

Alumni Notes

Class of 2004 & 2001 (PCC)

Kubarii Joe -



2004 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Education-Elementary Education (EDEE) and a 2001 graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Education-Early Childhood (EDEC). Joe works at Meyuns Elementary School as a Teacher. She has been working there for the past 6 years.

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Class of 2003 & 1998 (PCC)

Hilda Kenzio -



2003 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Education-Elementary Education (EDEE) and a 1998 graduate with an Associate of Arts (AA) degree in Liberal Arts (LA). Kenzio works at Koror Elementary School as a Teacher. She has been working there for the past 9 years.

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Class of 1987 (MOC)

Leona Setzuo -



1987 MOC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in General Office Clerk (GOC). Setzuo works at the Ministry of Health- Behavioral Health as a Licensed Practical Nurse. She has been working there for the past 12 years.

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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

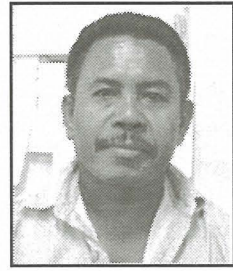
Franson Oiterong	April	26
Virginia Ikeya	April	27

Happy Birthday To You!

More Show Support to Endowment Fund



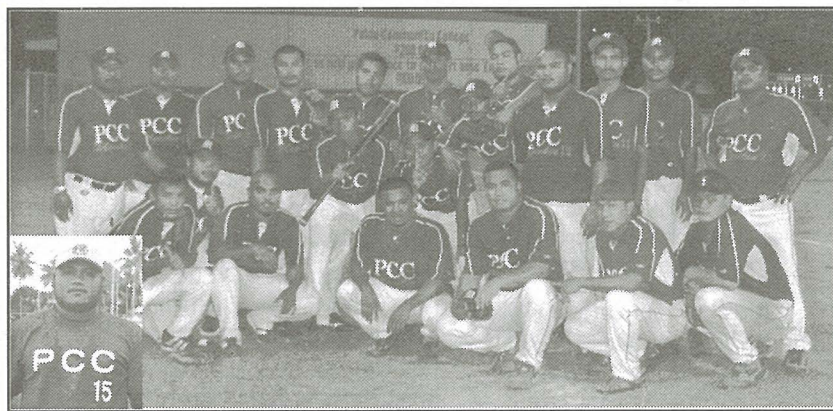
Cherylene Rengulbai,
Bedochel Treatment Center



Alex Ngiraingas,
Bedochel Treatment Center

This week, we are happy to welcome the newest members to the PCC Endowment Allotment Club. From the Bedochel Treatment Center, we welcome Cherylene Rengulbai and Alex Ngiraingas. PCC welcomes the new supporters 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.

PML Championship Series Even, 1-1



2008 PCC Mesekiu Baseball Team. (Inset): PCC Mesekiu player, Dekei Ngiramengior.

On Monday night pennant winners PCC Mesekiu dominated the opening game of the series both offensively and defensively. Mesekiu's offense collected 21 hits while ace pitcher Sureor Ngirailemesang allowed only 6 hits and 2 BBs and struck-out 6.

PCC scored early in the first inning when Eitel Mad reached first on BB, stole 2nd and scored on an RBI single by Dekei Ngiramengior. Ngiramengior advanced to scoring base on a single by Cleofas Iyar and later scored on an RBI single by Kalei Luii. PCC's scoring continued as they scored their 14 runs the first innings, scoring in every inning. The 21-hit PCC attack was led by Dekei Ngiramengior who went 4-for-5 including a double and a triple with 5 RBIs. Merei Ise had 4 singles while Kalei Luii and Sureor Ngirailemesang with 3 singles each. Cleofas Iyar with a double and a single, Ty Saiske 2 singles, Kaleb Meltel and Dexter Sadang each with a single.

Twenty-four hours after game 1, PCC's offense seemed elusive as the Mesekiu struggled to score resulting in a 2-3 loss. While Ngerbeched pitcher Caleb Dulei kept Mesekiu bats in check, Ngerbeched scored two runs in the third inning. Ngerbeched maintained the lead until PCC score one in the fifth and one to tie the game at 2-2 in the seventh inning. Ngerbeched scored their winning run in the bottom of the ninth on a BB to Drake Yoshiwo, consecutive singles by C-Boy Rimirch and Rodney Kazuma, and a perfectly executed bunt from Billy Umang.

