

## Alumni Notes

### Class of 1982 (MOC)



**Villiany Thomas - 1982**  
MOC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement in Agricultural Science.

He is currently working as an agriculture teacher for Palau High School.

### Class of 1997 (PCC)



**Shelly Termetet- 1997**  
PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement in Secretarial Science.

She is currently working as a Secretary for Raynold Cilouch Law Firm.

### Class of 1999 (PCC)



**Lakolanie Olingelle- 1999**  
PCC graduate with an Associate of Science degree in Business Accounting. She is working as an

Administrative Officer for the Bureau of Public Safety, Ministry of Justice.

**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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## Talent Search Field Trip to Babeldaob

By Akilina Maech

On April 26, 2006, Talent search Participants from Meyuns Elementary went on a field trip to Badrulchau Stone Monoliths site as a part of their classroom instructions. There were 50 students along with 5 teachers and 3 parent volunteers who chaperoned the trip.



Meyuns Elementary School teachers and students at Badrulchau

The trip was set to Badrulchau, Ngarchelong, Melekeok to see Capitol Building and then on to Bailechesau beachfront for lunch and return to Koror. Kids were enjoying the ride and had a good time on our return trip to Koror.

I believe that the trip was a success due to the help of Talent Search parents, teachers as well as tutors and volunteers who came along to assist and be part of the expedition. On behalf of the Meyuns students, parents, teachers, volunteers and Talent Search Program, I would sincerely like to thank the government of Ngarchelong and Melekeok State for permitting us the opportunity to visit their village and their historical landmarks.

## Vacancy Announcement

**Position:** Career Counselor  
**Salary:** \$17,317 to \$19,479 per annum  
(Depending on qualifications)

### Examples of Duties

- Specific duties will include, but not limited to:
- Providing career guidance and counseling.
  - Assisting students in securing admission to four-year institutions.
  - Responsible for career and transfer related activities.
  - Assist in ensuring the academic progress of students.
  - Assist in program planning and evaluation.
  - Assist in identifying, training and supervising peer counselors/tutors.

### Minimum Qualifications Requirements

- MA or BA in Guidance and Counseling and/or related field.
- At least two years experience in vocational and/or career guidance preferably in cross cultural situations, and/or teaching experience in a secondary or post/secondary setting.
- Preferably at least one-year experience in TRIO programs and/or a former TRIO client.

### General Information

Application forms can be obtained from Human Resources Division, Palau Community College or from our website at [www.palau.edu](http://www.palau.edu). Send completed application with transcript, resume, and verification of previous employment(s), if any, to PCC at P.O. Box 9, Koror, Palau 96940. For further information, call telephone number 488-2470.



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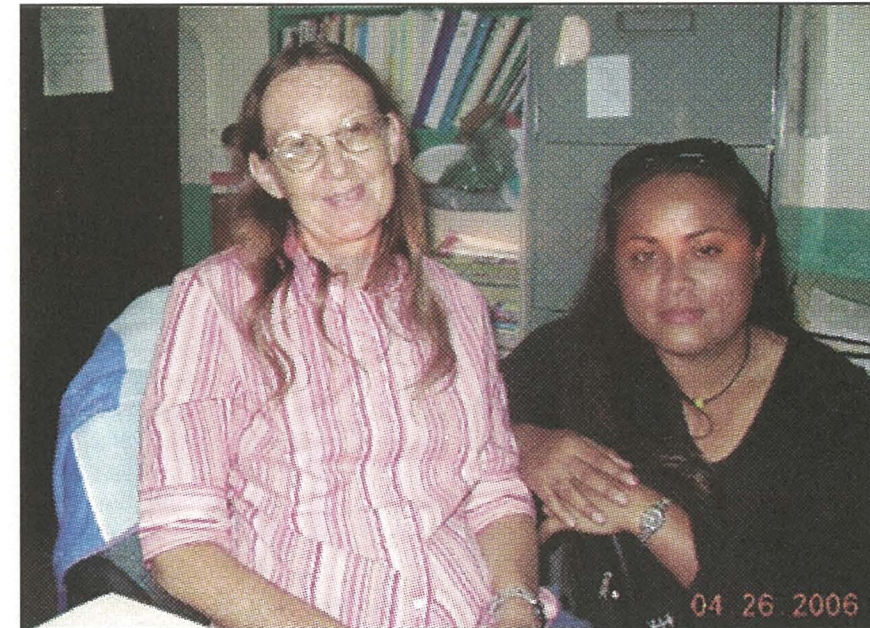


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## Timarong and TEMAUNGIL Attend WASC Meeting in California Work on Focused Midterm Report Underway



Marianne TEMAUNGIL (l), English instructor and assistant Accreditation Liaison Officer shares her WASC conference experience with colleague Jovanka KOSHIBA. TEMAUNGIL will conduct a review and assessment of the English department as part of the on-going effort to prepare the college's focused midterm report to WASC.

