

Alumni Notes

Class of 2009 (PCC)

Annalisa Ngiraklei -



2009 PCC graduate with an Associate of Applied Science in Office Administration. Ngiraklei joined the staff at the PCC Continuing Office in October

2009 as Secretary to the Dean of Continuing Education. Quiet yet energetic, Ngiraklei is active in her community and serves as the President of Ngerchemai Hamlet Youth.

Class of 2009 (PCC)

Jesse Mangham -



2009 PCC Graduate with an Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts. Mangham whose favorite subject is Mathematics moved to Guam last year plans to enroll this fall at the University of Guam.

Enrolled in 2000(PCC)

Janice Surriga -



Attended PCC in 2000 as a Liberal Arts Major. She recently accepted a position with National Rent-a-Car as a Customer Service Agent.

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*.

Mesekiu's News
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Celebrating Birthdays

Elwood Mangresh April 30



Happy Birthday To You!

Mesekiu Paddling Team Pounds Competition



Mesekiu men paddlers (foreground) power past the competition on their way to sweeping both the 500 meter and 1500 meter races. (front to back) Charles, Jeremiah, David, Mathew, Salvador and Chester.

The PCC Paddling Team came out on top in Saturday's outrigger canoe competition at Meyun's dock. PCC entered with two men's teams (PCC Voyagers & PCC Sailors) and one women's team (PCC Achocho) in the 500 meter and 1500 meter races. The PCC Sailors team, Chester Piyerigal, Salvador Tawelmai, Mathew Yareoiutepiy, David Salapwa, Jeremiah Hagilelipiy, and Charles Tachibelmel, took

1st place in both the 500 meter and 1500 meter races. PCC Voyagers came in 5th in the men's 500 meter race and 4th in the 1500 meter race, and PCC Achocho took 5th place in both the women's 500 meter and 1500 meter races. After the long day of competition, the entire paddling team went to Drop Off to celebrate the victory. Congratulations PCC Paddlers!



Men's team coast in after winning the 500 meter sprints by more than two canoe lengths.



Mesekiu paddlers show-off their winning paddles made by President Tellei.



The celebration continued at a popular eatery with coaches and managers Rose Kohama (standing-2nd left), Megan Beard (kneeling-left) and Elizabeth deJong (standing-center) picking up a very large tab for pizzas and soda pops.

Vacancy Announcement

- (1) Dean, Academic Affairs
Salary range: \$21,000-\$33,730 per annum
- (1) Assistant Director, Educational Talent Search
Salary range: \$18,000-\$22,000 per annum
- (1) Accountant/Supervisor, Business Office
Salary range: \$12,049-\$20,607 per annum

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

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Internship Applications Ready for Summer 2010, See Vincent Ito at WCCC Office for Application Forms or call him at 488-2470-71

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MESEKIU'S NEWS



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Weekly Newsletter

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DOI's Babauta Visits PCC
Eager to Know About Services for Students



Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs-US Department of Interior Tony Babauta poses coolly with officers of the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC) during a stop at the student officers' office on the top floor of the Tan Siu Lin PCC Library.

Only months after US President Obama appointed him Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs- Department of Interior, Tony Babauta paid a four-day familiarization visit to Palau. Babauta who arrived early Thursday morning was able to visit Palau's Capitol (Ngerulmud) on the same day and

meet with Palau President Toribiong, and the leadership of both houses of the Olbiil era Kelulau (Congress).

Babauta's itinerary also included an afternoon visit to the College on Friday, April 23rd. Accompanied by two of his

ACCJC Officials On Island for Three-Day Visit



Gaines

The Chairperson of the Accrediting Commission for Community & Junior Colleges (ACCJC) Lurelean Gaines and ACCJC President Barbara Beno arrived on island yesterday for a three-day visit.

Gaines who assumed the chairmanship of the nineteen-member college accrediting body this year is using the visit to familiarize herself with PCC and other

postsecondary institutions in the region sanctioned by the Commission.

Beno will conduct an accreditation seminar today at 10:30 am for all staff directly involved with student learning.



Beno

For more information about ACCJC, its purpose, activities, membership, commissioners, and officers, go to www.accjc.org.



Babauta (center-background) meets with President Tellei, PCC Officials, and student leaders.

staff, he met with President Tellei and other top college officials and student leaders.