While the loss evens the series, PCC remains determined to play a successful series; however, a more disheartening incident was an injury to Ngiramengior, one of the pillars of Mesekiu's offense, who suffered a broken leg and is out for the rest of the series. The entire Mesekiu team wishes Ngiramengior a full and quick recovery.



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MESEKIU'S NEWS



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Weekly Newsletter

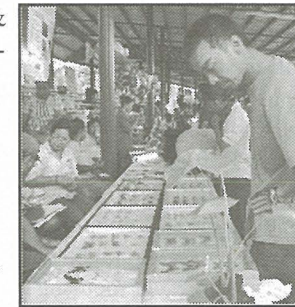
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College Celebrates Earth Day Gives Away Free Plants

This year's Earth Day celebration was held on Tuesday, April 22nd at the Palau National Track & Field. Various government and private agencies took part in displaying their environmentally-friendly projects and promoted this year's theme: "Change- One Step at a Time". The PCC Cooperative Research & Extension (CRE) also took part in the event, showcasing their various earth-friendly research programs such as the Taro Tissue Culture, Food Technology, Dry Litter Waste Management, Insect Collection, and Natural Resources & Environmental Education. CRE staff also distributed bundles of highly sought after tapioca plants for free.



A local resident examines the taro on display at the CRE booth.



A visitor shows interest at CRE's extensive insect collection.



Koror Elementary School students were some of the hundreds who visited the CRE booth.

Prep Work Begins for 45th Commencement Exercises

The 2008 PCC Graduation Committee has organized and has held a series of meetings to prepare for the upcoming 45th PCC Graduation, on May 23, 2008. Committee members include Vernice Rechebei serving as Chair, Deikola Olikong as Secretary, and Lesley Adachi, Thomas Taro, Todd Ngiramengior, Jay Olegeriil, Sherman Daniel, Vincent Ito, Clement Kazuma, Ezra Takeo, Samantha Bells, and Emrei Takeo. The 45th PCC Graduation Ceremony promises to be an exciting event, as we will witness PCC

Graduates, including Adult High School Graduates, Ministry of Health's Substance Abuse and Addiction Counseling Graduates, and San Diego State University Master's Program Graduates. The tentative number of graduates that will participate in the upcoming graduation ceremony is around one hundred thirty (130). For more information about PCC's 45th Commencement Exercises, please contact Committee Chair Vernice Rechebei at 488-3074.

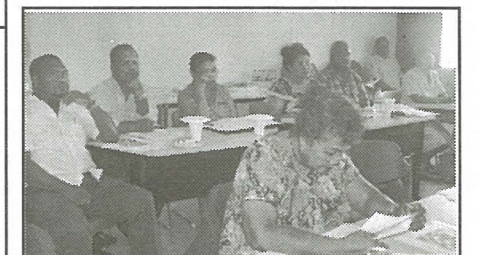
PCC-EMS to Spend Summer 2008 Abroad

By: Academic Affairs Office

While most students will likely be staying on island for the summer, the Environmental/Marine Science (EMS) students will be spending the summer abroad. The two science instructors as well as a good number of EMS students have been awarded opportunities to partake in various scientific studies at different parts of the globe. Instructor Vernice Yuji will be leaving on May 1st to Costa Rica, Central America where she will attend a one-week (May 3-May 10) On-Campus Mentors Workshop for the Research Experience for Native Americans and Pacific Islanders (NAPIRE) program. The workshop will include research talks and discussion sessions of tropical

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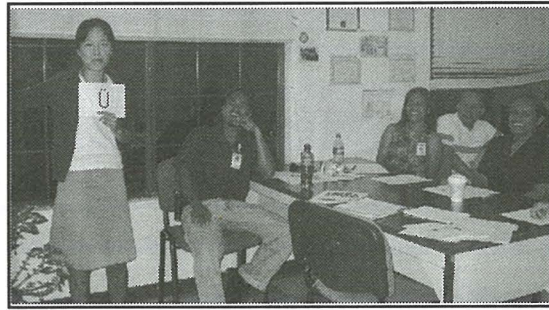
College Officials Attend Investment Seminar



BOT Chairperson Bilung Gloria G. Sali (4th from back left); President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei (5th from back left); and Trustee Valeria Toribiong (far right) at the SSB seminar at the Palau International Coral Reef Center on Tuesday. Other College officials in attendance were Trustee Masa-Aki Emesiochl and Vice President Thomas Taro. The one-day investment education seminar was sponsored by the Salomon Smith Barney (SSB) under the umbrella of Citi group.

