 GPA)

Name	Major	Credits
Dileah Faungy	LA	16
Bedesil Dachelbai	THHO	15

Honor (3.50-3.79 GPA)

Name	Major	Credits
Shelley Remengesau	ES/ED	22
Cindy Rivera	BA	21
Cheryl Ongalibang	NU	17
Sashia Ngirmang	CJ	16
Ramon Adelbai	LA	15
Mark Tolenoa	CJ	15
Justin Riungel	AM	14
Michelle Blesam	OA	13
Sahar Hanser	LA	13
Sheena Henry	ES	13
Kimberly Idip	NU	13
Mariean Kazuma	OA	13
Deanne Olkeriil	OA	13
Jeffrey Chin	BU	12
Lanson Doktok	CJ	12
Cephas Elechuus	AM	12
Jayvan Emesiochel	GE	12
Shino Yumi Emesiochel	OA	12
Pioria Faungy	LS	12
Ngelulei Ililau	ES	12
Marla Ito	LA	12
Rilla Julius	BU	12
McVey Kazuyuki	CJ	12
Janee Kloulechad	OA	12
Imengel Mad	LS	12
Jesse Mangham	OA	12
Desiree Ngirameked	BU	12
Alton Samsel	CJ	12
Elchesel Wilfred	LA	12

## PCC Hosts Luncheon for Endowment Donors



(l-r): PCC President Tellei awarding the Grand Prize Winner of a Round trip ticket to Guam and a \$250 cash prize, Becheseldil Nakamura of PCC Continuing Education (CE) Office

PCC held its annual meeting of bi-weekly donors to the PCC Endowment Fund on December 28, 2006 at the PCC Courtyard. The turnout for this once-a-year event was tremendous as over 100 plus 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, bi-weekly donors were greeted by Dr. Patrick Tellei, PCC President, who thanked all the donors for supporting the College. Afterwards, donors were treated to a delicious lunch and raffle drawing with many of them leaving with wonderful prizes and smiles on their faces as the event was filled with cheer and warm laughter. This annual meeting hosted by the College is an opportunity for PCC to express its gratitude to all donors who have made

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## PCC Conducts Recruitment Drive to Local High Schools

The PCC Recruitment Team launched its recruitment tour or visit to all the high schools in Palau during the month of December 2006. The recruitment team comprised of personnel from Admissions & Financial Aid and an Associate Dean from Academic Affairs. The purpose of the visit was to meet with seniors and discuss programs and services and distribute admissions application forms to prospective applicants. We then assisted interested students in completing their admissions application forms. Because

of this, we were able to immediately collect a total of one hundred-fifty eight (158) applications for admissions during our recruitment visits. Therefore, 65% of the total seniors (244) from all the high schools in Palau have shown interest in attending PCC during the coming School Year 2007-2008. We will continue to contact those students who have not filled applications and encourage them to enroll at PCC. The table below displays a summary of the applicants from each high school within Palau.

Office of Admissions & Financial Aid 2007- 2008 Applicants by High Schools December 28, 2006			
High Schools	# of Seniors	Attended Recruitment Meeting	Filled 2007- 2008 Admissions Applications
Belau Modekngai School (BMS)	7	5	5
Bethania High School (BHS)	14	13	13
Emmaus High School (EHS)	2	2	2
Mindszenty High School (MHS)	46	36	20
Palau High School (PHS)	150	109	109
Palau Mission Academy (PMA)	25	24	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>158</b>



Director of Admissions & Financial Aid, Dahlia Katosang (far left) meets with High School counselors, Upward Bound and Talent Search counselors, and employees of Gear-Up program to introduce the services and program available at PCC so that they can promote PCC as the college of choice for graduating seniors.

## Thank You DFS Galleria-Palau For Your Donation



(l-r): Duty-Free Galleria-Palau General Manager, Greg Gordon and Director Armstrong Debelbot

The College would like to thank Mr. Greg Gordon, and Duty-Free Galleria (DFS) - Palau for donating \$500 to the PCC Endowment Fund. PCC expresses its gratitude to Mr. Greg Gordon and the DFS Galleria- Palau for their donation and commitment to PCC, Palau's only post-secondary institution of higher learning. Thank you DFS Galleria- Palau.

