

Alumni Notes

Class of 1971(MOC)



Jack Ngirngesang-
1971 MOC graduate with a Vocational Diploma (VDIP) in Drafting.

Ngirngesang, one of the first MOC graduates worked for OICC for 17 years (1973-1990) as a construction Field Engineer before taking on his current assignment as an Engineer with the CIP office. He has been with CIP for 15 years.

Class of 1982(MOC)



Ignacia Oilouch-
1982 MOC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement in General Office Clerk. Oilouch has been teaching for many years at Palau High School.

Class of 1997 (PCC)



Mitsko Sugiyama-
1997 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Business Accounting. Sugiyama works as a Registrar for Maris Stella School.

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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Celebrating Birthdays



Adora N. Andreas May 19
Akiko Udui May 20
Sharleene Skebong May 23

Happy Birthday To You!

Job Opportunity

Position: Dean of Students
Salary : PL-B/1 to B/12 \$18,730 to \$28,833 per annum
(Depending on qualifications)

Examples of Duties

- Under the direct supervision of the President, the Dean of Students is responsible for overall supervision of the Student Services Division, which includes the areas of guidance and counseling, residential living, recreation, student health, admissions and financial aid, registrar and student organization.
- Such duties and responsibilities include assisting in the planning of Students Programs, implementation of programs and evaluating their effectiveness.
- Serves as a liaison between students and other PCC divisions in areas of student concerns; responsible for maintaining an efficient student record keeping and registration system.
- Responsible for handling all disciplinary problems as referred by dormitory manager and instructional staff. Assist students in their educational planning by providing individual and group counseling opportunities. Oversees the operation of all students related activities, such as mail, student body association, students clubs and organizational. Serve as member, or chair in college committees and perform other duties as may be assigned by the President.

Minimum Qualifications Requirements

Master's degree in psychology, guidance and counseling, school administration and/or a related field from U.S. accredited institutions, plus at least three years of work experience with students.

General Information

Application forms can be obtained from Human Resources Division, Palau Community College. Or our website at www.palau.edu. Send completed application with transcripts, resume, and verification of previous employment(s), if any, to Human Resources Division, Palau Community College, P.O. Box 9, Koror, Palau 96940. For further information, call telephone number (680) 488-2470/2471, extension number 228.

Enroll at PCC, and Secure Your Future!

Palau Community College is proud to be at the forefront in Palau's efforts to provide higher education opportunities for her citizens. At PCC, we strive to guarantee quality and excellence in all our programs and services. As an accredited institution of higher learning, we offer federal financial aid as well as numerous scholarships to help pay for your education! Call the PCC Office of Admissions and Financial Aid or the PCC Development Office at (680) 488-2470/2471 for information about PCC offerings. We will be very happy to assist you! You may also want to visit our website at www.palau.edu and learn about Palau Community College, and the programs and services we have available for you.



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Weekly Newsletter

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Graduation Next

Friday:

53 STUDENTS TO GRADUATE

A total of fifty-three (53) PCC students are confirmed to graduate during next week's 43rd commencement exercises. This is according to the latest numbers from the chairperson of the graduation's organizing committee, Marensia Edwards.

Edwards said that of the fifty-three, all but thirteen students who are considered "summer candidates" will receive their official degrees on the day of the graduation. "Degrees for summer candidates will be given after the students complete their respective program requirements this summer which is generally just one class or an internship depending on the program the student is enrolled in, and this is normal procedure," she added.

The organizing committee for the graduation held their last official meeting yesterday to once more, go over event details to make sure all are ready. Edward said that next week, effort will focus on rehearsing the script to thus allowing for minor adjustments and ironing of kinks to make sure everything will go smoothly on the day of the occasion.

The 43rd PCC commencement exercises will be noteworthy. Joining the PCC graduates will be students from other schools and programs. 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 will also receive their certificates/degrees during the ceremony.

PCC Upward Bound Gets Ready for SUMMER



The Upward Bound Program conducts monthly workshops on college relevant topics to better prepare students for the rigors of college.

The PCC Upward Bound is ready for the summer! With 36 seniors graduating from the program and enrolling at PCC for the summer and/or going abroad, that leaves 74 underclassmen to bask in the hectic yet exciting summer.

