

## Alumni Notes

### Class of 2002 (PCC)

Rosella I. Ngiraungil



a Sales Representative and has been working there for the past 4 years.

2002 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Office Administration (OA). Ngiraungil works at Palau National Communications Corporation (PNCC) as

### Class of 1995 (PCC)

Merii Besebes



Administrative Assistant 1 and has been working there for the past 10 months.

1995 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Secretarial Science (SEC). Besebes works at the Ministry of Health-Nursing Office as an

### Class of 1981 (MOC)

Juliana Jiro



26 years.

1981 MOC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Secretarial Science (SEC). Jiro has been working at the Attorney General's Office as an Administrative Assistant for the past

**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**  
Palau Community College  
P.O. Box 9, Koror, Palau 96940

### Celebrating Birthdays

Damiana Kunihiro	May	18
Adora Nobuo-Andreas	May	19
Dr. Aurora Del Rosario	May	20
Akiko Udui	May	20
Sharleene Skebong	May	23

**Happy Birthday To You!**

## 2008 Japanese Government Scholarship

The Government of Japan is offering 3 kinds of scholarship (full scholarship covering tuition, fees, and allowances) to qualified Palauan citizens for study in Japan.

### A. Research Student (Postgraduate course)

#### 1. Field of Study

The field of study must be the same or a related field to the applicant's undergraduate or master's field of study from a University.

#### 2. Eligibility

(1) Applicants must be born on or after April 2, 1973.

(2) University graduates including those who will graduate by March 2008.

(3) Applicants must be willing to study the Japanese language.

#### 3. Term of Scholarship

Two years, from April 2008 to March 2010 for non-degree research program. For Master's and Doctorate programs, term of scholarship will be until completion of degree program.

#### 4. Application Deadline

July 06, 2007.

### B. Undergraduate Student (Degree course)

#### 1. Field of Study

Social Sciences & Humanities and Natural Sciences

#### 2. Eligibility

(1) Must be 17 to 21 years old to apply. (Born between April 2, 1986 and April 1, 1991.)

(2) High school graduates including those who will graduate by March 2008.

(3) Applicant must be willing to study the Japanese language and receive instruction in Japanese.

#### 3. Term of Scholarship

Five (5) years from April 2008 including the preliminary instruction in the Japanese Language for one year, except for those majoring in Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Medicine, whose term is seven (7) years.

#### 4. Application Deadline

May 25, 2007

### C. Senshu-Gakko Student (Professional Training Course)

#### 1. Field of Study

- 1) Civil Engineering
- 2) Architecture
- 3) Electrical Engineering
- 4) Electronics
- 5) Telecommunication
- 6) Nutrition
- 7) Infant Education
- 8) Secretarial Studies
- 9) Hotel Management
- 10) Tourism
- 11) Fashion and Dress Making
- 12) Design
- 13) Photography
- 14) Other fields of study

#### 2. Eligibility

(1) Must be 17 to 21 years old to apply. (Born between April 2, 1986 and April 1, 1991.)

(2) High School graduates including those who will graduate by March 2008.

(3) Applicant must be willing to study the Japanese language and receive instruction in Japanese.

#### 3. Term of Scholarship

Three years from April 2008 including the preliminary instruction in the Japanese Language for one year.

#### 4. Application Deadline

May 25, 2007.

► APPLICATION FORMS AND FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE EMBASSY OF JAPAN at +88-6-455 OR PALAU NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP OFFICE at +88-3608. DUAL APPLICATION FOR UNDERGRADUATE AND SENSHU-GAKKO IS ACCEPTED.

Visit PCC website: [www.palau.edu](http://www.palau.edu) and learn all about Palau's only institution of higher education. While there, check out the PCC weekly newsletter, *Mesekiu's News*, including back issues!



