

Alumni Notes

Class of 2004 (PCC)

Christian Aquino -



2004 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in General Electronics Technology (GE). Aquino works at the Palau Public Utility Corporation as a Meter Reader. He has been

working there for the past 3 years.

Class of 1995 (PCC)

Nikki Holan -



1995 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in General Office Clerk (GOC). Holan worked at Maris Stella School as a Teacher for 10 years before transferring to Airai Elementary School.

She has been working there for the past 2 years.

Class of 1986 (MOC)

Leylany Brel -



1986 MOC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Agricultural Science (AGS). Brel works at Palasia Hotel Health Spa as a Fitness Attendant. She has been

working there for the past 8 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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Palau Community College
P.O. Box 9, Koror, Palau 96940

Celebrating Birthdays

Keiden Skilang March 28
Richard Saburo April 3

Happy Birthday To You!

More Show Support to Endowment Fund



Rikel Kual,
Palau Community Action Agency-Head Start

This week, we are happy to welcome the newest member to the PCC Endowment Allotment Club. From the Palau Community Action Agency-Head Start office, we welcome Rikel Kual. PCC welcomes the new supporter of the Endowment Fund and invites others to join in our endeavor in securing a viable future for Palau's only institution of higher learning, Palau Community College. To find out how you can help, please contact any of our friendly staff at the PCC Development Office at 488-2471. We promise to come out to your school, office, campaign headquarters, state office, liaison office, embassy, conservation office, construction site, favorite watering hole, home, yacht, canoe, island, rock island, conservation area, barracks, compound, hotel, motel, farm house, taro patch, auto shop, video shop, etc. to tell you about our Endowment Fund. Call us.

ARDS Scholarship Deadline April 1st

The Australian Regional Development Scholarship (ARDS) is now accepting applications for any interested resident citizens from the Federates States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau to undertake studies at post-secondary education institutions in the Pacific region for study levels of Technical/Vocational, Undergraduate, and Post-graduate (up to Masters level, only).

ARDS awards cover successful applicants' tuition and institution fees, living expenses, basic overseas health coverage, tutorial assistance, and economy class air travel back to your home country at the end of each year of study.

Application forms are available at the Palau National Scholarship Board (PNSB) next to Palau High School. Completed forms should be submitted NO LATER THAN April 1st, 2008. Information regarding courses/programs, eligibility requirements, required supporting documents, participating ARDS institutions may also be obtained by contacting the PNSB office at 488-3608.

Announcement of Scholarship Opportunities

Program	Deadline
Australian Regional Development Scholarship	1-Apr-08
Palau Grant (all undergraduates)	31-Jul-08
Palau Student Loan (undergraduate or higher)	31-Jul-08
Palau Scholarship (juniors & seniors standing in college)	31-Jul-08
Congressional Scholastic Award (graduating h.s. seniors only)	31-Jul-08
Scholarship for College Programs Offered Through	
Non-Traditional Means	31-Jul-08
Bank of Hawaii Scholarship (2nd yr degree PCC student only)	31-Jul-08
Shell Palau Scholarship	31-Jul-08
Ekei Scholarship	31-Jul-08
Speaker Tadao Ngotel Scholarship	31-Jul-08
Rotary Club- Dave Williams Scholarship (PCC student only)	31-Jul-08
Kayangal Scholarship	31-Jul-08
Steven Bai Nakamura Memorial Scholarship	31-Jul-08
Didil Belau Scholarship	
(female in their junior or senior standing in college)	15-Aug-08

For application forms and information regarding other scholarship opportunities, please contact the Palau National Scholarship Office at P.O. Box 1608, Koror, Palau 96940 or call the office at (680) 488-3608; Fax to (680) 488-3602 or Email to pnsb@palaunet.com.

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MESEKIU'S NEWS



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Weekly Newsletter

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College to Celebrate 15th Charter Day Next Friday



President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei (back right) with other College officials after the President's Run & Walk at the Palau Track & Field last year.

"To celebrate this year's 15th Charter Day, the annual President's Run & Walk and a special gathering is already set for Friday, April 4th. The celebration will kick off with the annual President's Run & Walk in the morning and then a celebration at the PCC Courtyard", said Director Tchuzie Tadao who heads the Charter Day committee.

The general public is invited to help us commemorate PCC's 15th birthday by joining the Annual President's Run & Walk. The President's Run & Walk will start from the Koror side of the Japan-Palau Friendship Bridge and finish at the Palau National Track & Field. Transportation to the starting line will be available at the PCC parking lot from 4:00 a.m. to

5:15 a.m. The Run & Walk will then start promptly at 5:30 a.m. The first 100 runners & 100 walkers to complete the course will receive a commemorative t-shirt. Light continental breakfast will also be served to all the participants.

