

Alumni Notes

Class of 2009 (PCC)

Lantz Ngiramengior-



2009 PCC graduate with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Electrical Technology. Ngiradekei was hired immediately after graduation by the Palau's Ministry of Health as the Cold Chain

Technician for the laboratory.

Class of 1988 (MOC)

Borman Teltrull-



1988 PCC student majoring in General Electronics. Teltrull works with the Bureau of Land & Surveys as Land Registration Officer for the State of Aimeliik. He is an active advocate for youth programs.

Class of 1981 (MOC)

Johnny Sambal-



1981 MOC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement in General Office Clerk. Sambal is a Senior Seaman with the Marine Law Enforcement Office. He is also a Legislator with the Ngarchelong State Government.

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 News*.

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Celebrating Birthdays

William Mitchell	March 12
Thomas Taro	March 13
Gibson Towai	March 13
Petrus Itelmong	March 15
Karen Mobil	March 17

Happy Birthday To You!

Mesekiu Loses in Play-Off Looks to Next Season



Mesekiu Basketball Team made it to the playoffs but lost in the first round. Coach Hamilton Maech said they will work hard during off-season to prepare for hopefully a stronger showing next season.

OPEN Season for Endowment Fund

This week we welcome new member Johnny Sambal. PCC Development Office continues to process refund applications for all government and non government employees. So if you have not filed your income tax refund application yet, stop by and let Dilubch take care of your Endowment needs.

Don't forget to bring the following:

- ✓ Check stub #26 or Wages & Tax Form for year 2009.
- ✓ Original receipts for your donations to other nonprofit organizations.

To find out how you can join the hundreds who are already giving to the Endowment Fund, contact the PCC Development Office at 488-2471, ext. 253, if you can't come to the office, contact the office at 488-2471, ext. 253 and we'll send someone to find you.

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Staff Gives Equivalent of 50% of Wage to College



Vergara

One hundred dollars (\$100)! That's exactly how much Maintenance Supervisor Roger Vergara donated to the PCC Endowment Fund recently. In simple math, it amounts to more than half of the

bi-weekly salary that the maintenance staff Vergara takes home every two weeks. What prompted him to do such an unselfish deed remains a mystery, but regardless, PCC is grateful for Vergara's most kind act. Vergara who is originally from the Philippines has made Palau home for him and his family for the last thirty-six years, twenty-six of which has been with PCC. *Magandang Maraming Salamat Po Roger!*

FSA Gentlemen's Gourmet

submitted by: Faculty Senate Association

The PCC Faculty Senate Association is hosting its 2nd annual Gentlemen's Gourmet on Saturday, April 10, 2010 from 6-10 pm at the Ngarachamayong Cultural Center. Come and enjoy the culinary creations of local gentlemen and chefs.

A \$20 ticket will get you a complementary drink and a chance to win a great prize. Money raised will help secure scholarships for future PCC students. To buy a ticket, please call 488-2471 and ask for Tutii Joe Chilton, Tim Mitchell, Danka Ledgerwood, or Megan Beard.

FREE!!!

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MESEKIU'S NEWS



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Weekly Newsletter

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STEM-CTE Fair Next Week



Construction Technology student puts final touches on a dresser which will be one of the student-crafted items on display during the STEM-CTE Fair next week.

After weeks of joint meetings and collaboration with officials from the Ministry of Education, PCC executives charged with planning the dual-pronged Science Technology Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) - Career

and Technical Education (CTE) Fair say all is in place and ready for the two significant annual events of the College. Associate Dean Sherman Daniel who is overseeing the CTE portion of the Fair said that he has been work-

Accreditation Visiting Team Departs

The Accreditation Team which visited the College last week to validate the 2009 PCC Self-Study Report left over the weekend after sharing its preliminary assessment of the College during an exit assembly last Thursday.

"The purpose of the Self-Study is for Quality Assurance and Continuous Improvement. We need to ensure that the community we serve is getting nothing but the best." That is what the head of the eleven-person accreditation visitation team Dr. Leon Richards said to a gathering of faculty,

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IR in Hawaii for IPEDS Workshop



Sara

College Institutional Researcher Ligaya Sara left on Tuesday to attend an Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) workshop in Honolulu, Hawaii. Sara who has been with the Institutional Research office for a little over six months was invited by workshop co-sponsors Pacific Association of Institutional Researchers and Association of International Researchers. The free workshop held on the campus of Chaminade University talks about using IPEDS data to support institutional decision making and

effectiveness processes. With the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges' (ACCJC-WASC) emphasis on evidence and documentation, the IPEDS workshop will help the PCC IR office in its effort to align, document and use data to improve institutional programs and services.