President Tellei briefed Babauta on the status of all federally-funded programs at PCC such as the Land Grant's CRE program, Operation's & Maintenance Improvement Program (OMIP), and the TRIO programs. Tellei said that Babauta's office has been extremely supportive of
(See Babauta on page 2)

Mesekiu Paddling Team Pounds Competition



Mesekiu paddlers and coaches Elizabeth deJong and Megan Beard (standing 2nd & 3rd right) gather for a victory photo after winning the Outrigger Canoe Competition held last Saturday.

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Babauta, from Front Page

such programs, especially OMIP which has been able to expand its Geographical Information System (GIS) training to other islands in Micronesia, as result of such support.

Tellei also updated Babauta about the current status of PCC's accreditation, saying that the site visit has been completed and the College now anticipates hearing from the Commission's after its June meeting.

Babauta who seemed keenly interested about student programs and services also had the opportunity to talk to student leaders about their educational experience at PCC. He suggested that the College should continue to pursue the idea of building a Student Center, when he found out that one did not exist, saying that it would further enhance the students college experience.

Accompanied by Tellei and other PCC staff, Babauta toured the newly-christened Tan Siu Lin PCC Library.

OA Students to Co-Sponsor AIDS Awareness

By: Office Administration Program students



OA students

ALII, YOKWE, MOGETHIN, RANAMIM, LENWO, and KASELEL to everyone! PCC students in Office Administration 221 classes, in Collaboration with the Ministry of Health and the AIDS Prevention Office are hosting an event "Stop AIDS – Keep the Promise" scheduled to be held on May 15, 2010 at the Mesekiu Bai from 3:00-5:00 pm. Students from the six Micronesian nations represented at PCC will perform cultural dances, songs, as well as skits. The event is organized to be fun and educational for all. Refreshments will be served for all who attend, including free giveaway gifts and condoms. For more information on this upcoming event, please contact our professor Danka Ledgerwood at 779-7473, or our team leaders, Bonita Aderiano at 779-9657, Jessica Emesiochel at 778-0689, or Kimberly Kingzio at 779-7116.

Continuing Education Classes

FREE Session on Constitutional Law of Palau

Instructor: Kevin Bennardo, Court Counsel to the Supreme Court of Palau

Topics

Class 1:

Overview of Article IV (Fundamental Rights)
Article IV, Section 6: Takings Clause

Class 2:

Article IV, Section 5: Equal Protection Clause

Class 3:

Article IV, Section 6: Due Process Clause

Class 4:

Article IV, Section 4: Right of Security from Entry, Search, and Seizure
Article IV, Section 6: Warrant Requirement for Search and Seizure

Class 5:

Rights of the Accused

- Section 6: No Ex Post Facto Punishment
- Section 7: Presumption of Innocence
- Section 7: Right to Speedy Trial
- Section 7: Right to Examine Witnesses
- Section 7: Right Against Compelled Self-Incrimination
- Section 7: Right to Counsel

Class 6:

Article IV, Section 10: Freedom from Excessive Punishment

Wrap-up

Class Schedule: one hour every Wednesday night from 6 pm to 7 pm. for six weeks, at PCC Continuing Education Training Room, starting the week of May 24th and ending the week of June 28th.

If anyone is interested or if you want to know more information about these classes, please call Annalisa Ngiraklei or Leona Blaluk at telephone number 488-2470/6223.

Summer Kids Program

The following classes will be offered this summer. These classes are designed to provide educational activities for students, enhance their abilities to improve in the subject areas, and foster new skills.

Math (3rd – 8th Grade)
English Reading (3rd – 8th Grade)
English Writing (3rd – 8th Grade)
Palauan Writing (3rd – 8th Grade)
Palauan Reading (3rd – 8th Grade)
Keyboarding (5th – 8th)
Marine Science (6th – 8th)

Classes will begin on June 07, 2010

Classes will end on July 02, 2010

Last day of registration is June 04, 2010

These classes are on a first come first serve basis. Maximum number of students for each class is 25 except for the marine science class which is 20 students.

BITS AND PIECES...

GRADUATION

Date set for Spring Commencement...

The 2010 PCC graduation ceremony has been scheduled to be held on Friday, May 28, 2010. The event will begin at 10:00 am at the PCC Cafeteria.

