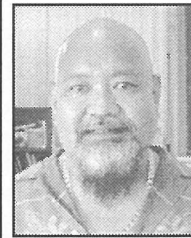


## Alumni Notes

### Class of 2005 (PCC)

Mashon Mongami -



2005 PCC graduate with an Associate Science (AS) degree in Education-Elementary Ed. Mongami taught at Aimeliik Elementary School for many years before taking on the reins as Principal in October 2008 from outgoing principal Constantino Ngiraked.

### Class of 2004 (PCC)

Jennifer Ngual -



2004 PCC graduate with a Associate of Science (AS) in Elementary Education. Ngual went on to receive her BA in Special Education from the University of Guam and is now a Special

Education Teacher with Palau's Ministry of Education.

### Class of 2003 (PCC)

Esther Rengulbai -



2003 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) in Special Education. Rengulbai is a Consultant Resource Teacher with the Special Education Office and is also working on her BA degree in Education

through the PCC-SDSU online program.

### 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*.

## Mesekiu's News

Palau Community College  
P.O. Box 9, Koror, Palau 96940

### Celebrating Birthdays

Deikola Olikong March 8  
Rose Kohama-Aliven March 10  
William "Tim" Mitchell March 12

Happy Birthday To You!

## Mesekiu Wins One, Loses One

The Mesekiu Basketball won their game last Friday in see-saw battle with the Ngarchelong Blue Sharks that finally saw the Mesekiu emerge victorious. Team Captain Tulensru said that it was a hard fought win for them as it had to take them two overtimes to finally secure the win.

Last night, was a different story with Surangel stealing the game from the Mesekiu in a high-scoring showdown. Tulensru said that despite the high numbers, their offense was off and he hopes for his team-mates to regroup during practice and get ready ahead of their next game scheduled for next Wednesday against the Styxers. The team's standing is 8-6.

For more information about the Mesekiu Basketball, contact Coach Hamilton Maech at 488-3885.

(Game Schedule Below)

Friday	13-Mar	6:00	PCC Mesekiu vs. Ranchers
Friday	20-Mar	7:30	Islanders vs. PCC Mesekiu
Wednesday	25-Mar	7:30	Peched vs. PCC Mesekiu

## Paddle With Mesekiu

Can you swim?...Then you can learn to be a professional outrigger canoe paddler. Contact Mesekiu Canoe Team manager Elizabeth deJong at ext 241, or stop by her office in the Temekai building. Canoes going out every Saturday & Sunday morning at Rip-Tide. Transport and paddles provided.

### Message of Appreciation

*On behalf of my family, I would like to extend my deepest and heartfelt appreciation to all staff and students who joined me during the funeral services of my recently-departed sister, Farelis Mobil last Saturday. I would also like to thank everyone for the beautiful flowers and the kind \$ donations "badek". Your kindness and support helped me through my time of sorrow and I will forever be grateful.*

*Thank you all very much for sharing in my family's grief & burden, and please, may we be there for you when you need us.*

Sincerely,  
Karen Mobil,  
Personnel Manager

## New Endowment Fund Members from PPR and MOH



Marvin Willter of Palau Pacific Resort

The PCC Endowment Club recently welcomed new members Lalii Meyar from the Ministry of Health and Marvin

Willter from Palau's premier resort, Palau Pacific Resort. PCC thanks Meyar and Willter who now join hundreds from government and private offices who give on a bi-weekly basis to the PCC Endowment Fund. Welcome aboard.

For information on how to enroll in the Endowment, to find out if you can increase your allotment, or to find out if your 2008 refund check is ready for pick-up, please contact Armstrong, Dilubch, Nino, or Usong at the telephone number 488-2471, ext. 253.

### Funeral Announcement

Funeral services for the late Rebluud Kiueluul Mekemad, father of retired College professor Besechel Kiueluul will be held tomorrow, March 7th at the family estate in Elechui Hamlet, Aimeliik State. Funeral transportation leaves the PCC parking lot at 8:00 am for those who want to pay final their respect to Rebluud Kiueluul Mekemad. Our thoughts and prayers are with Besechel and the Rebluud family.