The Upward Bound Program will offer the basic core courses in the following: English Literature & Composition; Mathematics; Science; and Foreign Languages. Each class will be approximately 45 minutes and will be held from Monday to Wednesday, starting at 8:00 in the morning until 4:00 in the afternoon. In addition to the aforementioned, the program will require

students to take a Cultural Awareness Program (CAP) where students will be involved in an independent study; attend group counseling with the Upward Bound Program counselors; have tutoring on all the subjects from the respective teachers; be present in all the college preparatory

workshops; go on field trips; and last but not least, work 8 hours a day every Thursdays and Fridays for various agencies in Palau as part of the work-study program.

Although the services and activities provided by the program may seem hectic, the student retreat which is scheduled for the 30th of May to open the summer component and the computerized mathematics (Algebra I to Calculus) and foreign languages (French, Spanish, Japanese, Chinese) classes, will hopefully make this summer an exciting and rewarding experience all the same.

High School Graduation Dates

School	Date
1. Emmaus High School	- Thursday May 18th
2. Bethania High School	- Saturday May 20th
3. Belau Modekngai School	- Saturday May 20th
4. Palau High School	- Wednesday May 24th
5. Palau Community College	- Friday May 26th
6. Mindszenty High School	- Saturday May 27th
7. Palau Mission Academy	- Sunday May 28th

SBA Donates to HIRC

On May 17th, the PCC Student Body Association members accompanied by the Dean of Students Presley Etibek paid a visit to the Health and Information Resources Center (HIRC) for HIV, AIDS & STD. The purpose of their visit was to donate \$450.00 to help HIRC services in preventing the spread of HIV, AIDS and STD.



HIRC Hana Ngiruchelbad receiving the check of \$450.00 from the PCC SBA student and Dean Presley Etibek with HIRC Community Advisory member Joe Giramur

The HIRC is under the Communicable Disease Center, Bureau of Public Health of the Ministry of Health. Hana Ngiruchelbad is the Administrator of the HIRC. She welcomed the SBA members and Dean Etibek and gave a brief statement about the purpose of the HIRC. She said that the purpose of HIRC is to provide information and resources to any individuals in the community who has questions regarding any kind of communicable diseases. HIRC is working with different level age groups, advising and giving information about the cause and danger of the HIV, AIDS and STD through conferences and radio programs. She added that the HIRC is equipped with brochures, pamphlets and documented history of different types of communicable diseases available for public.

The Palau Community College is in a plan of HIRC plans to establish an office on campus to better target the students who are among the age groups most vulnerable to HIV-AIDS. The HIRC office is currently located on the second floor of the IA building in Madalalai. For further information, contact telephone number 488-2757.

PCC's 'Vinceland' Continues Amazing Artwork Across Campus



Vinceland's artistic talent has caught the attention of numerous passersby both young and old. Seen above putting paint to wall of the BTACHES classroom building much to the amazement of a young admirer.

He is no longer just another hard working PCC employee. He is, at least to everyone here at the College, 'Vinceland'. While his official name is Vince Akiwo, the College family has given him his honorary title, 'Vinceland', because the beautiful artwork that he has painted all over the campus facilities and retaining walls reminds everyone of the works of world famous painter Wyland.

Two years ago, PCC President Tellei directed Mr. Akiwo to paint "some type of artwork" on the retaining wall behind the MIICH building. A few weeks later, Mr. Akiwo had drawn and painted a myriad of deep sea fish all the way to shallow water marine life. The painting was so good that it got the attention of everyone who ventured to the Palau National Track, across the parking lot from the wall.

Since then, President Tellei has commissioned Mr. Akiwo, now 'Vinceland, to

bring to life the remaining PCC walls. Today, Vinceland is painting the wall of BTACHES classroom building next to the PCC Library. Rather than painting mere scenery, Vinceland has painted Palauan legends on these walls, ranging from the brave and noble warrior of Aimeliik *Ngiratumerang*, to the legend of the Ruul that signifies the wisdom and patience of the older and more experienced compared to the rash and hurried acts of youth.