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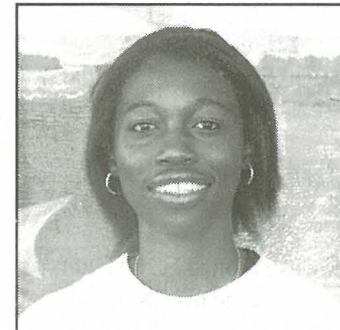


Friday, May 18, 2007

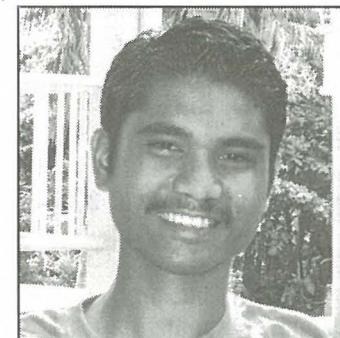
Weekly Newsletter

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## Two Deserving Students Receive International Scholarships



Barbara Gbewonyo, freshman majoring in Liberal Arts.



Recobert Redhor, freshman majoring in Liberal Arts.

Originally from Ghana, Africa, Barbara Gbewonyo has tried over the years to apply for scholarships, but because of her citizenship, she has not been able to receive one. However, with her determination, Ms. Gbewonyo finally received recognition for all her hard work, internationally in fact, through the Grand Valley State University (GVSU) International Award of Distinction. This scholarship is valued at \$8,000 dollars and is awarded to international students who have at least a 3.8 GPA from high school and PCC.

Another PCC student, Recobert Redhor, received international recognition for his hard work. Mr. Redhor was awarded the International Award of Merit in honor of GVSU alumni President Tommy E. Remengesau. Valued at approximately \$5,000 dollars, this scholarship is awarded

to the student who has kept at least a 3.5 GPA since high school up until the first year of PCC.

As the school year ends, more and more students get recognized for their hard work and dedication. The College will also recognize its students who have accomplished much over the years and will be graduating this year through the 44th Commencement Exercise that will be held next week Friday, May 25th, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at PCC Cafeteria. This year's graduates will not only include PCC students, but also graduates of the Substance Abuse and Addiction Counseling under the collaboration of the Ministry of Health and PCC as well as Adult High School Class of 2007.

There are a total of ninety-four (94) students who are expected to graduate this year, but only seventy-two (72) will be able to attend the graduation: forty-eight (48) are PCC students; eighteen (18) are Adult High School students; six (6) are the Substance Abuse and Addiction Counseling students.

Come witness a family member, friend, or colleague graduate and join in the celebration of their achievements.

For further information about the 44th PCC Commencement Exercise, please contact Chair Deikola Olikong at 488-3036 or Secretary Lesley Adachi at 488-2470/2471 ext. 257.

## PREL Official Visits the College



(l-r): Visiting guest, M. Kau'i Keliipio, Program Coordinator for the Indigenous People's Teacher Education Module (IPTeM); President Dr. Tellei, and Dr. A.J. (Sandy) Dawson, MENTOR Director/University of Hawaii at Manoa Professor poses for a picture in front of the College sign earlier this week.

The College was very fortunate this week with the arrival of Dr. A.J. (Sandy) Dawson, the Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL)

MENTOR Director and University of Hawaii Professor.

On his first stop of his 19-day trip in the Micronesian islands, Dr. Dawson spent three days meeting with Ministry of Education (M.O.E.) officials, College officials, as well as the public schools to get feedback about the Palau Math Mentor Project since it is in its 5th and final term, before their annual meeting in July of this year in Hawaii.

The Palau Math Mentor Project team consists of PCC Math Instructor, Epimachus Moses and the recently retired Baskacio Oiterong, M.O.E. Math Specialist Hadleen Madelarak, and Koror Elementary School Teacher, Dilmai Saiske. The team services the public schools by helping the new math teachers and conducting class observations, consultations, and summer teacher workshops.

## Library Donate Encyclopedias to PAL



(l-r): Lea Lagustan-Payawal, Belau Modekngai School Librarian accepting the encyclopedia donation from Pam Bidwell, Secretary of Palau Association of Libraries and PCC Library & Information Services Instructor.

the set to PAL to distribute to one of Palau's school libraries.

