

## Alumni Notes

### Class of 2001(PCC)



Portiana Franz- 2001 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Criminal Justice. Fanz has worked for Bureau of Public Safety for 6 years as an

Office Clerk.

### Class of 1999(PCC)



Jalavenda Osima- 1999 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Business Accounting. Osima has worked for WJA for 7 years as a Job Development Specialist.

### Class of 1996 (PCC)



Melissa Ueda- 1996 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Business Accounting. Ueda was the Valedictorian of her graduating class. She has

worked for SPACC for 6 years as a Finance Manager.

**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



Maurine Alexander May 6  
Soledad Garcia May 6  
Sherry Ngirmeril May 8

Happy Birthday To You!

# 2006 Internship Application

In preparation for Internship placement for summer semester, 2006, we need to know the number of students who will be eligible to participate in the training and their respective trade areas at this time. This will allow us time to identify and secure commitments from appropriate employers who will be providing training to our students.

To assist in this effort, Student Advisors are requested to review their advisees' folders and to advise those who will be eligible to participate in the training to come to Academic Affairs Office and see the Extension Program Coordinator, Mr. Vincent Ito, and fill out required application forms. Application forms are now ready for pick

up anytime during working hours. Deadline for submission of completed application forms is Friday, June 2, 2006 in order for students to be considered for internship placement.

Internship is provided as a final requirement for students who have completed all their course requirements on campus or at most have one remaining to be taken concurrently with the training. It allows students to be placed on the job in their respective field of training working on a full time basis as intern trainee for the semester. The practical experience gained from the training will be counted as credits required for students to graduate.

## Crisis Counseling Course

To continue the effort to establish a pool of crisis response professionals skilled in crisis management, the Behavioral Health Division is offering a FREE training workshop on Crisis Counseling and CISD (Critical Incident Debriefing) for all counselors and first responders.

The training are available for recertification as well as new persons. Classes begin at 8:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. are limited to the first twenty-five (25) people who sign up first. The training is designed to teach participants the skills needed to help victims and first responders (e.g. police, fireman, and health workers) address stressful situations they face following disaster.

For those who are interested in signing up for this course may do so by contacting PCC-CE Office and talk to Taruu or Sharon at telephone number 488 6223.

The following is a schedule and a course outline:

| Date         | Title                                  | Target Group      |
|--------------|--|-------------------|
| 5/8/06       | - Recertification of Crisis Counseling | Crisis Counselors |
| 5/0/06       | - Recertification of Crisis Counseling | Crisis Counselors |
| 5/15/06      | - Recertification of CISD              | First Responders  |
| 5/16/06      | - Recertification of CISD              | First Responders  |
| 5/22-5/25/06 | Crisis Counseling & CISD               | Crisis Counselors |

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continuing Education for pre-professional library staff from throughout the U.S. and the affiliated Pacific islands. As a selected recipient of this training, Ms. Merong will receive free economy round trip airfare,

## Secretaries Celebrate



Secretaries enjoy a luncheon sponsored by PCC at a popular "all-you-can-eat" restaurant.

On April 28th the Palau Community College celebrated Secretaries' Day with the college's secretaries by sponsoring a special luncheon on their behalf. The luncheon took place at one of the well-known "all-you-can-eat" eateries in town. This occasion is done every year in recognition of all the secretaries around the world. PCC thanks all secretaries for their hard work and support.

housing at the East-West Center dorms, per diem allowance and necessary institute supplies.



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## 43rd Commencement Exercises to be Unique Hodgepodge of Grads Expected



Marensia Edward, steering committee chairperson, 43rd Commencement Exercises

The 43rd PCC commencement exercises slated for May 26, 2006 is already shaping up to be a colorful event as schools and training programs (Fiji School of Medicine, Pharmacy Tech. Training program- University of Alaska-Anchorage, Substance Abuse and Addiction Counseling program) affiliated with the college are already working closely with the graduation steering committee to have their graduating students march together with PCC graduates.

The steering committee, recently designated by PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei to prepare and plan for the distinctive event met earlier this week to update the chairperson on the progress of their work and allocate pending tasks and responsibilities to appropriate subcommittees. Additional effort was also concentrated on the preparation of the graduation program and script, which will have new sections inserted to reflect the participation of non-PCC students in the graduation ceremony.

Marensia Edward, director of Housing and Student Life who heads the steering committee, said that this graduation ceremony will be, to some extent, different from previous ones as it will see students from other institutions and programs graduating alongside PCC and adult high school graduates. "It is going to be unique because students from other institutions will be joining our own in the ceremony. And because of that, I am happy to see the committee devoting extra effort to the program to be certain everyone is accommodated," said Edward.

