

Alumni Notes

Class of 1999

Lakolani Olngettel



Earned an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Business Education - Accounting. Pursued her bachelor degree in Administration of Justice at University of Hawaii-Hilo. A candidate for SDSU Master degree in Education Leadership. An Academic Advisor/Counselor for Upward

Bound Math & Science. Message: Believe in yourself & stay focused. We make our own stories.

Class of 2008

Mesrine U. Kelmal



Earned an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in General Electronics Worked as a Warehouse Technician for WCTC for 11 months after graduation. Currently working as a Physical Education teacher at G.B. Harris Elementary School for the past two years.

Class of 2010

Difiaur Tellei



Earned Associate of Science (AS) degrees in Information Technology and Liberal Arts. Attending the University of Hawaii-Manoa, working towards a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Computer Science. Working as a student

assistant in the Pacific Business Center Program at Shidler College of Business.

Alumni Notes showcases MOC & PCC alumni who are positive role models and contribute to the quality of life in their local communities. If you are that alumnus/alumna 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

Yoshi Aki Okabe Apr 19
Rodney Kazuma Apr 22

Happy Birthday To You!

Snapshots of CE Classes NOW



Edwell Ongrung, Computer Class for OEK Staff members.



Alex Ngiraingas, Clinical Counseling Class.



Other CE Classes

Jasmine Kan-Wei Tsan, Mandarin class

Karen Spiller, English class

SUMMER KIDS PROGRAM

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News/Stories Wanted

MESEKIU'S NEWS welcomes stories/articles/announcements from students, faculty, and staff. Submission deadline is Monday at 4:30 p.m. in hard and electronic copies to adoraa@palau.edu.

Please call ext. 252/253 if you intend to submit your article after Monday.

UPCOMING CE Training Opportunities

PCC Continuing Education in collaboration with JICA

COURSE 1 - WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT
MAY 16- JUNE 23

COURSE 2 - COMPUTER TROUBLESHOOTING
MAY 16 - JUNE 08

Interested applicants to call CE Office 488-6223- Anna or Leona to register.

HURRY! CALL NOW!

Vacancy Announcement

- (1) Computer Technician, Computer Services Office
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- (2) Director, Human Resources Office
Salary range: \$18,730 - 28,833 per annum
- (3) Director, Finance
Salary range: \$18,730 - 28,833 per annum

For application forms and information, please contact Karen Mober at PCC Human Resources Office at 488-2470/71, ext. 227.

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Palau Community College



MESEKIU'S NEWS



Friday, April 15, 2011

Weekly Newsletter

Volume 13, Issue 15

Effort Continues for Student Success

Contributed by Glendalynn Ngimeriil



Recheiungel & students.

The three Academic Advisors at Student Life - Maurine Alexander, Glenda Ngimeriil, and Winfred Recheiungel - continue to proactively help students to ensure academic success in their college

experiences. The series of meetings were held on campus at the Assembly Hall with lunch provided for the participants.

The first informational workshop was held on Tuesday - Thursday, April 05 - 07, Student Success Cont'd p. 3

AHS Program Launches Peleliu Classes, Surveys Kayangel

Contributed by Laura Mangham



Peleliu AHS students.

The Palau Community College Adult High School (AHS) Program Director Laura Mangham and her staff travelled recently to Peleliu State to launch classes for more than twenty new students. The AHS staff met with Peleliu State Governor Kanchichi Uchau to arrange support from his office for the

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SPC Rep Visits

Contributed by CRE

Since 2006, the Center for Pacific Crops and Trees (CePaCT) of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) has been distributing to several Pacific Island Countries (PICs) the different varieties of disease resistant and drought tolerant taro, sweet potato and yam from their Climate



Tuioti visiting a farm in Aimeliik.

Ready Germplasm Collection. Among the recipient countries are Palau, Cook Islands, Kiribati and Solomon Islands. PCC-CRE has been the agency responsible for its evaluation and distribution in Palau. Ms. Laisene Mariner Tuioti from SPC arrived in Palau early this month to interview



CE-AHS Staff survey Kayangel's educational and training needs. SPC Rep Cont'd p. 3

Palau Community College is an accessible public educational institution helping to meet the technical, academic, cultural, social, and economic needs of students and communities by promoting learning opportunities and developing personal excellence.

Talent Search Students Visit Ulong Island

Submitted by Angelio Anthonio



PCC archaeology students with BAC Staff at Metuker er a Bisech.

Ulong, along the western side of the island. Many of them wondered what the intentions of Orachel were when he painted the walls of many islands on his way to Koror.

The participants gained an additional visit by stopping at the famous Milky Way. Students and teachers witnessed and discussed the texture of the whitish-mud sand. Even though ideas were exchanged back and forth, their attention was not focused on theories but on how well it really works on one's face.

On March 23, 2011, the Educational Talent Search Program participants went on a field trip to Ulong Island to visit the cultural sites. With their legend studies in mind, they observed where *Osilek* and the citizens of Koror resided in the southern part of the island. Students questioned the whereabouts of the site Captain Henry Wilson crashed his ship when he came to Palau on his journey around the Pacific region. The students also had a chance to observe the paintings of *Orachel* at the corner of

Through the cooperation of AES/ETS tutors and Principal Aileen Mikel, everyone enjoyed the tours and spent the rest of the day at Ngchus rock island with an unanswered question - How could Ulong Island dwellers have found resources like water, food and daily rations?