SCHOLARSHIPS & INTERNSHIPS

Scholarship & Internship Opportunities...

The office of the Micronesia Challenge is offering thousands of dollars in scholarships as well as internship opportunities for qualified students and individuals. For details, stop by the PCC Development Office or contact: The Micronesia Challenge Regional Office, P.O. Box 4040, Koror, Republic of Palau 96940. Telephone: 680-488-8008; Fax: 680-488-8003

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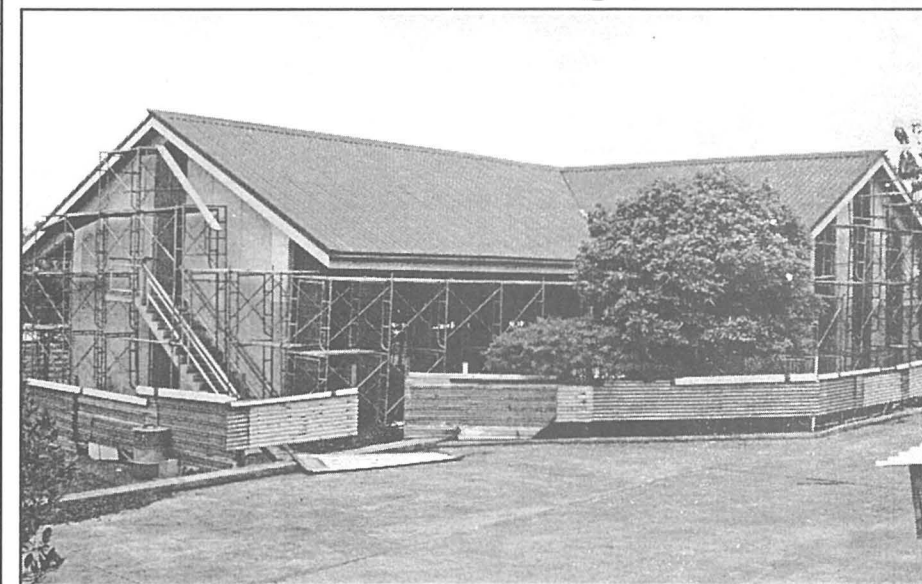
Summer Seminar for Teachers...

A seminar will be held in Hawaii from August 8 to August 13 entitled "Hawaii National Great Teachers Seminar". For information, go the following website www.greatteacher.hawaii.edu The contact person is Ms. Cindy Martin at: cindymar@hawaii.edu. Fliers also available at Faculty Senate Association mailboxes locate in the Academic Affairs office.

THANK YOU

The Nursing program's instructors and students thank the following nurses and staff of the Ministry of Health for their professional assistance during Career-Technical Education Awareness Week, and continuous support to enhance student learning in the Nursing program. (Donna Gibbons, Lorraine Beketaut, Joyce Tonyokwe, Rumi Singeo, Tino Faatuuala)

PTHSE Construction to Finish in August



Construction work on the Palau Tourism & Hospitality School of Excellence (PTHSE) continues this week on the cooking gas lines, plumbing, and electrical works. Plastering work on the walls also continues with new ceiling boards also installed. With a combined floor space of over 11,000 square feet, the state-of-the-art building will boast a guest room, reception area, kitchen and a dining area. The PTHSE which will serve as a laboratory for Tourism & Hospitality students is a joint project between the Ministry of Education, Belau Tourism Association and Palau Community College.

Alingano Maisu Returns from Voyage to Southwest Islands

photo by: Brook Kintz

The voyaging canoe Alingano Maisu, carrying Captain/Instructor Sesarior Sewralur, a crew of 5, and students enrolled in the Non-instrument navigation class safely returned last week from a trip to the Palau's Southwest Islands.



Passengers transfer from Alingano Maisu to Sonsorol Island

This voyage completes the three trips required of the students who signed up this semester for the navigation class. In the class, stu-

dents learned the traditional practice of ocean navigation which exempts the use of conventional navigation instruments. The class taught by Captain Sewralur instead trains students to navigate using natural elements such as the sun, moon, stars, currents and wind, much like the what the early Micronesians did when they sailed the vast ocean between the islands.

For more information about the PCC Non-instrument Navigation class, contact Captain/Instructor Sesarior Sewralur or Ephraim Ngirachitei at 488-3074.