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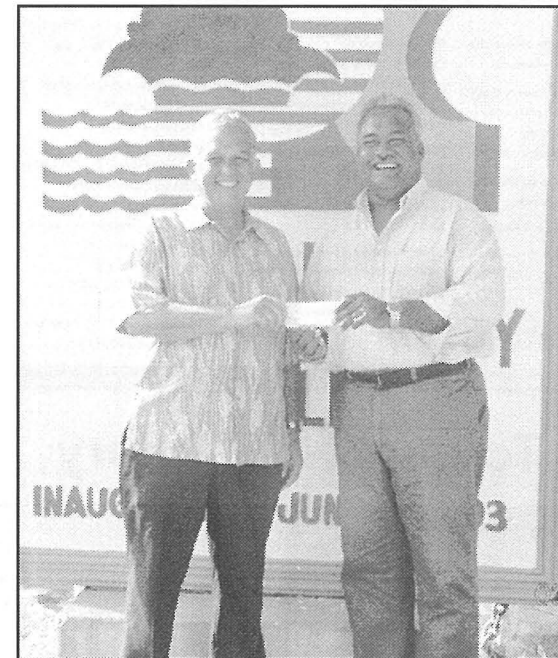


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Weekly Newsletter

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## PCC and UOG Sign MOU President Underwood Gives \$300 to Endowment Fund



UOG President Dr. Robert Underwood presents his \$300 donation to the PCC Endowment Fund to PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei after the two signed an MOU to strengthen ties between UOG and PCC on Tuesday.

Visiting University of Guam President Dr. Robert Underwood and Palau Community College President Dr. Patrick Tellei met on Monday to reaffirm and further strengthen the working relationship between the two regional institutions. Discussions between the two presidents focused on issues of transfer and articulation aimed at ensuring that students who graduate from PCC with AA degrees are able to transfer to UOG with junior status. The two institutions agreed to establish what is called the Inter Institutional Agreement of Cooperation for Transfer and Articulation which establishes academic transfer and articulation guidelines and an exchange of knowledge and expertise in cooperative

transfer policies within the framework of accreditation and current best practices. Essentially the agreement specifies the processes, suggested course equivalencies, and time-lines for articulation of all General Education credits offered at PCC based on the 2008-2012 PCC Catalog. The agreement highlights the options PCC graduates have when pursuing a baccalaureate degree at UOG and outlines selected programs that meet UOG degree specific requirements. In the agreement, the two institutions also agree to promote the exchange of faculty, administrators, and students to study, conduct research, share academic

publications and information resources, and work together on grant proposals to enhance the knowledge base of both institutions. Dean of Academic Affairs

Alvina Timarong who also attended the meeting stated that certain Associate of Arts degree programs and their courses would fulfill many of UOG's General Ed requirements and students in those programs will be able to enter UOG with the status of a junior.

Upon transfer, the student must only complete the necessary upper division credits and some remaining general education credits of their baccalaureate degree programs.

Dean Timarong also welcome the promotion of staff and faculty exchanges, saying that the agreement will enhance the services and quality of education offered here at PCC and at UOG

Upon conclusion of the meeting, Dr. Underwood presented a \$300 check to Dr. Tellei as a donation to the PCC Endowment Fund.

For detailed information about the PCC-UOG MO, please contact Dean Timarong at Academic Affairs ext. 245.

## UBMS Students Get Top Award at Regional Seminar



President Tellei with UBMS students Zonia Kotaro (PHS), Daphne Nestor (MHS), Marleen Theodore (MHS) and UBMS Director Tchuzie Tadao.

Three Upward Bound Math & Science (UBMS) students received top honors for the TRIO Quest photo essay contest they entered. The three students Zonia Kotaro of Palau High School, Daphne Nestor and Marleen Theodore of Mindszenty High School were among thousands of other students from across the United States and its territories that submitted entries for the contest. Kotaro's essay entitled: The Rain,

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## UBMS Awards, from Front Page

focused on the importance of rain especially to a small island such as Palau.

The awarding ceremony took place in Guam during the Trio Professional Development Seminar which was held a week ago.

UBMS Director Tchuzie Tadao who attended the seminar received the awards on behalf of his students who were unable to join him because of classes.

The three awardees, however, were able to meet with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei yesterday for a photo session.

The students briefed Tellei about their award-winning essay entries and showed their medals and certificates.

Tellei commended the students for their excellent work and said that they represent a majority of the students in high schools throughout Palau who strive for excellence in school. Tellei further commended the UBMS program and Director Tchuzie Tadao for making PCC proud in TRIO Quest.

"Congratulations and thank you for your tireless efforts in finding meaningful and challenging opportunities for the student," Tellei told Tadao.

The UBMS program is one of the four TRIO programs hosted at Palau Community College. The others are Upward Bound, Talent Search, and Student Support Services (Project Beacon).

## FSA Parking Lot Sale Nets Untold Amount for Scholarship



The PCC Faculty Senate Association held a parking lot sale last Saturday as part of their on-going effort to raise money to establish an FSA scholarship for PCC students. In addition to the proceeds from sale of items, the group got a surprise visit and donation of \$40 dollars from visiting UOG President Dr. Robert Underwood.



