

Alumni Notes

Class of 2003 (PCC)

Sholeh Hanser -



2003 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Environmental/Marine Science (ES). Hanser works at the Belau National Museum as a Natural History Associate for the past

year and 4 months. She also works part-time as a Dugong Research Assistant for the Vulnerable Marine Species Program of the Bureau of Marine Resources.

Class of 1997 (PCC)

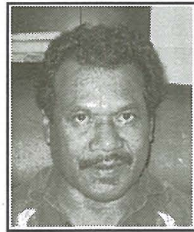
Nerlina Mereb -



1997 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Secretarial Science (SEE). Mereb works at Airai Elementary School as a Teacher. She has been working there for the past 5 years.

Class of 1974 (MOC)

Isaias Oiterong -



1974 MOC graduate with a Vocational Certificate of Achievement (VCA) in Carpentry (CARP). Oiterong is the Director of the Koror State Government (KSG)-Department of Public

Works. He has been with the KSG for the 23 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*.

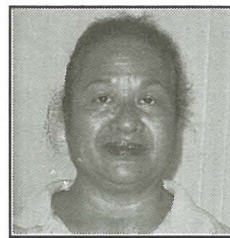
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Celebrating Birthdays

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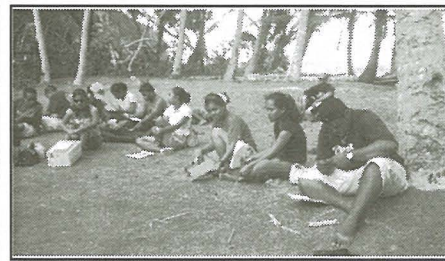
More Show Support to Endowment Fund



Mariana Espangel, Aimeliik State Government

This week, we are happy to welcome the newest member to the PCC Endowment Allotment Club. From the Aimeliik State Government, we welcome Mariana Espangel. 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.

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Workshop on Coping @ Kuabes.

A big thank you to Governor Laurentino Ulechong and his staff for arranging it so our students could explore the cultural/historical sites of Ngaraard State, to Melson Miko and Rita Olsudong from Bureau of Arts & Culture for the detailed and informative explanations of the sites we visited, to Aileen for the wonderful demok, and to Beluong for showing us the hospitality of Ngaraard State. We also want to thank PCC-CRE for the use of the patrol car that transported our food, and to PCC- Cafeteria for the yummiest grub we've tasted so far. Pictures of our excursion are available, so please feel free to come by SSS-Project Beacon office and check them out.

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Fortunately, Mesekiu made a strong comeback after loosing to Rough Riders and have since been winning its games. On March 8th, Mesekiu won against team Klebokel with a score of 75-68. This time, Chiba scored the most points with 14; Co-Captain Tulensru with 10; Joseph Joseph with 9; Co-Captain Edison Anjerok, Patrick Nena, and Laiden all scored 8 points each.

On March 20th, Mesekiu defeated team Kabong with a score of 60-65. Nena led the team with 15 points followed by Nimoto with 14; Chiba and Co-Captain Anjerok with 12 points each; and Co-Captain Tulensru with 6.

Then on March 22nd, Mesekiu won against Airai Aces by 7 points, 85-78. Co-Captain Tulensru brought on his 'A-game' as he scored the most points with 30 points. By far, he is the only Mesekiu player this season to score that many points. Following Tulensru was Paulson who scored 11; Chiba with 10; Co-Captain Anjerok with 9; and Joseph with 6.

Mesekiu secured yet another win, 76-61, against team Mesang last Saturday. Chiba scored the most points for the game with 21 points; Co-Captain Anjerok with 14; Chris Carlos with 12; Co-Captain Tulensru with 8; and Joseph with 7.

However, on Wednesday night, Mesekiu lost to Blue Sharks, 71-63. Though it was an upset, the team players are still determined to win their next two games and stay among the top 5 in Division II. During the game, Co-captain Tulensru scored 16 points; Nena scored 14; Co-Captain Anjerok scored 12; Joseph scored 7; and Chiba scored 6.

The PCC Mesekiu basketball team has two more games before the first round draws to an end. Their next games are scheduled for Monday, April 7th against Sam's Sharks at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 12th against Ngiwal 79ers. Once finalized, the game time for the April 12th game will be announced. All games are played at the Palau National Gym.