Belau Modekngai School was selected by PAL officers as the most suitable library to receive the donation, and librarian Lea Lagustan-Payawal was happy to accept. She says the encyclopedia set will be a welcome addition to the library's existing reference collection. Palau Association of Libraries was happy to work with the College library on this project.

The encyclopedia will be most useful for younger high school students, but also contains a great deal of information suitable for senior students as well.

Palau Community College library recently passed on a copy of Compton's twenty-six volume encyclopedia to Palau Association of Libraries (PAL). The College library had a more recent set available on their shelves, so they removed this earlier edition of the encyclopedia. Rather than discard a resource which is still useful for student research, Librarian Debra Neas offered

### New Library Hours Starting May 21st until June 18th...

8am-5pm (Mon-Fri.)

9am-6pm (Sat.)

12pm-6pm (Sun.)

## PISBDCN Director Pleased with Palau SBDC



Palau Small Business Development Center Director, Lisa Abraham

PISBDCN Director and Associate Director reviewed everything from client files, training files, program income, conflict of interest statements, furniture and equipment inventory list, and reimbursement reports, to memorandum of understandings. The overall review revealed that Palau SBDC met all the standards with only two minor deficiencies in regards to client files and program income. Nevertheless, Palau SBDC is performing quite well.

The Palau Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is doing quite well according to the Pacific Islands Small Business Development Center Network (PISBDCN) Director, Casey Jeszenka who conducted an on-site programmatic of the Palau SBDC with Associate Director, Georgette Flores Reyes at the end of March.

"Every year PISBDCN Director and Associate Director conducts a random review of the Center and this is the first time that we met all the standards and for that, we are very happy. We are grateful for PCC for housing the center and for their contribution; indeed they have contributed to our success", says Palau SBDC Director, Lisa Abraham.

## Summer Registration Schedule

**Tuesday, June 12th**  
(1st Day of Registration)

**8:30-11:30 a.m.**

Prospective Graduates/Sophomores  
Freshmen (Enrolled in 2004/2005)  
Last name from A-F

**12:30-3:00 p.m.**

Freshmen (Enrolled in 2004/2005)  
Last name from G-M

**Wednesday, June 13th**

**8:30-11:30 a.m.**

Freshmen (Enrolled in 2004/2005)  
Last name from N-S

**12:30-3:00 p.m.**

Freshmen (Enrolled in 2004/2005)  
Last name from T-Z

**Thursday, June 14th**

**8:30-11:30 a.m.**

Freshman (Enrolled in 2006/2007)  
Last name from L-Z

**12:30-3:00 p.m.**

Readmitted, Returning, Transfer,  
Unclassified, and Enrichment

**Friday, June 15th**  
(4th Day of Registration)

**8:30-11:30 a.m.**

New Students and DUAL

**12:30-3:00 p.m.**

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**Monday, June 18th- Tuesday, June 19th**

**8:30-11:30 a.m. & 12:30-3:00 p.m.**  
Late Registration and Add/Drop Period

For more information about the summer registration schedule, please call Registrar's office at 488-2470/2471 ext. 274.

## BITS AND PIECES...

### ANNOUNCEMENT

### Attention All Graduates...

In line with the ongoing Graduating Student Exit Survey, we would like to request the spring 2007 graduating students listed below to fill up the assessment form at Development office before 25<sup>th</sup> day of May. This survey collects information from graduating students to help the college identify areas of improvement and assess the effectiveness of programs and services. As a graduating student, your evaluation is very important to PCC.

