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presented the award. In his remarks upon presenting the award, Dr. Miles noted that the Agriculture Club has made important contributions to the College this year, including a \$500 donation to the PCC endowment fund. "One of the reasons our club has been so strong - in addition of course to the work of our student members - has been the support of staff members like Eileen. Several other staff members have also assisted the club, but Eileen's efforts have truly been outstanding, and she deserves recognition. Student organizations provide learning experiences that students cannot get in the classroom. I wish all staff would be as supportive as Eileen," he added.

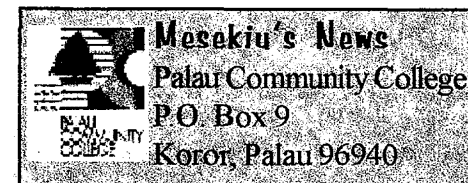
This year the AG students invited the Construction Technology students and faculty - Besechel Kiuluul, William Mobil, and Onesimo Santos - to join the picnic. This was in recognition of the cooperation between the two programs all year. "Thanks to the CT Program," noted Dr. Miles, "we have a concrete floor in the chicken house, and a septic system for the chicken manur."

In past years the club has held its picnic in the Rock Islands, but this year the weather forced the club to hold its picnic at Long Island. The club wishes to thank the Recreation Department and the Cafeteria for their support in making the picnic a success despite the weather conditions.

Also recognized at the picnic by the Agriculture Science faculty were two outstanding student workers, Pua Michael and Fred Ikertang.

Mr. Golbuu, from page 2

Management". The regional symposium is presented under the auspices of the Permanent Secretariat for the Pacific, International Coral Reef Initiative and the Government and Provinces of New Caledonia. The South Pacific Regional Environmental Programme (SPREP), The Institute of Research for Development (IRD) and the University of New Caledonia (UNC) are organizing the regional symposium with the participation of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) and IFRECOR of New Caledonia. The regional symposium is being organized under two objectives: 1) to summarize the status of the coral reefs through the presentation of National Reports; and 2) identify the most appropriate tools and methods for improved use and management of coral reef resources in the Pacific Islands.



Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) Signing



PCC President, Patrick Tellei (sitting-left) with Minister of Education, Billy Kuartei (sitting-right) and Colombo Plan Staff College (CPSC) Director, Dr. Bernardo F. Adiviso sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), officially establishing a working partnership between CPSC, PCC, and MOE. Witnessing the signing occasion are PCC Associate Dean, Sherman Daniel (standing-left), Palau High School Principal, Reynold Mechol (standing-center), and PCC ET- Vice President, Mario Katosang. PCC currently has similar working partnership and articulation with the Brigham Young University-Hawaii, Chaminade University-Hawaii, Hawaii Pacific University, University of Hawaii-Hilo, University of Hawaii-West Oahu, University of Hawaii-Manoa, and the University of Guam.

While at the symposium Yimnang Golbuu will present a report on the Status of Coral Reefs of Palau. The report includes the state of Palau's coral reefs, including marine protected areas, the capacity of monitoring networks and current policy frameworks.

The cost of air transportation to and from Noumea and per diem while in Noumea are being provided by the French Government.

Celebrating Birthdays

Hermine Joseph	May 15
Janice Termeteet	May 16
Damiana Kunihiro	May 18
Akiko Beketaut	May 20
Fran Kinsang	May 22
Joe Adachi	May 23

Happy Birthday to you All!



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**Palau Community College Holds
37th Commencement Exercise
First Nursing and Tourism & Hospitality Program
Graduates**

Today, May 19, 2000, Palau Community College's 37th Commencement Exercise will see ninety-eight (98) students graduate and receive their degrees and certificates. Sixteen graduates in the Nursing and Tourism & Hospitality program will be the first to ever graduate from these two newly formed programs and they are as follows:

1. Aderiano, Magrina - *Nursing*
2. Bedal, Tmeleu - *Nursing*
3. Erungel, Wolcatt L. - *Nursing*
4. Franz, Adeline - *Nursing*
5. Gibbons, Donna - *Nursing*
6. Jonathan, Chesnee - *Nursing*
7. Madlutk, Mesiwal - *Nursing*
8. Misech, Nona - *Nursing*
9. Ockander, Gennevie - *Nursing*
10. Olmetelel, Ngoriakl - *Nursing*
11. Rdang, Clarissa - *Nursing*
12. Tonyokwe, Jocelyne - *Nursing*
13. Xavier, Judith - *Nursing*
14. Marol, Marie - *Tourism & Hospitality*
15. Peyal, Keiran - *Tourism & Hospitality*
16. Tareg, Anthony - *Tourism & Hosp.*

By stroke of good luck, Duane Alexenko, an experienced nursing educator, agreed to come to Palau from Oregon and has been the catalyst for the program's success. Faculty members Terry Ngirmang, Damiana Kunihiro and Williana Gedeon have also made outstanding efforts to help students succeed.