Currently, Vinceland is painting the legend of *Dirrengas*, the woman who advocated peace, by stepping in the line of fire between two warring factions. Needless to say, his work has managed to spark the interest of others into considering 'art', as well as inspire others to learn about Palauan legends and history. Indeed, the College walls have taken on a new look, thanks to the talent and skills of Vinceland!

BITS AND PIECES...

Student Services Staff Conduct SAT 10 at Bethania High School...

Counselors Deikola Olikong and Hilda Ngiralmu and project beacon instructors Midori Mersai and Mekreos Silil traveled to Bethania High School earlier this week to administer the SAT 10 test to students there.

This is part of an on-going effort to administer the test to all private elementary and high schools in Palau.

PCC Paddlers to Join Canoe Race for Good Cause...

Students and staff have been practicing relentlessly every evening for the past week in preparation for the canoe regatta to be held tomorrow at the Meyuns seaplane ramp.

The canoe race is sponsored by the Canoe Association of Palau to raise funds for paddlers who will travel to Saipan in June to compete in the Micronesian Games.

PCC has sanctioned two team which are being organized by Hulda Lukas and Dilubch Samil of the development office. The duo are seasoned paddlers who were members of the team canoe from Palau to last year's mini south pacific games. Others who make up the team are students mostly from FSM.

Given their depth of experience and fitness level, PCC paddlers should be among the favorites to place in the top three when all is said and done tomorrow. Come out and witness an exciting day at the races tomorrow.

Visit PCC website: 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!

CRE Food Technology Class Offered

The Palau Community College-Cooperative Research and Extension (PCC-CRE) is offering Food Technology Classes to the public as a way of extending business opportunities to those who are interested in food microenterprises. Results of researches conducted at the R & D Station located in Ngaremlengui State are now ready for dissemination to the public.

Food Technology Classes have been conducted in the States of Ngaremlengui, Melekeok, and Airai. About fifty food products from rootcrops (taro, tapioca and sweet potato), fish, coconuts and bananas have been transferred to 74 graduates of the classes.

Some of the women who have attended the Food Technology Classes have started selling food products. Others prepare the food products for custom practices. Among the food products that were taught to the participants were taro ice cream, taro and tapioca cookies, mochi, fritters, dry mixes to prepare pancake, brownies, muffins, steamed cakes, pasta, doughnuts and *tama*. Food items from taro like salad, chowder, pudding, candies and vinegar are also included. Preparation of fish balls, coconut pudding, and banana bread were adequately learned by the participants. Some of the food products were presented at the "Taste of Palau" event which was held at the Bethlehem Market on March 24-25, 2006. Consumer evaluation of twelve food products from taro and tapioca showed excellent results by 270 food tasters who have signed up at the PCC-CRE booth.

The Food Technology Class is conducted by Dr. Lydia Marero, Researcher-Food Technologist of PCC-CRE. A group of 15 to 20 participants is ideal and manageable for all to be able to learn the food preparations and have

hands-on practice. Usually, the class is held from 7:00-9:00 pm when the participants have finished their day-to-day chores. The services are free of charge, but some materials like fish, coconuts and bananas may be requested from the participants. All the rest of the materials, supplies and are provided by CRE. An ideal place to hold the classes is the State abai, old age center, or any suitable meeting place where there are water and electrical



Esisebangiau, a group of Airai women took part in the CRE Food Technology classes.

facilities. The availability of locally manufactured food products is in support of the booming tourism industry which is the lifeblood of the country's economy. Request for such services may be coursed through Vice President Thomas Taro at telephone numbers 488-2746 and 488-4983

PCC Library Hours For Summer 2006

Date(s)	Hours Open
May 29 - June 2, 2006	8am-5pm
June 5 - July 14, 2006	8am-8pm
July 17 - August 18, 2006	8am-5pm

*The above schedule is followed from Monday thru Friday. On Saturdays, the Library is open from 9am - 6pm, and on Sundays it will be open from 12noon - 6pm.

**"No entertainment is so cheap, nor any pleasure so lasting."
-- Lady Mary Wortley Montagu
Check out your PCC Library!!!**