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MESEKIU'S NEWS



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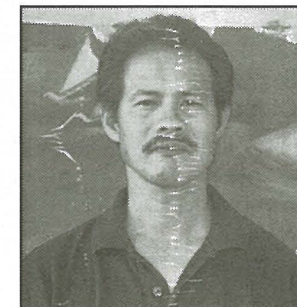
Weekly Newsletter

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15th Charter Day Celebration Today!

Palau Community College celebrates its 15th Charter Day today, April 4th.

Today's events kick-off at 5:30 a.m. with the traditional President's Run & Walk from the Japan-Palau Friendship Bridge to PCC Track & Field. The Run & Walk is open to the public and is known to attract hundreds of walkers and runners. The day's celebration will also be marked by a gathering of students and staff at the main Courtyard on campus to hear an address by a member of the Board of Trustees and President Tellei. The crowd will also witness the colorful dance performances and presentations by students from the island states throughout Micronesia. Sponsored by the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC), traditional and



Charter Day Planning Committee Co-Chair, Director Tchuzie

contemporary dance performances from students from the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Republic of Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands will be part of the activities. According to Tchuzie Tadao who chairs the Charter Day planning committee, the celebration on campus is convenient and easier for all staff and students to attend as we want to make sure that everyone has the chance to participate in the activities in marking the 15th birthday of our College.

For more information regarding the 15th Charter Day, contact Co-Chairs Tzuchie Tadao at 488-3965 or Ephraim Ngirachitei at 488-3074.

14 Participants Complete Mandarin Courses



President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei (standing 3rd from right), Dean Willy Wally (standing right), and instructor Wenling Su (standing center) pose for a group photo with the Mandarin class participants.

The Mandarin courses, sponsored by the Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in association with the PCC Continuing Education (CE) office and taught by Wenling Su, concluded Wednesday, April 2nd, with 14 participants. The participants, from various private agencies, completed the 7th Basic Mandarin I and 2nd Basic Mandarin II

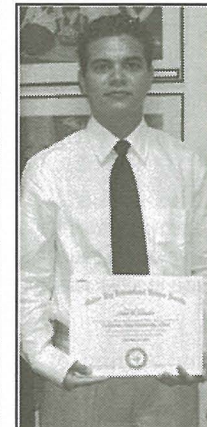
courses in basic conversational skills and received their certificates during an awarding ceremony held at the CE training room. President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei as well as Dean Willy Wally were present at the awarding ceremony. President Tellei had the opportunity to address the gathering and encouraged all the participants to continue learning the Mandarin language as it can open doors for other career

options. The following participants completed the Basic Mandarin I course and received their certificates of completion: Zenaída E. Tan; Maria Cristina M. Hiñosa; Catherine Tupas; Arvin Cabagton; Juvelyn S. Samontino; Ann Yeh; Tan

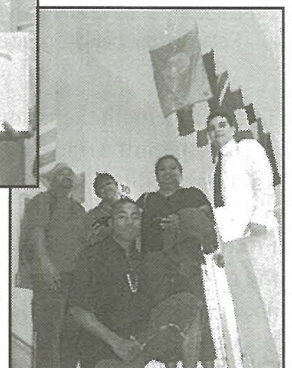
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PCC-SSS Alumni Highlight

Shane Salvador, a PCC-Student Support Services Alumni is currently attending California State University - Chico, majoring in Civil Engineering. Salvador graduated from PCC in the Spring of 2007, and enrolled with junior standing at CSU-Chico in the Fall of 2007. Salvador completed his first semester at CSU-Chico with flying colors, earning a GPA of 3.91 which landed him in the Dean's List. Due to his excellent academic performance, he was invited to join the Golden Key International Honor Society. While here at PCC, Shane was a member and an officer of Beta Omicron Zeta, chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for two-year colleges, served as a student trustee for two consecutive years, and was a Student Support Services peer tutor, as well as a program client.



Member of the Golden Key International Honor Society.



Shane and family members at the Golden Key International Honor Society Induction.

SSS-Project Beacon's Expedition to Ngaraard State

Submitted by: SSS-Project Beacon office



Ngerchokl.