The Tourism & Hospitality Program, which also began in 1998, had a slower start, but has growth more rapidly from eight (8) the first year to fifty (50) today. Eric Carlson designed the original program, which was recently revised to more closely match similar programs at Guam Community College and University of Guam; plans are proceeding to articulate with those institutions. This semester, Sam's Tours was contracted to provide diving training, and five (5) students recently received certification as rescue divers. The program aims to train students as tour guides, hotel employees and food and beverage employees.

PCC looks forward to continuing achievements from these two programs and anticipates graduates from Education, Marine/Environmental Science (proposed program) and Business Management (proposed program) in the next future.

Both of this programs started in 1998, and with the hard work of many PCC staff and community members, they are both success stories. Nursing currently has 22 majors (including the graduating students) while Tourism boasts more than 50 majors.

The nursing program was supported by Ministry of Health personnel, who authorized its establishment and provided financial support for 10 working nurses to attend classes full-time for the last two years. PCC enlisted Kapiolani Community College to help design the program and locate a nursing coordinator.

**Congratulations to the
PCC Class of 2000!!!**
*from the Board of Trustees,
President, Faculty and Staff at
Palau Community College!*

**Valedictorians
And
Award Recipients**

The Following graduating students were nominated and have been selected by the graduation awards committee based on established criteria to receive the following awards during the 37th Commencement Exercise:

Valedictorians

1. Lynna Thomas
2. Neeshell Ngringbedangel

Outstanding Citizenship Award

1. Julian Uguliyor

Outstanding Student Award

1. Joe Gigar Defngin
2. Marcia Inacio
3. Chesnee Jonathan
4. Delilah Llecholch
5. Neeshel Ngringbedangel
6. Genevie Ockander
7. Esmeralda Smau
8. Seralda Smau
9. Iwalani K. Tesei
10. Lynna Thomas

Alumni Awards

Agricultural Science

- Best Cumulative GPA - Uelbil Michael
Best Effort - Uelbil Michael

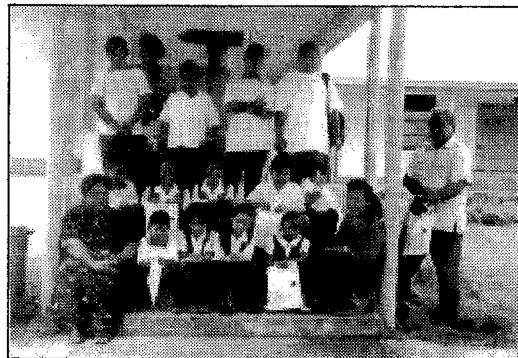
Nursing

- Best Cumulative GPA - Chesnee Jonathan
Best Effort - Nona Misech

Construction Technology

- Best Cumulative GPA - Wayne Andrew

Elementary Students and Parents Tour Campus



Elementary students and their parents pose with their mentor Epsie West (l) and Gilbert Demei (r), Ngatpang State Executive Officer.

On Saturday, May 13, 2000, the following twelve (12) children from Ngatpang ranging from 6 years old to 14 and four (4) parents came to tour our Library as well as one of our computer labs:

Wayne Blodak	Lorinda Blodak
Singichi Etpison	Rushlyn Sisor
Lordes Blodak	Nozomi Misch
Raymond Osilek	Jarred Ngiraked
Delory Misch	Beches Ngirboketreg
Frazer Misch	Walcy Ngirngotel

Ten (10) of these children attend Aimeliik Elementary School, the other two go to Harris Elementary School. These two Harris students go to Ngatpang every Saturday for tutoring that is being provided by PCC students, along with the Ngatpang children.

After touring the Library, they filled forms for library cards, and were given posters and brochures about libraries/books etc. They went on to classroom #61 to use computers and browse through the internet.

We tutors thank PCC Librarian Jane Barnwell for her help and guidance on Saturday.

Written by: Epsie/Hannah

YEARBOOKS
for \$15.00

The 1998-99 yearbook is selling for \$15.00 a copy at the SBA Office.

Kom Kmal Mesulang

The Palau Community College - Cooperative Research and Extension would like to thank the participants of the Year 2000 Women's Conference from the States of Melekeok, Ngchesar, Ngaremlengui, Ngatpang, Aimeliik, Ngaraard, Ngiwal, Melekeok, Ngchesar, Airai, Koror and Peleliu for their donation of 6 varieties of banana, 4 varieties of Cyrtosperma (Prak), 13 varieties of Colocasia (Dait), coconuts, breadfruit, blantalos, and iedel.