Monday March 15, 2010 is Youth Day and a National Holiday in Palau observed by all. All PCC offices will be closed. Enjoy your holiday!

ing closely with Marleen Ngirametuker of the Ministry of Education Gear-Up program for scheduling and campus visit of 6th-12th graders from throughout Palau. Daniel also said that PCC students and their instructors are putting the final touches on their

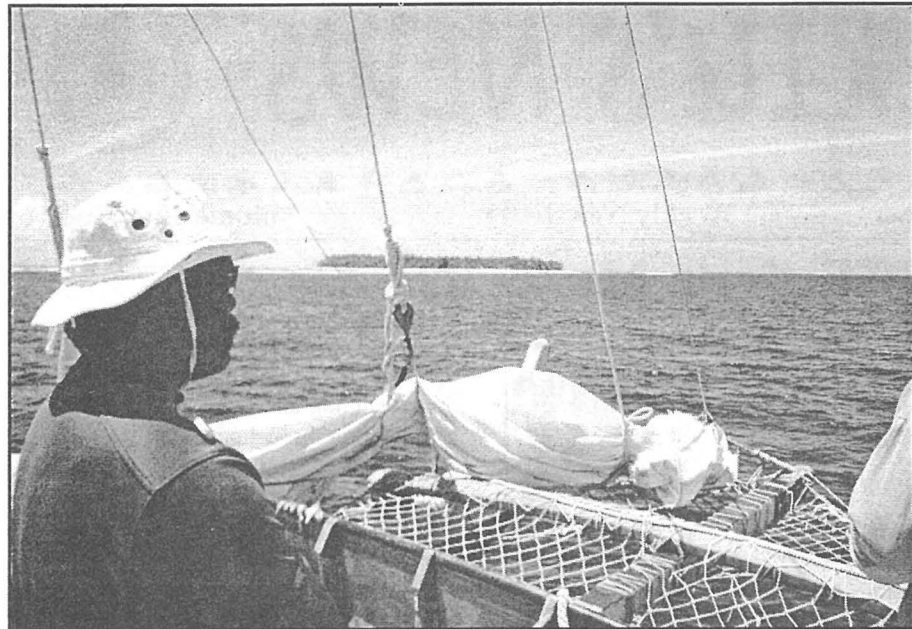
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Happy Youth Day Palau!!!

In Commemoration of the PCC STEM-CTE Awareness Week, National Education Awareness Week, and the National Youth Day Holiday, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei joins the Board of Trustees, Administrators, Faculty and Staff in commending the accomplishments of PCC students, and extends best wishes to all the Youth of the Republic of Palau.

PCC conveys profound appreciation to the Palau Ministry of Education, Gear-Up Program, and all the schools for their support and participation in this year's PCC STEM-CTE Awareness Week.

Alingano Maisu Returns from Ngulu Leaves for Kayangel Today



Non-instrument Navigation student on the lookout aboard Voyaging Canoe *Alingano Maisu* during the approach to Ngulu Island, Yap.

As predicted by Captain Sesario Sewralur and instructor of the Non-instrumental Navigation Class, the recent trip of the Voyaging Canoe *Alingano Maisu* to Yap's outer island of Ngulu and back took no more than two weeks. To be exact, it took eleven days there and only a day and a half for the return leg of the trip. Former college employee and now a full time student in the navigation class Elliott Benzle who crewed on the trip said that it was more

than he ever expected it to be, and some.

"It was an exhilarating feeling to be out there in the big expanse of the Pacific ocean with nothing but the wind in your sail to drive you and the sun, moon and stars to guide you, said sunbaked Benzle. "It's an experience like no other...that I can only hope for others." Benzle who was one of four students enrolled in the Non-instrument Navigation class to go on the trip said that they will again depart for Palau's northern island of Kayangel today where they will spend the night and return

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demonstration projects and displays which they will showcase to the visiting students. He added that student crafted items such as tables, cabinets, baby cribs, and barbecue grills will be on sale.

As for the STEM aspect of the Fair, which is replacing the National Science Fair beginning this year, Vice President Taro said that they are working closely with school principals and have received a total of fifty-eight (58) science projects. He said that the cafeteria will be set to display the projects with a total of thirty (30) judges to review and select winners.

The PCC STEM-CTE Fair will be held next week on Wednesday and Thursday. For more information, contact Sherman Daniel at 488-6504.



on Sunday.

The Non-instrument Navigation class is a result of the joint effort between Palau Community College and the Micronesian Voyaging Society, aimed at resurrecting the lost art of the Pacific traditional navigation practices.

For information about the Non-instrument Navigation class, call Ephraim Ngirachitei at 488-3074.



Former Mesekiu's New's staff Elliot Benzle with a Mahi-Mahi fish he caught 5 miles outside of Ngulu Island.

College Gives Tables to Local Elementary School



Aimeliik Elementary School students quickly test the durability of the donated tables.

