

**A SPECIAL INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN OF PALAU.....**



Are you in Grades 4-8?

Do You Like to Write or Draw?

Would You Like to Become a Published Author or Artist?

**IF YOU ANSWER "YES," A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY AWAITS YOU THIS SUMMER**

The Palau Community College, in cooperation with the UNICEF Committee of Spain and local community groups, will offer a course in creative writing and the arts during the month of June. Children in the College's summer learning experience in creative writing and/or the arts will receive expert instruction to enable them to write and illustrate their very own interpretation of children's rights from the perspective of Palaun children. The product of their work will be published by the Spanish Committee for UNICEF for use by children around the world.

To participate in this very special event, children in grades 4-8 should contact the Continuing Education Office at Palau Community College for information and registration.

**HURRY AND REGISTER TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT AS COURSE SIZE IS LIMITED!!**

**CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS**



Fran Kinsang May 22  
Joe Adachi May 23

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL!!!**

**Mesekiu's News**  
Palau Community College  
P.O. Box 9  
Koror, Palau 96940

**Teams  
White and Brown  
donate to Student Yearbook**



The Charter Day Teams White and Brown who won 3rd place at the Charter Day Fun & Games, have donated their entire prize of \$250 to the student yearbook. They challenge other teams to do the same.

**FSM B.B.Q**

The FSM citizens are sponsoring a B.B.Q. to raise fund for FSM South Pacific Games (SPG) players. This event will take place on Sunday, May 23 at the PCC Dorm area starting at 2:00 p.m.

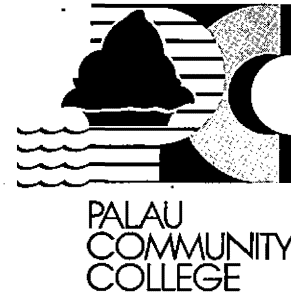
For further information, contact Rosita at 488-1557 or 488-2357, PCC Cafeteria.

**First PCC Student Yearbook**

Palau Community College Student Body Association (SBA) this year, 1999, has successfully compiled the first Palau Community College Student Yearbook.

Congratulations to this year's SBA President, Mace Kesolei and all the officers for hard work and commitment.

For further information about PCC student yearbook, contact Mace Kesolei at 488-2470 or 2471.



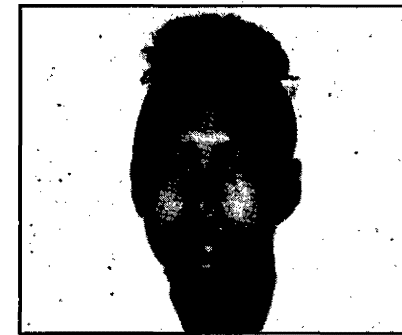
**Palau Community College  
MESEKIU'S  
NEWS**



Friday, May 21, 1999

Weekly Newsletter

Volume 1, Issue 12



PCC 1999 Graduation Valedictorian,  
Eileen Babauta

**Congratulations to PCC  
Class of 1999**

On behalf of the entire Palau Community College, I would like to extend our congratulations to all the 1999 PCC graduates. This is undoubtedly the moment you have all been greatly anticipating, and I, together with you, am equally excited to witness and be part of my first PCC commencement exercise.

It is my only hope that you have received the kind of education at PCC that extends beyond the acquisition of information, that you have also acquired the wisdom and "know-how" necessary to be productive citizens of the Republic of Palau and Micronesian region.

To the extent that we have assisted you, the 1999 graduates in achieving this kind of an education, we have, once again, reaffirmed the justification for the only College in Palau, Palau Community College.

Again, congratulations to all the 1999 PCC graduates and best of luck in all your future endeavors.

Patrick U. Tellei  
President  
Palau Community College

**TODAY MOC/PCC 36th  
Commencement Exercise**

Palau Community College (PCC) was founded in 1969 as a two-year post-secondary vocational/technical institution known at that time as Micronesian Occupational Center (MOC). In May 1978, Micronesian Occupational Center officially became Micronesian Occupational College (MOC), a distinct and complementary part of the College of Micronesia. From 1969 to 1978, MOC conducted 30 graduation ceremonies.

In September 1987, a treaty among the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, and Republic of Palau regarding the College of Micronesia was executed establishing complete autonomy of each college in the COM system to local governments. The treaty was terminated on March 31, 1993, which laid the foundation for PCC.

On March 19, 1993, the Republic of Palau President Kuniwo Nakamura signed into law RPPL No. 4-2, establishing Palau Community College.

On April 12, 1993, MOC officially became PCC. Today's commencement will be the 6th for PCC, and, the 36th since its foundation in 1969.



**Attention PCC Students, Staff, and Faculty**

Please submit your articles for our weekly newsletter, Mesekiu's News, to Armstrong Debelbot at the Development Office no later than 3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.  
Thank you for your support!!!

# PCC 1999 Graduation Award Recipients

## Criteria of Awards

### Outstanding Student Award

Nominations are made by instructors and confirmed by Director of Admissions & Records. Final certificate of the award recipient is made by the Dean of Academic Affairs.

A student must have completed the following requirements:

- A Cumulative Grade Point Average of at least 3.5.
- Exhibit an outstanding attitude and motivation plus the desire to succeed in his/her chosen field of study.

Students nominated are:

-Eileen Babauta (Valedictorian) -Aileen Mikel  
 -Louann Sungino (Salutatorian) -Melanie Nestor  
 -Ziola Y. King -Gwendolyn Ewatel  
 -Hung-Chung Lin -Sunshine Garcia  
 -Lourigene Samsel

### Outstanding Citizenship Award

Nominations are made by any PCC staff or any full time student. Final selection of the award recipient is made by the Citizenship Award Committee. Final Certificate of the award recipient is made by Dean of Students. This award is based on the following:

- The student's participation in recreational, social and government activities.
- The student's participation in and contribution to community services activities.
- The student's conduct in all phases of campus life.
- The student's academic record.