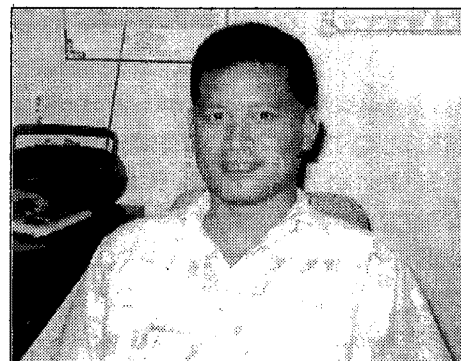
These will be planted at the PCC Research and Development Station in Ngermesakang, Ngaremlengui.

The Palau Community College - Cooperative Research and Extension also has been collecting taro (dait) to establish a germplasm collection which will serve as a national depository and genebank of different kinds of Palauan taro (dait) at the PCC Research and Development Station in Ngermesakang, Ngaremlengui.

In April, we received several donations of different kinds of taro for our germplasm collection and replicated yield trials. We would like to thank the following for the generous donation of taro planting materials.

Name	# Of Plants
Martha Temong	90
Paulin Skang	91
Lyn Skang	30
Hilde Skang	93
Yaorong Tebelak	32
Miuako Sungino	5
Menrang Mecherel	54
Geggie Anson	9
Subelek Farm	127

PCC-CRE Staff to Attend Coral Reef Symposium in Noumea



Mr. Golbuu

Yimnang Golbuu from Palau Community College - Cooperative Research and Extension will be attending the regional symposium on "Coral Reefs in the Pacific: Status and Monitoring; Resources and

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Awards, from page 1

Criminal Justice

Best Cumulative GPA - Helena Yoichi
Best Effort - Boone Silas

Office Administration

Best Cumulative GPA - Neeshell Ngirngedangel
Best Effort - Neeshell Ngirngedangel
- Zeralda Smau
- Gloria Tem

Business Accounting

Best Effort - Jennifer Kailau

Automotive Mechanics

Best Effort - Alton Samsel

Electrical Technology

Best Cumulative GPA - Llemalt Ngirailemesang
Best Effort - Llemalt Ngirailemesang

Tourism & Hospitality

Best Effort - Keiran Peyal

Congratulations!!!

RETENTION WEB PAGE

PCC Retention Office, Tel. #: 488-2471, ext. 247

AGS Students Visit Ngaremlengui



Agriculture students being shown around the PCC Research & Development station in Ngaremlengui.

On May 4, their last day of class, students in all the Agricultural Science classes took an all-day field trip to Ngaremlengui. The students wanted to see for themselves the progress that is being made in agricultural development in that state.

First, the group visited the PCC-CRE Research & Development (R&D) Station. There we were shown research projects on taro and tapioca. Dr. Nelson Esquerra and Dr. Aurora Del Rosario showed us their research projects. Dr. Esquerra is working on controlling spider mites in tapioca, one of Palau's major crops. He has found that some varieties of tapioca are more susceptible to mite damage than others, and he will soon be able to recommend the more tolerant varieties. He is also researching methods to control the mites. Dr. Del Rosario showed us collections of over 30 different varieties of taro and over 20 varieties of sweet potato. All of these varieties are being evaluated for yield and quality, as well as being a collection so that these varieties will not die out. Since tapioca and taro are the two main crops grown in Palau, these projects are very important to Palauan farmers.

Following our visit to the R&D Station we paid a visit to the Ngaremlengui Dispensary to observe the medicinal plants. The people of Ngaremlengui have planted several different species of plants which have medicinal value and uses. This project was done with the assistance of a grant under the Urban and Community Forestry program.

Our next visit was to the farm of Mr. Hideo Rdialul. Mr. Rdialul showed us his farming methods and asked for advice on some of the problems he is facing. He donated four fruit tree seedlings to our program and gave us some sugar cane.

Our Final stop was at the Ngaremlengui Organic Farm. All crops at this farm are grown without any chemical fertilizers or pesticides. They grow mainly chinese cabbage (nappa), but also grow okra, cucumbers, green onions, bell peppers, and a few other vegetable crops. All of their crops are grown in green houses so that they can control the amount of water their crop receives.

One interesting fact about this farm is that it hires a total of 30 Palauan workers. Through its hiring practices, this farm is making a major contribution to the economy of Ngaremlengui State.

We had a great visit, and we thank everyone who made it possible on a windy and rough day.

AG Club Recognizes Staff Supporter



Eileen Babauta (c) with her "Outstanding Staff Supporter" award with Dr. Joel Miles (l) and Uelbil Pua Michael.

At its annual picnic on May 11, the PCC Agriculture Club recognized the contributions of a member of the College staff by presenting an "Outstanding Staff Supporter" award to Ms. Eileen Babauta. Ms. Babauta is the secretary in the Continuing Education Division. She is a former PCC valedictorian who was a club member as a student. She has continued to support the club since her graduation, participating in club projects and assisting as a chaperone at club events.

Club President, Pua Michael, and the club's advisor, Dr. Joel Miles

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Academic Calendar Summer Session 2000

June 5	First Day of instruction
June 5-8	Last Day of registration