In addition to the one hundred two (102) PCC students and nineteen (19) Adult High School students expected to participate in the commencement exercise, thirty-seven (37) students from the Fiji School of Medicine, eleven (11) from the Substance Abuse and Addiction Counseling program, and six (6) from the Pharmacy Technician Program are also anticipated to take part in the ceremony.

Although the non-PCC graduates will be receiving their degrees/certificates far from their home campuses, their respective school officials won't be as they have made arrangement to be on hand during the ceremony to present degrees. The dean of Fiji School of Medicine, David Brewster will attend the ceremony along with Kathi Baldwin, director of Pharmacy- University of Alaska Anchorage, and Dr. Mamie Balajadia, director of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Collaborating Council.

For more information about the 43rd PCC commencement exercises, please contact Marensia Edward at tel. # 488-3036.

## Library Tech to Attend Seminar in Hawaii



Grace Merong, Library Technician

PCC Library Technician Grace Merong has been selected to participate in the 2006 Pacific Library Training Institute (PLTI). The PREL-organized training is funded by the U.S. Institute of Museum Library Services (IMLS).

Merong will attend this training at the University of Hawaii-Manoa (UHM) in Honolulu, Hawaii, from June 7th through June 9th.

Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL) received funding for this project through the IMLS-funded "Librarians for the 21st Century" grant program. IMLS is supportive of such initiative by providing training and

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Happy Senior  
Citizen's Day To  
All Senior  
Citizens of Palau

## Work on Much-Needed Drafting Classes Begins, Agriculture Program Continues to Flourish



The College has begun the construction of a much needed building that will house the Drafting and Design classroom. The construction has begun on a portion of the campus where the old Agriculture farm was located, behind the BTACHES building. Up to now, the drafting classes have been held in the TEMEKAI building.

The building of the drafting classroom did not dislocate the Agriculture farm, adversely affecting the program. In fact, it comes at an opportune time when the College has begun the relocation of its Agriculture classes to its CRE Research and Development Station located in Ngermeskang, Ngaremlengui state. There, the Agriculture students will benefit from the state-of-the-art equipment housed there, as well as the vast expanse of land that is available for them to conduct their practical training.

Because Agriculture is one of the nation's top priorities, the College in turn has devoted its energy and resources to ensure that its Agriculture program stands ready to accommodate interested students and individuals who wish to pursue a career in agriculture. For information about the PCC Agriculture program, contact Sherman Daniel at PCC telephone number 488-2471, extension 254.

### Dates To Remember

If you are one of those people who tend to be involved in the many activities that come to our side of the world, or have plans that you wish to implement during this summer, then you ought to be mindful of the following dates.

**May 26, 2006**  
PCC Graduation at PCC Cafetorium starting at 10:00am

**May 14-18, 2006**  
International Student Exchange Summit, hosted by PCC Tourism Program.

**June 23 to July 4, 2006**  
Micronesian Games to be held in Saipan, CNMI

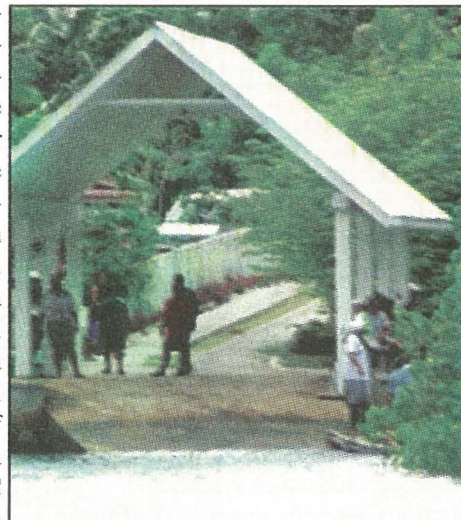
**July 9-10, 2006**  
Olechotel Belau Fair, to be held at the Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs Compound

**July 12-14, 2006**  
Pacific Educational Conference, to be held on the PCC campus

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## PCC 'Diangel' to Get Floating Dock

The Btelulachang ra Idederach located on the northeast side of the PCC campus will soon be sporting a brand new floating dock. Over the last few weeks, the College built a pier that extends out over the water some fifty-three feet. Within the next two weeks, a floating dock will be installed at the end of the pier, making it even easier for people to load and unload gear. Currently, Btelulachang ra Idederach has a Diangel and a summer-hut. The Diangel houses a Traditional Palauan canoe, a Kosraen canoe, an outrigger canoe, as well as two bamboo rafts. With the addition of the floating dock, the Btelulachang ra Idederach will be able to serve the PCC marine and environmental science classes even better.