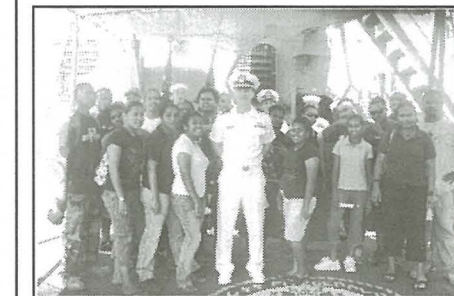
After the President's Run & Walk, the celebration will move to the PCC Courtyard where the College Board of Trustees, Administration, and students mark the 15th Charter Day of the College with special presentations and entertainment all sponsored by the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC). Traditional and contemporary dance performances by students from the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Republic of Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands will be part of the activities.

There will be no classes and all offices will be closed on April 4th as students and staff will be taking part in the day's festivities.

For more information about the 15th PCC Charter Day celebration, please contact Chairman Tadao at 488-3965 or Co-Chair Ephraim Ngirachitei at 488-3074.

Students Tour USS Fitzgerald (DDG 62)

Last week Friday, over 30 PCC students visited the USS Fitzgerald (DDG 62), a ship with defense capabilities in anti-air warfare (AAW), anti-submarine warfare (ASW), and anti-surface warfare (ASUW). USS Fitzgerald also provides local area protection to battle groups, surface action groups, and other ships. Guided by Lt. Peter King, the Operations Officer, the students were excited to see the various sophisticated weaponry systems on board, examining every corner and learning how and when the weapons are used. They also visited the combat room, the central control station, and other rooms aboard the vessel. The USS Fitzgerald (DDG 62) arrived on island last Thursday for some R & R and left Monday.



PCC students with guide Lt. Peter King (center) aboard the USS Fitzgerald (DDG 62).

(See more pictures on page 2)

Monday Last Day to Submit Applications for Tax Refund

Applications for tax refund are still available at the PCC Development Office so, if you have not filed your application, please do not forget to stop by the Development office to complete your form. Do not forget to bring a copy of your check stub for pay period 26 or a copy of your 2007 wage and tax statement. Deadline for submission is **Monday, March 31st**.

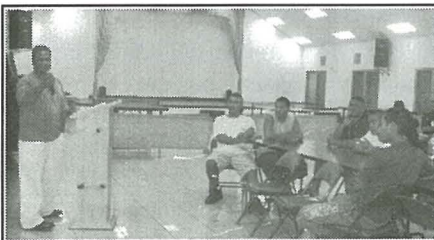
If you have any questions, please call Development office at 488-2470/2471 ext. 253 or stop by our office located behind the PCC library.

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Lt. Peter King and students in front of the Mark 34 Gun Weapon System of the USS Fitzgerald (DDG 62).

Instructor Inspires Students with Life-story



PCC students listen attentively as guest speaker Keiden Skilang (l) tells his inspirational life-story.

“A family member used to tell me, Keiden, knowing you, you are not going to succeed,” told Business instructor Keiden Skilang who was the guest speaker for this month’s “Tuesday Night” Program at the Cafeteria. “I drank alcohol, fought, hung out with the wrong group of people, skipped classes, and eventually dropped out of high school and later became a fisherman for 7 years”, he said. Skilang told the students about the time he got badly injured from a fight and had to be hospitalized in Intensive Care Unit (ICU). It was then that he realized what he had been doing to himself and regretted not listening to his grandparents. He then decided he wanted to change for the better.

The first step he took was challenging himself by taking the GED examination, which he passed with flying colors. He then succeeded in attaining three certificates in Small Engine & Outboard Marine Technology, General Office Clerk,

and Tourism & Hospitality within a 3-year period at the College. After that, he went on to receive his Bachelor’s in Business Administration with concentration in International Business and a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Guam. While studying in Guam, Skilang was a recipient of numerous scholarships, including a U.S. Navy Scholarship, and was on the Dean’s and President’s List numerous times.

In his presentation, Skilang also revealed and shared his formula in succeeding in College which was: *A little bit of intellect + a dash of right decisions + a whole lot of effort and motivation.* He also encouraged them by saying, “Anywhere in the world, if you have effort and motivation, you’ll survive! If you have those, it’ll take a whole lot of effort to fail”.

After receiving his education, Skilang could have worked elsewhere but decided to come back home so that he can share his experience to students and help them lead better lives.

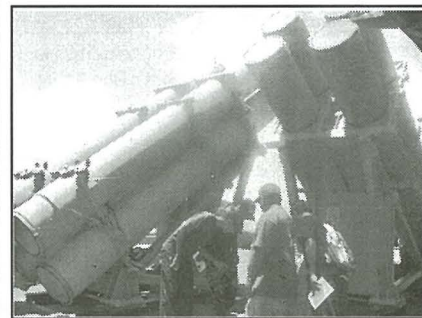
The students thank instructor Skilang for sharing his incredible life-story and secrets to success and inspiring them to give more effort and motivation in anything they set their minds to.