The Dean of Academic Affairs Alvina Timarong and instructor Marianne TEMAUNGIL who is also the assistant accreditation liaison officer (AALO) returned last week from a four-day conference- 2006 annual Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) meeting - in Irvine, California. The conference with its myriad of workshops was aimed at helping officials from WASC accredited institutions, especially those who are new to WASC to become familiar with its unique process. Workshops placed emphasis on planning and preparation for institutions with reviews coming up in the next few years. TEMAUNGIL said that in her capacity as the college's AALO plus given the college's

already underway effort to prepare the focused midterm report for WASC, her attendance was both prudent and crucial. "The conference was extremely helpful as it familiarize me with standards and relevant policies and procedures required to effect the new WASC bottom line which is to show evidence of student learning," she said. TEMAUNGIL also said that she was able to attend an assessment workshop with Dean Timarong. "With academic affairs department currently preparing reviews and assessments for its department and programs, we took away from the assessment workshop new information that will be of great use as we prepare our own assessment and reviews," she further said.

TEMAUNGIL also extended the invitation to anyone involved in the preparation of the focused midterm report to contact her if they have inquiries about reviews and assessments.

Palau Community College is one of the many institutions under the WASC accreditation umbrella that has already began its college-wide endeavor to prepare its focused midterm report due to the review commission in March 2007. According the last correspondence from the commission dated January 31, 2006, PCC needs to focus its effort on three areas (establish systematic planning & evaluation to improve effectiveness; improve learning through proper assessment; conduct systematic reviews for all programs). After the focused midterm report is submitted, the commission review team will conduct a site visit of the college.

## de Jong, New Faculty Member



Elizabeth de Jong

Elizabeth de Jong, a new faculty member who is a native of New Zealand will be teaching architectural drafting and auto CAD at PCC comes this fall. de Jong who is a former teacher at the now closed PATS high school started working for PCC this semester. She is currently drafting a "to-scale" map of the campus and also preparing her course outline for the new classes she will be teaching. de Jong who is currently billeted at the PCC dorms says she is happy to be part of the faculty at PCC and looks forward to her first classes. The PCC family welcomes de Jong to Palau and PCC.

## Janice Bids Farewell to PCC, Heads to SS



Janice Mathew

Long time Student Accounts Supervisor Ms. Janice Mathew has resigned from the College, to begin employment at the Palau Social Security Office. Janice worked at the College for the past 12 years, first at the Admissions and Financial Aid, then most recently as the Student Account Supervisor at the PCC Business Office.

Janice's decision to seek employment came as a result of wanting to further her employment experience as well as to seek the opportunity to work in a different setting. Last Friday April 21st, the College Business Office held a special luncheon for Janice as a small token of appreciation for the valuable services she has rendered to PCC. Considering what she has been able to help accomplish at PCC, everyone at the College are confident that she will be an added asset to the team at the Palau Social Security Office. Good luck to Janice, as she embarks on this new chapter in her career!

## Cynthia Off to Counsel PHS Students

Student Support Services Counselor Cynthia Malsol has decided to pursue her counseling career at Palau High School. It might be recalled that Cynthia originally came to PCC after having worked at PHS for many years. The College wishes Cynthia success as she makes the move back to PHS!



Cynthia Malsol

## PCC Maintenance Team Helps Mechesil Belau

The College Maintenance Team devoted the entire Easter Weekend to help beautify the grounds of the Ngarachamayong Cultural Center, in preparation for the 13th Mechesil Belau Conference. On Saturday April 15th, the Maintenance Team focused on the grounds, cutting the grass, trimming plants, pruning the trees and sweeping the entire grounds surrounding the Center. The next day, Sunday April 16th, they cleaned the inside of the Center as well as helped the women set up the facility for the Conference. The Chairwoman of the Mechesil Belau Organizing Committee, BILUNG Gloria G. Salii, was so happy with the assistance provided by the College that she personally expressed gratitude on behalf of the women to PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei. The College has regularly provided assistance to the Mechesil Belau as this organization has time and again made substantial donations to the PCC Endowment Fund. We at PCC applaud the Mechesil Belau for their noble gestures and are always glad to offer assistance whenever we can!



Women panelists at the 13th Mechesil Belau Conference

## PCC Builds Distance Learning/Tech. Ctr.

The College is excited to announce that the building of the Distance Learning/Technology Center is nearing completion. Situated on the second floor of the comfort rooms adjacent to the PCC Upward Bound program, the Center commands a panoramic view of the Palau National Track to the west, as well as the entire eastern side of the PCC dormitory compound. When complete, the Center will be equipped with some of the latest in high tech equipment including computers, LCDs, as well as tele and video conferencing equipment to enable students and staff to conduct classes and meetings in a more efficient and effective manner. While the College invested funds to construct the building, a grant made available thru the PCC Cooperative Research and Extension department will enable the College to obtain all the equipment to be used in the Center. The Center is expected to be fully operational by fall semester 2006.