Forty students and staff from SSS-Project Beacon went on a cultural excursion throughout the State of Ngaraard on Friday, March 28th, 2008. The first stop was the "foundation of youth" called *NGERCHOKL*. The walk through the woods was relaxing and pleasant. When Melson from Bureau of Arts & Culture began describing the legend of long ago, each of us anticipated the outcome of the story, wondering how the fountain came about. The legend began because two boys were very thoughtful and respectful of their parents, that they brought the entire "melaok" catch of fish home for the

parents. So in return, the father wanted to give them everlasting life. And that's how the magic was brought upon *NGERCHOKL*. Upon close inspection of a rock on the riverbed, footprints of the child in the story were embedded into the hard stone. Melson also informed us that because of development, the river which turns into a beautiful waterfall has slowly receded, and the water now murky from the compact road construction. We continued on to Ngebuked, where we stopped at Aileen Ngirturong's home and tasted the wonderful "demok" that she had prepared for us. She gave us a quick demonstration/explanation on how to create the local soup that Ngaraard



Aileen explains the art of demok cuisine.



Melson Narrates Bad er Odesangel.

the burial site of the former Maderngebuked.



A closer look at the former Maderngebuked's burial site.

Afterwards, our journey continued on to Elab, another village of Ngaraard. It was yet another hike through the ancient village where we walked only on platforms fashioned by ancestral people of Elab. We saw some interesting pillars established along the site, but a particular one with faces engraved on all sides and a lizard at the bottom of one side took our attention. Unfortunately, the story behind the pillar will never be known for it was not passed down. We had made a final hike down to Beriber, a beach at the end of our route, where we took a breather and headed for Kuabes for lunch. After a delicious lunch (which included meatloaf...yum), we held a workshop on the topic "I CAN COPE" presented by Counselor Adora Nobuo. We all discussed as a group what different mottos meant to each of us, and then learned how these mottos can help us cope with our daily problems, issues, and/or concerns. The beautiful beach of Kuabes was breezy, helping us relax and become one with nature. It was a beautiful place to end a day of strenuous hiking.

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College Donates to ARFF



Instructor Frutoso Tellei (2nd from right) with the carpentry students and the replica of a traditional Palauan abai they designed and constructed for ARFF.

To coincide with the grand opening of the newly-built Airport Rescue and Fire-fighting Facility (ARFF) which takes place today, the College, instructors Frutoso Tellei and Lester Rekemesik, and the carpentry students donated a mini-abai requested by Mrs. Jennifer Yano, to be placed in the front entrance of the facility. Tellei, Rekemesik, and the carpentry students scaled the abai at Ngarachamayong Cultural Center and built a smaller replica for ARFF.

State is famous for. It even had "rekung" in it, and that was a treat for those of us who weren't allergic to crustaceans. Following the demok treat, Beluong Ngirmekur from Ngaraard State met up with us and we hiked the ancient platform to where Bai er Ruau was located. Around the same area is the Bad er a Odesangel, a pillar in memory of the day that the people of Peleliu who were in Ngaraard came out hiding. We continued the hike to the burial site of Surech's head which was not very far, and then to the Ngebuked odesongel,

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Yeh; Lennie Dancel; and Gil Postrano. Participants who completed the Basic Mandarin II class are: Warren Fukuichi; Kathy Mendoza; Patricia Remeliik; Ann Yeh; Tan Yeh; and Willy Yeh.

Wenling Su is set to start teaching Mandarin to private agencies beginning with the employees of the Palau Public Utility Corporation from April 21st.

BITS AND PIECES...

ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to the New PNCC GM...

The College Board of Trustees, President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, Administration, Faculty, Staff, and Students congratulate and extend best wishes to the new Palau National Communications Corporation (PNCC) General Manager, Richard Misech. Congratulations and we look forward to working with you!

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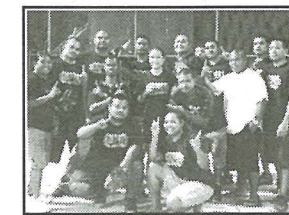


President Tellei (2nd from right) and Student Trustee Leena Muller (l) accept the donations from Isebong Abbier and Juliet Skebong of Bank of Guam.