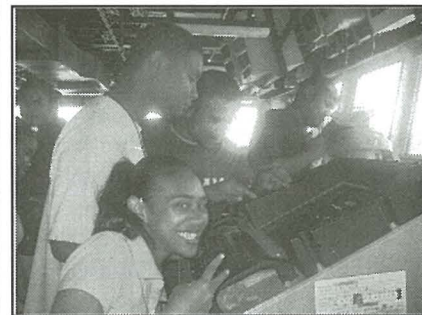
Dorm Manager Ephraim Ngirachitei (4th from right) and instructor Uroi Salii (r) chaperoned the group.



Lt. King briefs the students before their tour of the USS Fitzgerald.



Students in awe of the Tomahawk Cruise Missile capability of the USS Fitzgerald.



The control room of the USS Fitzgerald.



BITS AND PIECES...

ANNOUNCEMENT

PCC Softball Intramural Playoffs and Championship Games Rescheduled...

Due to bad weather, the playoffs and championship games that were scheduled for Monday, March 24th and Wednesday, March 26th have been rescheduled. Please see updated schedule below. If you have any questions or want more information, please call Ephraim Ngirachitei at 488-3074.

Playoffs-Friday, March 28th

Srifac Xae (Kosrae I) vs. Sports Center @ 7:00 p.m.

SSS-Project Beacon vs. ESPN III @ 8:20 pm

Monday, March 31st

Consolation Game @ 7:00 p.m.

Championship Game @ 8:20 p.m.

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Wanted: 1979/1980 MOC Yearbook...

PCC Development Office is looking to buy two (2) 1979/1980 Micronesian Occupational College (MOC) ‘Fly High’ Yearbook.

Asking Price: \$25 each (Mint condition)

Please contact Armstrong Debelbot at PCC Development office at 488-2470/2471.

Taking Notes in Class

Taken from Study Tips.com at www.how-to-study.com

In classes, your teachers will talk about topics that you are studying. The information they provide will be important for you to know when you take tests. You must be able to take good written notes from what your teachers say.

Taking good notes is a three-stage process in which there are certain things you should do before class, during class, and after class. Here are the three stages of note-taking and what you should do during each stage.

1. Get Ready to Take Notes (Before Class).

- * Review your notes from the previous class session before you come to class. This will help you remember what was covered and get you ready to understand new information your teacher provides.
- * Complete all assigned readings before you come to class. Your teacher will expect that you have done this and will use and build upon this information.
- * Bring all note-taking materials with you to class. Have several pens and pencils as well as your notebook.

2. Take Notes (During Class).

- * Keep your attention focused on what your teacher is saying. Listen for “signal statements” that tell you that what your teacher is about to say is important to

write in your notes. Examples of signal statements are “The most important point...” and “Remember that...” “Be sure to include in your notes information that your teacher repeats or writes on the chalkboard.

- * Write quickly so that you can include all the important information in your notes. Do this by writing abbreviated words such as med for medicine, using symbols such as % for percent, and writing short sentences.
- * Place a ? next to information you write in your notes, but about whose meaning you are not sure.

3. Rewrite Your Notes (After Class).

- * Rewrite your notes to make them more complete by changing abbreviated words into whole words, symbols into words, and shortened sentences into longer sentences.
- * Make your notes more accurate by answering any questions you had when writing your notes in class. Use your textbook and reference sources to obtain the information you need to answer your questions. If necessary, ask your teacher or other students for help.
- * Check with other students to be sure you did not leave out important information.

Having good class notes will help you to be better prepared for tests.

PCC FSMSO to Celebrate FSM Cultural Day This Saturday

By: Rose Aliven-Kohama



The PCC FSMSO is holding a day of fun at the Palau National Track and Field on Saturday, March 29, 2008 beginning at 7:45am. In observance of their FSM Cultural Day holiday, the students will be playing several island games such as basket weaving, coconut husking as well as other exciting and fun events. Teams of six colors are already in full motion with the team captains boosting their team’s spirit and colorful banners shouting out

their team names – the Green Machines, Gray Jet Fighters, Yellow Warriors, White Angels, Blue “I Sorry”, and the RedDevils. Thanks to Mr. Joeson Andon, a suitable name was spontaneously created for the event – Micronesia All-Around Day of Fun. With an invitation extended to and accepted by the dormitory RMI and Palauan residence as well as the ASPCC officers, the FSMSO activity will definitely be an enjoyable and memorable one. Anyone looking for something to do on Saturday is fully welcomed to come and cheer our PCC FSMSO students on!