## Tips To Keep our PCC Campus Beautiful

For those who have not noticed, many community members have commented positively on the beauty and cleanliness of our College campus. This is due to the untiring efforts of our hard working Maintenance Team. Every day we see them collecting litter, landscaping our campus, and mowing the lawns. We also see them on weekends cleaning the parking lots, repairing classrooms and offices so as not to disturb us during the working days. As a show of our appreciation for the hard work put in by the PCC Maintenance Team, let us do our part by doing the following:

- Throw trash in the many trash bins located throughout the campus
- Help pick up trash and put them in the trash bins
- Encourage Campus guests to refrain from littering and writing on College property
- Refrain from damaging plants, flowers, and other College property

Finally, let us show our appreciation to our Maintenance Team by smiling at them and telling them that we indeed appreciate the hard work that they do.

## BITS AND PIECES...

### Meeting for all Graduating Students...

All graduating students from PCC, Adult High School, Pharmacy Technician, MOH, Substance Abuse Counselor, MOH, Fiji School of Medicine will have a meeting on Monday May 8th at 6:00 p.m at PCC Cafeteria. All students who will be graduating on May 16th must attend this meeting. Your presence is expected.

### Scholarship Opportunities!

For those students who are interested in studying in Taiwan, Australia, or New Zealand, scholarship applications for schools in these areas are available and can be obtained from the Palau National Scholarship Board (PNSB) Office. Application forms for Japan Scholarship can be picked-up from the Embassy of Japan. For further information contact the telephone number 488-3608 (PNSB) or 488-6455 (Japan Embassy).

### Bethania Students Visit Library....



PCC Librarian Gretchen Reynolds brief Bethania high students about library services during their recent visit.

### Important Dates to Remember.....

May 5	- Holiday: Senior's Citizen's Day
May 12	- Last Day of Instruction
May 15-17	- Final Exam Period
May 17	- Graduates' Grades Due
May 22	- Grades Due
May 26	- Graduation Day End of Spring Semester Student Spring Recess

## Tips to Keep in Mind When Applying for College

[college.lifetips.com](http://college.lifetips.com)

### Finding the Right School

Confused about which college or university to attend? Remember you are purchasing an education...research and shop around before making your decision. Also find out what scholarships or financial aid the schools will offer you. Be sure this is the right school for you.

### When to Apply

Unsure about when to start applying? Use a college planning calendar, checklist and timetable. Meeting deadlines is crucial, so plan ahead and allow plenty of time to choose the college that is right for you.

### Student Unions

Take advantage of student resources that may be available at the university or college that you are attending. In addition to a general student union office, faculties may have their own student union office where you can get information on course content, past exams, or even tutors to help you with current classes. There is no charge for the information and the information can be extremely invaluable. Plus, you may be able to take advantage of scholarship opportunities as a student union member.

### Finding Scholarships

You can look for scholarships in your high school guidance office, college financial aid offices, at the library, or online. Good online scholarship search services to try are Scholarship Experts, Wired Scholar, College Xpress, and Financial Aid Officer. These services have the most accurate and updated scholarship information.

### Apply Again and Again

Didn't get that scholarship you applied for? Keep trying. Apply for as many as you possibly can, every month, every semester until you graduate. The more you apply, the better your chances of getting a scholarship.

### Read, Read, and then, Read some more!

Read any assignments provided, and most importantly, read that syllabus! It's given out for a purpose. If you have time to read leisurely, do so! Just the familiarity with texts will help improve your grammar, spelling, and communication skills.

Look for more college tips on the next issue.

## Olikong Attends ACA Convention

By Student Life Office

The annual convention of counselors was held in Montreal Canada from March 30th to April 3rd. The five (5) days convention offered more than 200 different sessions & workshops for counselors across Canada, United States, and the Pacific to choose and attend. Highlight of the convention was Mrs. Tippy Gore, wife of former United States Vice President Al Gore, a strong advocate of youth and children at risk.



Deikola Olikong

Sessions like School Counselors: - Using Data to Effect Change and Raise Student Achievement, - Rethinking Traditional Strategies to Deter Harmful College Drinking: Readiness to Change as an Alternative Intervention Model, - Crisis Counseling 101: Strategic, Systematic Approaches to Assessment and Intervention, -Suicide Prevention, Assessment, and Treatment:

Practical Assistance for Counselors were some of the sessions Counselor Deikola Olikong attended during the 5 days convention. All information and Techniques received from this convention will definitely help our students and help improve the counseling services here at the College.

"Counselors are not miracle workers; they just have big hearts." 2006 ACA President.