UBMS Program Staff and Students would like to thank Ms. Persis Omelau for doing a presentation during the program's monthly workshop on Friday March 31,

ES Student Gives Dugong Presentation

Contributed by Lakolani Oinggel

UBMS Program Staff and Students would like to thank Ms. Persis Omelau for doing a presentation during the program's monthly workshop on Friday March 31,



2011. Ms. Omelau's presentation was titled "Why are dugong endangered species, and what can we do to prevent them from extinction." The purpose of her presentation is to educate the public and most especially students on the cultural significance of dugong and ways to protect them from being wiped out.

In her presentation, Ms. Omelau shared with the participants some significant

characteristics of a dugong and their traditional roles in our community as well as the many reasons (some very disturbing) for the declining numbers of the species, which include poaching and the eradication of their natural habitat. She also shared with the workshop participants ways to assist in keeping dugongs from becoming extinct and also provided fact sheets that contain important facts about dugongs and contact numbers of agencies that are working toward the preservation of this unique mammal. This was not the first time for Ms. Persis Omelau to do a presentation for the UBMS participants. Ms. Omelau was also one of the presenter from the previous months' Workshop with the Environmental Science Club. UBMS Program would also like to thank Instructor Sherry Ngirmeriil for allowing Ms. Omelau to do the presentation workshop.

UH-Manoa Officials Visit



(l-r) Dr. Larry Agodoa, Dr. Satoru Jutsu, Kae Myriam Pusic, Dr. George Hui with Dr. Tellei.

The University of Hawaii - Manoa officials visited the college and met with Dr. Tellei to discuss the possibility of establishing a Program to assist students interested in pursuing degrees in medical fields.

Monthly Dorm Meetings to Address Concerns



The monthly dorm meetings are one of the avenues through which dorm residents address their issues and concerns. According to Director Ngiralmu, "these students are given the opportunity to voice out their concerns through evaluations.

Through these meetings and continuous evaluations of college services provided to the students, the Dorm Managers and the Director of Student Life are able to gauge the service rate and what they need to do to ensure that the students are receiving the assistance they need to meet their needs as they pursue their educational goals.

BITS AND PIECES...

ANNOUNCEMENT

Internship Application for Summer Session 2011

2nd Year Students & Counselors/Advisors

Pick Up Your Applications Forms NOW during Working Hours, Monday-Friday

DEADLINE: May 20, 2011

Call Vincent Ito @ CPC Office 488-6504 for further details

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL LAPTOP COMPUTERS FOR STUDENTS

PCC is soliciting sealed proposals from interested contractors for the Palau Community College Laptop for Students Project until April 29, 2011. Project proposals shall be opened on May 02, 2011.

Interested parties shall submit two (2) copies of Project and Cost Proposal to the college Vice President for Administration & Finance.

For detailed information regarding description and specifications, contact PCC Computer Services Dept. at 488-2471 ext. 232. This proposal solicitation can be viewed on the college website at <http://www.palau.edu>.

PCC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals without penalty.

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2010, on Developmental Classes for PCC students who are currently enrolled in the following developmental courses - EN71 (English), EN92 (English), EN95 (English) and MA95 (Math). During these days, they informed the students about what developmental classes are, how they were placed in these classes, and why they should pass these classes, as well as offer them resources & tips, which would help them pass the Developmental Classes.

The second Informational & Study Skills seminar was held on Monday - Wednesday, April 11-13, 2011. The advisors invited students from the various degrees and majors offered at the college. There were several objectives covered at this seminar. The first objective was to inform the students of resources at PCC, which are available to them and would help them pass

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program. Local elementary school teachers will be teaching the classes. "With local teachers, Peleliu students can avoid the inevitable commute to the main campus in Koror," Mangham said. The first two classes offered in Peleliu are General Science and English I.

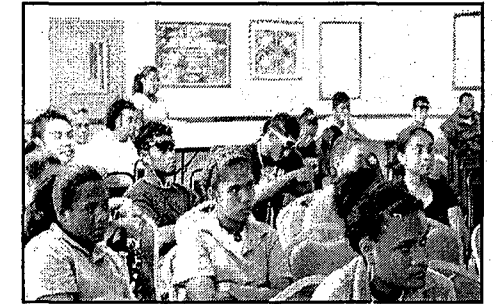
Mangham and staff were also in Kayangel State on Thursday and Friday last week to



Saiske talking with Kayangel residents.

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farmers who have been given these new germplasm and look into how communities have responded to the introduction of new varieties or other agrobiodiversity. The visit also aims to see how the uptake of the new crop varieties interacts with climate change awareness-raising activities. Together with CRE staff, they have been going around Palau interviewing farmers in Koror, Aimeliik, Ngaremlengui, Ngarchelong, Melekeok, and Kayangel to determine the adoption of the new germ-



their classes. The second objective was to inform them of the educational cost plus the financial assistance available to them through PCC-based scholarships, Palau National Scholarships & student loan, and Federal Financial Aid. The last objective was to offer tips on how to develop an Academic Strategy that would ensure their success at PCC, which could be found in the PCC Student Handbook on pages 23 & 24.

disseminate AHS brochures and informational materials and meet with prospective students and Continuing Education trainees. During a dinner gathering on Thursday evening, the group was able to conduct a survey on the level of interest in that state for AHS classes. The group also talked about other college offerings that could be of benefit to the residents of Kayangel such as the myriad short-term classes offered through the Continuing Education Division. To ensure that the majority of the island's residents are surveyed, a home visit was conducted on Friday to the households which missed the prior evening gathering.

For more information about this story and any other information about the PCC Adult High School program, you may contact Director Laura Mangham at 488-0826.

plasm in the North Pacific.

This study is implemented in five countries with the support of the Commonwealth of Australia as represented by the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency (DCCEE) as part of the Pacific Adaptation Strategy Assistance Program (PASAP).

The PASAP is currently developing a regional overview which will focus on improving understanding of PIC's capacity to adapt to climate change and its impact on the environment.