College Offers Mandarin Classes to PPUC Employees

Su Wenling, who has taught Mandarin language at the College for nearly a year, has expanded her classes to include evening sessions to employees of the Palau Public Utility Corporation (PPUC). She began this week teaching basic Mandarin to thirty plus employees of the (PPUC), the company that supplies electricity to the entire country. PPUC saw it necessary and beneficial for its employees to learn the Mandarin language so that they can better serve their diverse customers. The PPUC participants are: Saviora Olkeriil-Ubedei; Marissa Martin; Johanny T. Kurihara; Damian Wally; Lalii Ikluk; Maelee Sokau; Andrew Lucas; Karlwilson Omengkar, Jr.; Keyslee Kewii; Angel Ililao; Christian Aquino; Anthony Singichi; Sherwin Wasai; Jonathan Eberdong; Shirley Tulop; Sirino Hideo; Raina Anthonio; Mark Nestor; Hasinta Nagata; Dylan Derbai; Jacqueline Alexander; and Rodolfo Fernandez, Jr. The participants have been divided into two groups, one group holds classes every Tuesdays and



Instructor Su Wenling (left) lectures to the PPUC employees enrolled in the Mandarin class.

Thursdays while the other every Mondays and Wednesdays. This new group of participants will be an addition to the nearly hundred employees from both the government as well as from private agencies that Su has taught since September of last year. This is actually the first time that PCC Continuing Education's Mandarin classes have been extended to a particular company and with its success, the College plans to offer more.

The Mandarin classes were made possible through the collaboration of the Republic of China-Taiwan and Palau Community College (PCC) Continuing Education office.

7 Receive Certificates in Clinical Counseling



Graduates of the 2007-2008 Clinical Counseling with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei (center back); Vice President Thomas Taro (2nd from back right); Dean Willy Wally (back left); and Counseling instructor Alex Ngiraingas (standing left).

A small graduation ceremony was held at the Palau Community College (PCC) Continuing Education (CE) training room on Monday, April 21 for seven students who attended the 2007-2008 Clinical Counseling Course.

The six-month course, conducted by the Bedochel Substance Abuse Center in

collaboration with PCC CE office, afforded the graduates 300 hours of class work and participation in an internship at the Bedochel Center where they had a chance to initiate and participate in clinical counseling. Course instructor from the Bedochel Center, Alex Ngiraingas stated that this was the fifth time for the course to be offered, since it was first conducted in 2003. He stated that the course will be offered again later this year in October. He also said that once students complete the course, they are certified to serve as substance abuse counselors in Palau.

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ecology. It will also include guided hikes in the forest, and visits to both La Selva and Las Cruces Biological Stations. Instructor Sherry Ngirmeriil will leave for Honolulu, Hawaii where she will participate in a one-week (May 12-19) workshop on Environmental Forensics. The workshop will focus on a combination of ecological and molecular diagnostic techniques to determine cause-and-effect relationships between environmental stressors and coral reef health at the population, organismal, cellular and subcellular levels.

Ngedikes Benedict has been awarded the Undergraduate Mentoring in Environmental Biology (UMEB) scholarship for this summer. Ngedikes will be leaving for Honolulu, Hawaii for a ten-week (May 26-August 1) research study in the marine aspect of the program. Another student, Leena Muller, has been awarded the United States Coral Reef Task Force (USCRTF) Governor Sunia Scholarship for this summer as well. Leena will be leaving to attend a ten-week (June 2-August 3) study in coral reef management and conservation in Washington, D.C. Still another student, Shelley Remengesau has been awarded the NAPIRE scholarship for this summer as well. Shelley Remengesau will leave for Costa Rica on June 2nd for a two-month (June 2-July 28) research study. Under the NAPIRE program, Shelley will fulfill a research project focusing on Tropical Biodiversity, specifically in Plant and Landscape Ecology. Shelley was also awarded the USCRTF Governor Sunia Scholarship which she kindly declined for another opportunity.

The EMS instructors and students that will leave for study abroad see the opportunities that have been presented as provisions of experience that will not just benefit them as individuals but the EMS program as well. They are looking forward to and excited to start off on their studies. Surely they will leave this summer with but a message for everyone else, "There are many opportunities out there for us and all we've got to do is grab them."

BITS AND PIECES...

Dorm Residents Thank instructor Ngirngebedangel...