## PCC Donates Food and Drinks to BPS & Inmates



(l-r): Bureau of Public Safety Director, Hazime Tellei, PCC CRE Staff, Leilani Senior, Greg Gordon, and PCC Director Armstrong Debelbot pose in front of the Police Station

Last week, Palau Community College donated about a hundred hot lunches with drinks to the Bureau of Public Safety for the police officers who are making sure that the general public have a safe holiday season. The food and drinks were also donated to the inmates as well.

## BITS AND PIECES... (Continued from page 1)

### ANNOUNCEMENT

#### PCC Library Welcomes PCC Students...

The PCC Library would like to welcome all new and returning students. It is a pleasure to have you back and to assist you with your research regarding the Pacific region. Patrons are encouraged to use the online catalog to search for their materials. Other very useful materials are available in our vertical files or you may find them in the back issues of our local newspapers. Plan to spend some time in the library, and ask assistance from the library staff in doing your paper. You will be surprised to find that there maybe more materials and information available, and the staff are quite friendly and very much willing to help you!

### ANNOUNCEMENT

#### New Library Hours...

The PCC Library will follow the below schedule until Spring Semester starts:

8am-5pm (Mon-Fri.)

9am-6pm (Sat.)

12pm-6pm (Sun.)

### CORRECTION

#### To Err is Human...

In the December 22, 2006 issue of Mesekiu, there was an error on the Endowment Supporters section. It was stated that Ms. Peggy Hanser works at the Division of Job Placement, however, she currently works at Ngardmau State Government. Also, on the December 29, 2006 issue of Mesekiu, there was an error on the Alumni Section. Ms. Sorch Meyar did not graduate from PCC with a Certificate of Arts, but with a Certificate of Achievement in Criminal Justice.

such an incredible investment in the future of Palau's children. As of now there are over 1,000 bi-weekly donors who have collectively donated \$110,753.25 to the PCC Endowment Fund for 2006. This is a very unique group of people and perhaps the biggest of its kind in Palau. As individuals, they donate a certain amount directly out of their paycheck to the PCC Endowment every two weeks. They do this because they believe that as the only institution of higher learning in Palau, PCC must receive the support from the community so that it can continue to provide for the educational and training needs of the nation and the surrounding region as well. PCC raffled away some wonderful prizes that had been donated by some very generous local corporate sponsors.



Endowment Members checking their tickets for the next prize winner of the raffle drawing.



Endowment Members getting their lunches.



Endowment Members stand in line to submit their refund forms at the Endowment Party held on PCC Courtyard last week.

Some of the prizes that were given away

included a Round trip ticket to Guam, an air conditioner, a DVD player, hotel getaways, cell phones, beauty packages, and much more. The Grand Prize Winner was Becheseldil Nakamura who won a round trip ticket to Guam donated by Continental Airlines and a \$250 cash prize.

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

## Bi-Weekly Donors Fill Your Forms To Get Your Refund!

All bi-weekly donors to the PCC Endowment Fund are reminded to come to PCC Development Office and complete their application packets, enabling them to get refunds for their donations. This reminder is for those who have not completed their packets. Here are a few steps to help explain the filing process for your refund: Step one, fill out top portion of tax refund form and sign your name on the bottom. Step two, please bring a copy of your last check stub for pay period 26 of the 2006 Calendar year. Step three, bring completed form and a copy of your check stub to PCC's

Development Office behind PCC Library. When your refund has been released, PCC will contact you and your refund may be picked up at the College. (If you do not have a form, call the PCC Development office at 488-2470/ 2471 ext. 253 and we will either deliver a tax form or fax one to your office.) Refund checks will take approximately two weeks to be processed. Remember, the sooner we file your application, the sooner you receive your refund! If you are not sure whether or not your application packet is complete, please feel free to contact Hulda, Dilubch, Charlene, or Koyungil at PCC's Development Office.