### 2007 Graduating Students

Skang, Herelynna  
Oketol, Iterir  
Elbelau, Ruth  
Beketaut, Elwais  
Nena, Steve  
Ramos, Michelle  
Kobeney, Julita  
Kuterbis, Leslie  
Ezekias, Randy  
Kelmal, Ngeaol  
Kiep, Javits  
Brel, Ruluked

Thank you in advance for assisting the College in our ongoing process of assessment. For more information about the PCC Graduating Student Exit Survey, please contact ONZ at Development office at 488-2470 ext. 253.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

### Foreign Language Classes Offered...

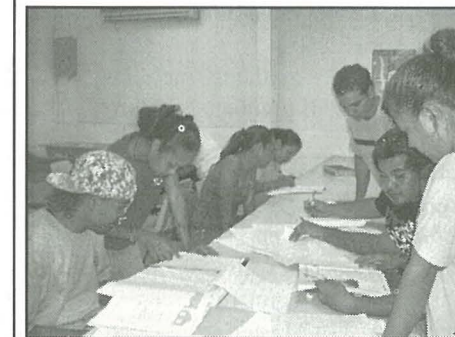
Continuing Education (CE) office is now offering a Basic Japanese Language class scheduled to begin on June 4, 2007 to July 25, 2007, Mondays and Wednesdays only from 6pm to 8pm at CE Training Room. CE is also offering Basic Tagalog Language class. Minimum to start the class is 10 individuals. Registration is now open for both language classes. For more information or registration, please call Taruu Nakamura or Leona Blaluk at 488-6223.

## SSS-Project Beacon Prime Students for Final Exams

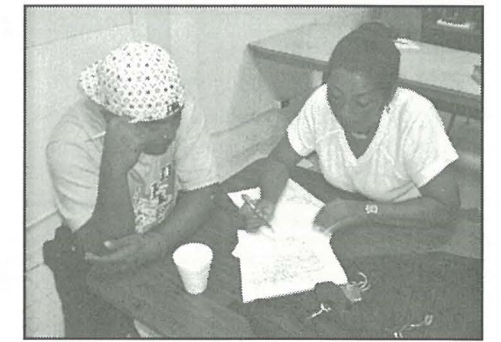
By Shelley deBlair Remengesau

Even with all the hustling that has been going on around the campus, SSS-Project Beacon held its doors open to its participants and any student of the college for the usual Study Marathon. During the two-day event, May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, a good 121 students crowded the place as they reviewed for their final exams while treated to great snacks and drinks, thanks to Student Services.

The peer instructors/tutors managed to assist with the reviewing of the students. The staff of SSS-Project Beacon would like to encourage the program participants and all students of the college to do well on all of their final exams. We would also like to wish all a safe and fun summer. Until next time everyone!



Peer tutors reviewing for the final exams with their fellow classmates.



English Instructor, Midori Mersai (r) providing assistance to a student.

## Sixty-Three Students Complete Art Class



Dean Willy Wally (far right) with Koror State Government Youth & Cultural Affairs Director, Scott Yano, and Art Teacher, Alegria Richardson and art students pose near the spectacular display of the students' artwork at Koror State Government.

7<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>, every Saturdays for four hours each session.

The students' beautiful artworks were displayed at the ceremony where President Tellei and Cultural Affairs Chief Lazarus Ulengchong awarded the students' certificates of completion.

Senator Joshua Koshiba, PCC Dean of Continuing Education, Willy Wally, and Koror State Governor, Yoshitaka Adachi gave special remarks as well. Parents were also there to witness this special ceremony and see the work of their extremely talented kids.

Sixty-three (63) students ranging from 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> graders from all the elementary schools in Koror received their certificates last week Friday for participating in the Art Class on Water Color sponsored by the Koror State Government Youth and Cultural Affairs in collaboration with PCC-Continuing Education (CE) office.

The art class, taught by Alegria Richardson, was divided into two sessions from March 3<sup>rd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> and April

Dean Wally would like to take this opportunity and thank Koror State Government for funding the program and for arranging a very well organized, memorable ceremony for the students. We look forward to many more programs from Koror State Government! Dean Wally also thanks the students for their participation as well as their parents for their support. Also, special thanks to Alegria Richardson for sharing her expertise with the elementary students.