Student nominated: Melanie Nestor

### Academic Success Award

The Academic Success Award is given to students who struggled in their first semesters at PCC, but never gave up and turned themselves into successful students. The award is given based on faculty nominations and the student's academic record.

Students nominated are:

-Linda Ngotel  
 -Bradley Louch  
 -Tashia Ubedei

### Faculty Senate Award

The Faculty Senate Association gives awards to the top two students for the highest Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) among the graduating class.

- A cash award of \$100.00 and a certificate of academic excellence to the student with the highest GPA.
- A cash award of \$75.00 and a certificate of academic excellence goes to the student who achieved the second highest GPA among the graduating class of 1999.

Students nominated are:

-Eileen Babauta  
 -Louann Sungino

### Alumni Award

The MOC/PCC Alumni Association gives two awards to graduating students in the occupational programs for the categories of:

- Best GPA in Program, and
- Best Effort

The first award goes to a student who demonstrated the highest grade point average in his/her respective program major, not including general education requirements.

The second award recognizes a student who demonstrated best effort in practical skills application.

#### Best GPA

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| *Automotive Mechanics Technology (AM)<br>-Leo Nam | *Office Administration (OA)<br>-Ziola King                        |
| *Criminal Justice (CJ)<br>-Tashia Ubedei          | *Small Engine and Outboard Marine Technology (SE)<br>-Garth Sokau |

#### Best Effort

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| *Automotive Mechanics Technology (AM)<br>-Hosei Rivera | *Office Administration (OA)<br>-Oyaol Skebong                            |
| *Criminal Justice<br>-Nicholas Aquino                  | *Small Engine and Outboard Marine Technology (SE)<br>-Camillo Tawerilgam |
| *Agricultural Science (AG)<br>-Robert Yinmed           | *Business Accounting<br>-Eileen Babauta                                  |

\*\*\*\*\*

# RETENTION WEB PAGE

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
Freshmen Orientation & Placement Testing	May 26-28 (W-F)	May 26-28 (M-F)	May 26-28 (W-F)
Academic Advising & Registration	May 26 - June 2 (W-F)	May 26 - June 2 (W-W)	May 26 - June 2 (W-W)
<b>Holiday: ROP President's Day,</b>	<b>June 1 (T)</b>	<b>June 1 (T)</b>	<b>June 1 (T)</b>
Registration Day	June 9 (W)	June 9 (W)	June 9 (W)
First Day of Instruction	June 14 (M)	June 14 (M)	July 12 (M)
Late Registration/Drop & Add Period	June 14-18 (M-F)	June 14-16(M-W)	July 12-14 (M-W)
Last Day to Remove Incomplete Grades for Spring Semester '99	July 2 (F)	July 2 (F)	July 2 (F)
Midterm Period	July 5-8 (M-TH)	June 24 (TH)	July 22 (TH)
<b>Holiday: Constitutional Day</b>	<b>July 9 (F)</b>	<b>July 9 (F)</b>	<b>July 9 (F)</b>
Last Day for All Withdrawals	July 13 (T)	June 28 (M)	July 26 (M)
Last Day of Instruction	August 6 (F)	July 8 (TH)	August 5 (TH)
Final Examination Period	August 9-11 (M-W)	July 8 (TH) (6:00-8:00p.m.)	August 5 (TH) (6:00-8:00p.m.)
Grades Due	August 13 (F)	July 12 (M)	August 9 (M)
End of Summer Session	August 13 (F)	July 8 (TH)	August 5 (TH)

## San Diego State University ONLINE Courses

Mark Fillerbrown will be in Palau from June 8-15 to conduct an orientation for online courses with San Diego State University for anyone interested to get their B.A. in elementary, secondary or vocational education, and also M.A. in education or administration. The following is his itinerary:

-June 9 and 10, meeting with PCC Administration.

-June 11, Morning only, from 8:30 am - 11:30 am, orientation for B.A. candidates.

-June 11, Afternoon only, 1:00pm - 3:30 pm, orientation for MA candidates.

-June 14, orientation for staff from Special Education Office.

\*\*All orientations will be held at the new PCC Professional Development Training Room where the old Bookstore was located. PCC Administration meeting will be held at the PCC Board Room. If you have any questions, please contact Willy Wally at the CE Office.



## EFNEP/Personal Basic Sewing Classes

Informal Cooperative extension (community outreach) programs for Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) and Personal Basic Sewing conducted by PCC - CRE staff were held on February 02, to April 27, 1999 at Ked, Airai.

As part of the family development and consumer education, lessons and hands on activities related to each key concept on nutritional needs, balanced diets, budgeting food dollars, food safety and quality, and basic sewing were introduced to participants. These topics were addressed through a variety of lessons.

Certificate Awarding Ceremony for participants who completed the programs was held on May 13, 1999 at the Airai Community Center. Eighteen participants received their Certificate of Completion on EFNEP and thirteen on Basic Sewing. Thirteen participants were enrolled in both programs. PCC President, Patrick U. Tellei, VP of Education and Training, Mario H. Katosang, VP of Cooperative Research and Extension (CRE), Anita R. Suta, Governor of Airai State, Tmeuang Rengulbai, and other members of PCC staff and Airai Community attended the ceremony.

If you wish for us to conduct these programs at your village, please contact PCC-CRE at Phone: 488-2746; Fax 488-3307 and E-mail: Asuta@palaunet.com