On behalf of the dormitory residents, Dorm Manager Ephraim Ngirachitei thanks Small Engine & Outboard Marine Technology instructor, Joshua Ngirngebedangel for repairing the dorm lawn mower and weed-eater. Over the years, Ngirngebedangel has always been providing his services and repairing dormitory equipment.

WIA Welcomes Workforce Officials...



(l-r): Marie L. Maddison, Jesse Sidney, Marie Connelley, Josephine Uleingchong, Vera Topasna, and Fabian Nimea.

The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) would like to welcome Maria Connelley, Director, Guam Department of Labor; Fabian Nimea, Director, FSM Office of S.B.O.C; Vera Topasna, Special Projects Coordinator, Guam Department of Labor/AHRD; Marie L. Maddison, Director, RMI National Training Council; and Jesse Sidney, Assistant Secretary, Education-FSM. The workforce officials arrived earlier this week to attend the Micronesian Chief Executive Summit.

Our Condolences



The College family expresses its deepest condolences to Diliaur Franz on the loss of her father, Franz Ngirameketii and also to Marianne Mesengei on the loss of her father, Mesengei Bukringang.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during your most difficult time of sorrow and grief.

Jobsite Visit to NECO Group of Companies

By: SSS-Project Beacon office



Posing with Henni at NECO Yamaha.

Nine Student Support Services – Project Beacon participants and counselor, Adora Nobuo went on a jobsite visit to NECO Group of Companies on Thursday, April 24, 2008. It began by driving through traffic to NECO Yamaha/NECO Marine in Malakal. There, Henni Rall & Marllis Besong gave us a tour of the shops and described what their work entailed. The Yamaha shop was filled with parts, and Henni explained how the shop provided services to customers. This is a one stop shop – with parts that are being ordered, a shop to bring boats in for services in terms of fiber glassing, engine repair and more. Trainings are even held not only for mechanics at the shop, but extended to others in the community that deals with Yamaha engines. NECO Marine includes the dive shop, the gift shop, and the "Reservations desk". It was stressed that the "Reservations Desk" was a very

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PCC President, Dr. Patrick U. Tellei who spoke during the graduation ceremony, congratulated the graduates and encouraged them to put their recently garnered knowledge to good use. He also reiterated the fact that the course is only one of many short-term courses that PCC's CE office offers as a means to further one's education.

The seven graduates include Jonathan Tamag from the State of Yap; Sylvia Sumdad, Nemie Romano, Efigenia Merico, Arlene Sablan, and Princesita Mateo all from the Philippines; and MonaLisa Antonio from Palau. They will now have the certification and opportunity to become alcohol and other substance abuse counselors with the Bedochel Substance Abuse Center.

For more information about the Counseling Course, call the Bedochel Substance Abuse Center at 488-4711 or the PCC CE Office at 488-6223/2470/2471.

important aspect because it was how customers made contact with NECO Marine and booked their trips. Interesting scene was a bamboo cage split into three areas to grow fish for production. As Henni described it, growing the fishes in the cages will help solve the depleting number of fishes in the sea. People can buy the fishes grown in cages, instead of going out to the reef and fishing for them. We then proceeded to the NECO Group of Companies main office, where we met with Engineer Skeras Etpison, Construction supervisor Shao Yang Chun, Business Office personnel Ricelle Guevarra, Daria Meteolechol, Usiab Watanabe, Maria Iganara, Richelda Rosales, Regina Etpison, and Rey Allones. Between all of them, they explained the work that took place in the main office. Having 300 plus employees, they had to have accurate accounting, filing systems, payroll, personnel management, and more to keep all records. Skeras discussed the importance of having employees that were dependable, as the engineering department was relied upon to provide machinery and supplies to the construction department. Mr. Shao Yang Chun took the students to see some of the architectural designs that they had constructed, even showing the construction majors the different types of tiles used in regards to how they made them light and user friendly. It was a very exciting trip that all students enjoyed participating in. Upon our return, we had an information workshop on Transferring to a 4 year college which was presented by Counselor Adora Nobuo. Lunch was provided by PCC Cafeteria and it was delicious. A big thank you goes out to Mr. Shallum Etpison for allowing us the opportunity to tour the NECO Group of Companies, to Ms. Karen Etpison for coordinating the visits to the different areas of the companies, Mr. Ismael Anastacio for driving our group around and waiting patiently, and to PCC cafeteria and staff for wonderful lunches. All in all, it was a trip to remember.



Striking a pose with NECO main office employees.