PCC Canoe House (Diangel)

In fact, the Btelulachang ra Idederach has been improved by the College to the point that some Colled functions, such as faculty meetings and social gatherings, have taken place there. In efforts to protect the surrounding environment, the College has also constructed a compost toilet at the Btelulachang ra Idederach. Anyone who visits the PCC campus may consider walking down to the Btelulachang ra Idederach and see it for themselves.

## Olegeriil is PNSB Member Again

PCC's Jay Olegeriil has once again been appointed by the ROP President and confirmed by the Senate of the OEK to serve another four years as a member of the Palau National Scholarship Board. Olegeriil will serve now for another four years, joining fellow PCC staffer Mr. Todd Ngiramengior who is also a member of the Scholarship Board. The College congratulates Olegeriil and is confident that he will continue to serve the nation in that capacity. Any student who wants to learn more about scholarship programs offered to Palauan citizens may contact the Palau National Scholarship office at (680) 488-3608.

## BITS AND PIECES...

### Meeting for All Graduating Students.....

All students from PCC, Adult High School, Pharmacy Technician, MOH, Substance Abuse Counselor, MOH, Fiji School of Medicine who will be graduating on May 26th will have their meeting on Monday May 8th at the PCC Cafeteria. All graduating students must attend this very important meeting. Your presence is very much expected.

### Writers Club Still Recruiting Members .....

Students, staff and any individual interested in becoming a member of a Writers Club may contact Laura Mangham at telephone number 488-0826 or Dilubch Samil or Hulda Lukas at telephone number 488-2470/ 2471. Meetings are conducted on every Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. at the Adult High School Office.

### CE Short Term Classes

The PCC-CE is offering the following short term courses:

| Course           | Grade         |
|------------------|---------------|
| Math             | 3rd-4th grade |
| English Writing: | 3rd-4th grade |
| English Reading  | 5th-6th grade |
| Marine &         |               |
| Env. Science     | 7th-8th grade |
| Arts             | 7th-8th grade |

Palauan language has began and is on its 2nd week of class. Classes are on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5:00 p.m. to 7 p.m. Ten (10) students have enrolled already and the class is till open for additional students interested. For registration information call CE Office at telephone number 488-6223 or stop by at the office during working hours on Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## SSS-Project Beacon Students Jobsite Visit & Career Workshop

By: Project Beacon staff



Project Beacon students visit Belau National Hospital

Eighteen (18) students from Palau Community College SSS-Project Beacon, accompanied by Counselor Cynthia Malsol and Instructor Midori Mersai, visited the Belau National Hospital, Ministry of Health for their Jobsite visit on Tuesday, March 28, 2006. The students were met by the Minister of Health, Dr. Victor Yano and Julie Tellei of the Human Resource Development and brought into the hospital's library for some welcoming and inspiring presentations. Dr. Yano expressed his concern with the future healthcare personnel as fewer students today are interested in this area. He stressed four values that we should think about: healthcare, agriculture, communication and reading. Dr. Dever, Director of Hospital & Clinical Services, was also given a chance to share some of his concerns about healthy lifestyles & nutrition to prevent death and suffering or 'mortality and morbidity'. This session was quite informative and further enriched our students' understanding of health issues in Palau.

Immediately after the presentations, the students were divided into two groups, one led by Julie Tellei and the other by Jason Nolan, Physical Therapist, to tour the whole facility. The tour included visits to the Hemodialysis, Radiology, Lab, Dental, Technology, Finance, Kitchen as well as other areas of the hospital.

Supervisors from each department were all very helpful as they walked us through their department and explained their roles/duties and even recruited the students to pursue a profession in the healthcare programs. Francis Termeteet, Lab supervisor also extended an invitation to the students as well as the whole community to donate blood for the blood bank. SSS-Project Beacon would like to extend their deepest appreciation to Minister of Health, Dr. Yano and all the staff of Belau National Hospital, Ministry of Health for their cooperation and hospitality toward our students during this Jobsite visit.

The Jobsite visit was followed by a *Resume and Job Interview* workshop at the SSS-Project Beacon reading/writing lab. Lunch and refreshments were provided for the participants. These series of career related activities are to give students the opportunity to learn firsthand about various careers and to prepare them for the workforce. Hamilton Maech, a student who participated in the Jobsite visit and the Career Workshop, remarked that these activities broadened his perspective about his own career plans. He was surprised to learn that Dr. Dever decided to enter Medical School at the age of 29! So, it's never too late Hamilton, you can still be Dr. Maech one day, if you believe in yourself and work hard.