Bank of Guam (BOG), a neighbor of the college and a known local corporate citizen, donated umbrellas and *cara-banks* to the College yesterday. President Tellei and Student Trustee Leena Muller accepted the gifts on behalf of the College. BOG is one of the many local companies that supports the College, always giving big during our Annual Thanksgiving Fundraiser.

CONGRATULATIONS

We are the Champs...



after defeating Sports Center.

ESPN 3 is the champion for the Softball Intramural Tournament

PCC Wins Three; Bags Pennant

Finding itself in a must-win situation to secure the pennant title, the Mesekiu Baseball Team of Palau Community College was faced with the nearly impossible task of having to win not one, not two but three games in a row-their last three games of the regular season. Showing the true grit and determination, the Mesekiu's performance was nothing short of brilliant, defeating three of Palau Major League's top teams of Ngerbeches, Kayangel and Ngerbeched.

Their win against Ngerbeches came last Friday as Mesekiu overwhelmed Ngerbeches to secure an 8th inning drawn game victory by a score of 17-6. Although finding itself trailing earlier, PCC exploded for six runs in the 5th inning, with five in the seventh and four in the eighth to secure the victory. Jason Monkeya pitched four innings and Ty Saiske pitched five innings and earned a win.

On Saturday, Mesekiu defeated Kayangel by a score of 10-3. The much anticipated game was scoreless until the top of the fourth when Mesekiu put three runs on the board with consecutive singles by Dekei Ngramengior and Cleofas Iyar, and Sureor Ngirailemesang hitting a double to bring them in. Sureor later scored on a single by Dexter Sadang. Mesekiu scored two more in the sixth on singles by Eitel Mad, Sadang, Saiske, and Kalei Luii. In the seventh, Kaleb Meltel singled to reach first, and once again, stepping up to the challenge, Sureor tripled deep over the centerfielder to bring Meltel in. Mesekiu put the game out of reach in the ninth when lead-off hitter Ngramengior doubled and scored on a single by Iyar. Sureor reached base again on HP and Eitel doubled to bring home Cleofas and Sureor. Eitel later scored on a sacrifice by Dexter.

Mesekiu Basketball Wins 4 Games, Loses 2

PCC Mesekiu Basketball team, though recently lost two games, is still one of the top teams within the Division II of the 2008 Shell National Basketball League.

Playing against one of the top teams within their division, Mesekiu played a tight game and nearly won against Rough

Sureor earned a win for his superb work on the mound, pitching a complete game with 10 strikeouts, 4 walks, and allowing only four hits.

Then on Tuesday, the Mesekiu, trailing league-leader Airai Aces by half a game, had to beat Ngerbeched to overtake the lead and clinch the pennant. With its back against the wall, Mesekiu went to their MVP ace pitcher Ty Saiske and he did not disappoint. Ngerbeched jumped in front in the first inning when former PCC player Bedor Kyota singled and advanced to scoring base via single by veteran Turu Tellei and scored on a sacrifice from another veteran Alonz Moses. In the bottom of the first, PCC took a 2-1 lead as leadoff hitter Eitel Mad singled and Merei Ise reached first on a base-on ball. Ngramengior whacked a 2-RBI hard liner to left field to score Eitel and Merei.

In the top of the second, Saiske continued to struggle on the mound as Ngerbeched scored three more runs to take a 4-2 lead. Mesekiu's usually potent offense seemed to struggle as they failed to score in the second and third innings. Fortunately, Saiske regained his MVP pitcher form and kept Ngerbeched scoreless the rest of the innings.

Mesekiu in the fourth inning, as they have done numerous times during the season, fought back and put three on the board to take a 5-4 lead. Mesekiu scored another run in the top of the fifth to go up by two but the game ended prematurely in the fifth inning due to rain, giving Mesekiu the win.

With the pennant and the top spot in the standings, Mesekiu will play Kayangel in the best of five playoff series while #2 Airai Aces plays #3 Ngerbeched. The playoffs begin on Monday, April 7, 2008.

Riders on March 5th but lost by merely one point, 56-55. Co-captain Duffy Tulensru, one of the leading top scorers for the team, scored the most points with 14 followed by Chris Chiba with 13 points; Juni Nimoto with 9 points; Paulson Laiden with 6 points; and Joas Suda with 3 points.

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