## TRIO Quest 2009

### TRIO Quest Activities for TRIO Students

University of Washington  
TRIO Training

580 Science Hall  
Box 355845  
Seattle, WA 98195

Phone: 206-543-9288  
Fax: 206-485-2457  
E-mail: tquest@u.washington.edu  
Web: http://trio.org

Established in 2000, TRIO Quest offers web-based educational activities for TRIO students. TRIO programs receive the support each requires to assure educational and technical excellence in TRIO Quest activities, such as ThinkQuest TRIO, PhotoEssay, and Media Quest.

These activities promote the use of today's technology and provide TRIO students with opportunities to learn 21st century skills in research, writing, multimedia, online publishing, and collaboration.

**Note:** Completion of a TRIO project has proven to be a powerful statement on a student's resume or application. TRIO Quest's student activities:

- Are free
- Offer prizes for best work
- Provide national professional judging
- Offer international collaboration opportunities
- Use 21st century skills and tools
- Provide online and phone support

Register at: <http://uwrrio.org>

### Awards for TRIO Quest Students

#### Monetary Awards from the Earl Farrow Foundation

\$100 is awarded to every Best of Contest winner in ALL TRIO Quest Activities—\$1700.00 awarded in 2008!

#### Programs whose students received \$100 checks:

- Carl Sandburg College: \$100.00
- CSU Chico: \$400.00
- Leeward CC: \$400.00
- U of WA: \$300.00
- U of Wisconsin GB: \$500.00

#### Other Awards

Other types of awards are often available for selected winners, e.g., digital cameras and flash drives, software.

#### Medals & Certificates

All Quarter and Semi Finalists, and Finalists receive beautiful medals and signed certificates in Autumn 2009.

To contribute to the awards fund (donation is tax deductible):

ITRC TRIO Quest Fund  
1121 E. Broadway, Ste 121  
Missoula, MT 59802

More awards are continually being developed

### TRIO Quest 2008 Programs

- Alabama Southern CC, UB
- Arizona St Univ, UB
- Berea College KY, UB
- Big Bend CC WA, UB
- Cal Lutheran, UBMS
- Cameron Univ OK, UB
- Carl Sandburg IL, UB
- CSU Chico CA, UB UBMS
- CSU Monterey Bay, UB
- Fort Lewis College AZ, UB
- Garden City CC KS, ETS
- Georgia State U, UB
- Harlem Center NY, ETS
- Leeward CC HI, UB
- Lincoln Univ PA, UB
- Marquette University WI, UBMS
- Maui Com College HI, UB
- Morehead State Univ KY, UB
- New Mexico St Univ, ETS
- North Lake Col TX, UB
- Palau Com College, UBMS
- Portland State Univ OR, ETS UB
- Rochester Com & Tech MN, UB
- Salem International WV, UB
- South Plains TX, UB
- Southwest VA CC, UB UBMS
- U of Alabama, McN
- U of Guam, ETS UB
- U of San Diego CA, UB
- U of San Francisco, CA UB UBMS
- U of South Dakota, UBMS
- U of Southern CA, UBMS
- U of Texas Arlington, UB UBMS
- U of Texas El Paso, UB
- U of Washington, UB
- U of Wisconsin GB, UBMS
- Wesleyan Univ CT, UB
- Wichita St U KS, TRIO Programs
- York Technical SC, ETS

## BITS AND PIECES...

**TODAY**

Voc.Tech. Week steering committee members to meet today at 4:00 pm at the Auto Mechanics classroom.

**TODAY**

Science Fair Committee meeting today with Chairman Thomas Taro who returned this week from a meeting in Washington D.C. All committee members are required to attend as final updates are due. Contact Chairman Taro at 488-2746 if you cannot attend.

**LEARN PALAUAN**

## Basic Palauan Class Forming...

Do you want to learn Palauan? The Continuing Education is forming a class for basic Palauan language. Interested individuals are asked to contact Dean Willy Wally at the Continuing Education office at 488-2471, ext. 237. Three (3) more people needed to classes started. Call today!