Brand new tables made by the Maintenance Division with the signature PCC green paint were donated to Aimeliik Elementary School earlier this week. Vice President Jay Olegeriil and maintenance

crew personally made the one hour drive to the elementary school located on the big island of Babeldaob to deliver the tables. School Principal and students were on hand to thank VP Olegeriil and receive the donations.

Whenever resources permit, the College makes donations of PCC crafted tables and chairs to local elementary schools to help in the improvement of student learning.

Most recent donation was also of tables which went to the biggest elementary school in Palau, Koror Elementary School which has a population of nearly 1000.

BITS AND PIECES...

TODAY

Charter Day Meeting...

In preparation for the upcoming Annual Charter Day for the College, the Organizing Committee will hold their first meeting today at 1:00 pm in the CE training room.

ELECTION

New Officers for New Club...

The newly-organized Journalism Club elected new officers this week: President, Dante Rengii; Vice President, Kenjiro Faungy; Treasurer, Wilson Gideon; Secretary, Valeria Falanug. Submissions for the first issue of the *Rising Tide* should be turned in by the next group meeting on Wednesday, March 24th. Articles, photos, and drawings can be submitted to any of the group advisers, Marianne Temaungil, Danka Ledgerwood, Megan Beard, or Midori Mersai.



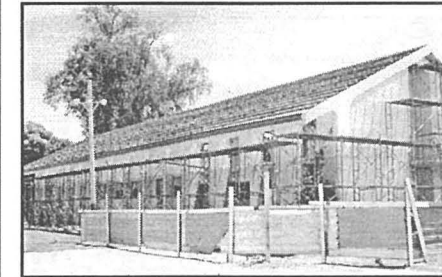
WORKSHOP

UB Program Holds Students/Parents Training...

In its continuous effort to improve student learning across the board, the Upward Bound Program held a parents workshop on Wednesday. The focal point of the workshop was to educate parents about the program requirements in relation to the UB four standardized objectives (Academic Improvement of Standardized Test; Project Retention; Postsecondary Enrollment; and Persistence) developed by the US Dept. of Education. Furthermore, program core curriculum and other services available to student were also discussed. Chur Oiph of the Palau National Scholarship Office and Mekreos Siilil and PCC were invited to talk to parents about scholarship opportunities and admissions and financial aid requirements for Palau Community College.



Roofing Work this Week for PTHSE



PTHSE Building

Construction work on the Palau Tourism & Hospitality School of Excellence is moving along as scheduled, according to Project Manager Mr. Shao. This week, much of the work focused on installation of the new roof. The PTHSE is being built on the foundation of former Dorm A with estimated construction time expected to take six months.

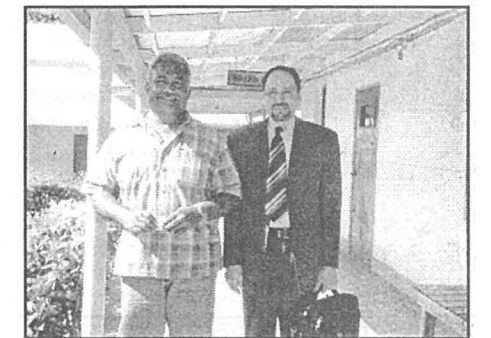
Team, from Front Page



Accreditation Visiting Team members with PCC officials

The visiting team will submit its final report to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACCJC-WASC), after which the Commission will make its decision regarding PCC's accreditation status.

IAEA Official Visits



President Tellei with Mokdad Moksoudi of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). Moksoudi based out of Vienna, Austria who was in Palau for a government meeting earlier this week stopped by the College for a courtesy visit with Tellei. IAEA has been the subject of recent media attention for its work on nuclear nonproliferation issues in countries such as Iran and North Korea.

staff and administrators who crowded into the assembly hall last Thursday to hear the team's preliminary statement. "We came here to evaluate the entire institution and to witness how well you have met and achieved the stated purpose of PCC as a community college," he added.

Saying that even though the final decision regarding PCC's accreditation will ultimately be decided after the Commission's meeting in June, the team has however, after reading the PCC 2004 Self-Study Report, the Mid-term Report, all documents in the Evidence Room, and interviews with ninety-one students and personnel, compiled a draft assessment report of the visit.



The "I Love Dugong Contest" concluded last Friday and all entries are now being compiled and readied for the judges to screen next Tuesday.

Judges who are mostly science faculties from PCC, and science specialists from other agencies will meet on campus to select the winners.

Results will be announced during the final day of STEM Fair on Thursday, March 18, 2010.

For more information, you may contact PCC Science Faculty Vernice Yuzi at 488-2471, ext. 240. Or you may stop by her office on the third floor of the PCC Library Complex.