**REMEMBER**

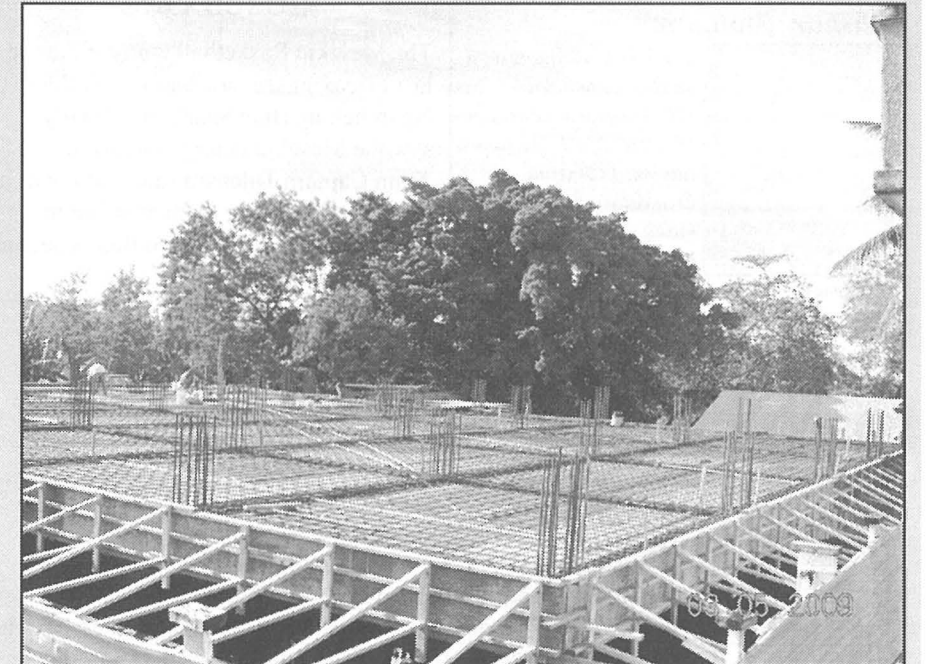
## Dates to Remember

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|-------------|-------------------------|
| March 9-13  | Midterm Period          |
| March 12-13 | Science Fair            |
| March 16    | Youth Day               |
| March 16-20 | Spring Break            |
| March 18-19 | Voc.Tech. Week          |
| March 20    | Last Day of Withdrawals |
| April 2     | Charter Day             |
| April 3     | Charter Day Celebrated  |

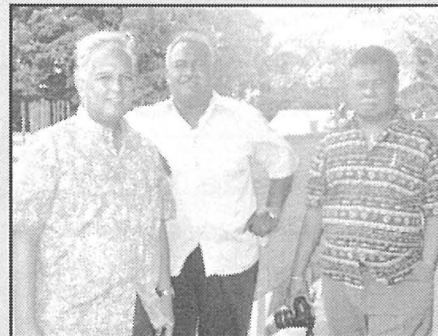
**APPRECIATION**

Palau Community College extends deep appreciation to University of Guam Dr. Robert Underwood for his most generous donations of \$40 dollars to the PCC Faculty Senate Association during their parking lot sale last Saturday; and the \$300 dollars he gave to the PCC Endowment Fund during his visit with PCC President Tellei. Thank you President Underwood and UOG!

## 65 Days Into 270 Days of Construction of the New PCC Library



With rebar and forms for the second floor tie beams in place, work is now on the plumbing lines and electrical wiring layout. Concrete pouring for the second floor will follow.



UOG President Dr. Robert Underwood's tour of the campus with Tellei and UOG Trio Director Yoichi Rengill earlier this week included a stop at the new PCC library construction site.

Mesekiu's News thanks all contributing writers for their articles and pictures. We depend on you to tell us all about the exciting programs and activities you are undertaking to make our College great. Too busy to write, call us, we'll come to you. Call the Development Office at ext.253. Thanks again!!!

## Continuing Education Training Programs

Class	Status/Participants
1. Mandarin Class	Ongoing/Public
2. Counseling Class	Ongoing/Ministry of Health
3. Japanese Class	Phillipine Embassy
4. Customer Service and Communication	Palau National Communications Corp (PNCC)
5. National Incident Management System	Ministry of Health Ministry of Justice
6. Residential Appraisal	Interested Community
7. Basic Computer	Community
8. Computer Class-PAGEMAKER	Social Security Office
9. Emergency Management Training	Ministry of Justice
10. Outboard Motor Repair Class	Community

To find out more about the above training programs or other CE training services, contact the Dean of Continuing Education Willy Wally at 488-2471, ext. 239.

## LS Class Tours BNM Library

Tuesday morning, Library & Information Services students from the LS115: Micronesia Pacific Resources course visited the Belau National Museum Research Library to learn about the unique Micronesian resources housed at the library. The LS students had the opportunity to complete a hands-on assignment, which allowed them to find and use the library resources and learn more about how the museum library system operates.

Head Research Librarian, Sandy Fernandez, led the tour and discussed the special resources of the BNM collection. Sandy said that researchers from around the world visit the BNM library and she has had several opportunities to assist researchers with their work. She also extended an invitation to all PCC students to visit the BNM research library, which is now open extended evening hours from 6 pm-9 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. For more information about the BNM Research Library and its unique



Alumni of the PCC LS program Sandy Fernandez who is now the head research librarian at the Belau National Museum explains a particular book in the BNM library collection to a touring LS student.

resources, contact Sandy Fernandez at 488-2265. Or if you're interested in finding out how you could become a museum research librarian, contact LS instructor, Megan Beard at [mbeard@palaunet.com](mailto:mbeard@palaunet.com).