

## Alumni Notes

### Class of 2005 (PCC)

Celeste Sumor -



2005 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement in RSA program. Sumor is a Head Start Program teacher.

### Class of 2002 (PCC)

Julia Wally-



Graduated in 2002 with an Associate of Science degree in Education-Elementary Ed. She is a classroom teacher at the biggest elementary school in Palau-Koror Elm.

School. She is also enrolled in the SDSU Online program, pursuing a BA degree in Education.

### Class of 1982 (MOC)

Denicia Mariur -



1982 MOC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in General Office Clerk. Mariur works for the Office of School Administration of the Ministry of Education.

**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

Sharlene Skebong May 23



Happy Birthday To You!

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Students and staff crowd into the Assembly Hall for the "Stop AIDS-Keep the Promise" event.

masters of ceremonies and kept the event running smoothly. The dance performances by the students made the event not only educational but also fun. Students and staff mingled and danced the afternoon away. PCC Associate Professor Danka Ledgerwood who teaches the OA 221 classes and

supervised the event said she was very happy to see the her students (future office administrators in Palau and Micronesia) actively participate in all aspects of the event, making it a worthwhile activity. The OA 221 class and their instructor Ledgerwood extend appreciation to PCC Vice President Jay Olegeriil, Dean of Students Marensia Edward and her staff Verna Kyota, Executive Assistant Todd Ngramengior, Campus Security Chief Petrus Itelmong and recreation staff Hamilton Maech for their support. Kudos also to Cafeteria Supervisor Ezra Takeo and his assistants for preparing our delicious snacks an refreshments. They also thank the Associated Students of PCC and all the student performers for bringing the "fun" to the gathering. Thank you all very much!



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# Palau Community College



# MESEKIU'S NEWS



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## Students Co-Sponsor HIV-AIDS Awareness Event

Contributed by OA 221 Students



Office Administration students who co-sponsored the "Stop AIDS-Keep the Promise" event pose with participants. (photo by Danka Ledgerwood)

PCC students in the Office Administration (OA) 221 classes, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and the AIDS Prevention Office co-hosted an HIV-AIDS

awareness & prevention event "Stop AIDS - Keep the Promise". This event focused on ABCDs of a healthy sex life. A - Abstinence, B- Be faithful, C - use Condoms

### PCC Assists CMI in Certification Program Development



(l-r) Associate Dean Sherman Daniel, Dean Alvina Timarong, President Tellei, VP Thomas Taro, College of the Marshall Islands Dean of Vocational & Continuing Education Diane Myazoe-Debrum, VP Jay Olegeriil, Exec. Assistant Todd Ngramengior.

The Dean of Vocational & Continuing Education of the College of the Marshall Islands Diane Myazoe-Debrum was on campus this week to meet with PCC President and other college officials to discuss ways in which PCC can assist the College of the Marshall Islands develop its own certification program in the field of carpentry. Myazoe-Debrum also met with PCC Associate Dean of Technical Education to talk about specifics of the PCC construction technology program. She also toured the campus and visited the Western Curriculum Coordination Center (WCCC), a repository on start-ups for vocational programs in the Pacific.

appropriately and Consistently, and D - Do less risky behaviors just as the students and participants did when they showed up for the event last Saturday, dancing, singing, and having fun minus all the "risky behaviors".

The event saw a good attendance of students and staff. Students representing the six island nations at PCC not only attended but they also came prepared to

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Student performer from Yap Islands.

### All Set for 47th Commencement Exercises Next Friday

Adult High & MOH students to Graduate with PCC Students

Everything is all set for Spring graduation scheduled for next Friday, March 28, 2010 according to Registrar Lesley Adachi who is heading the planning of this major college occasion. Ninety (90) prospective PCC graduates are expected to graduate. Twenty (20) Adult High School students are confirmed to graduate as well as three from the Ministry of Health's Substance Abuse Counseling Program. Planning officials, are planning the event for over 100 graduates total. The graduation ceremony will be held at the PCC cafeteria beginning at 10:00 am.

### OPEN Season for Endowment Fund

New Members Registration Ongoing

To find out how you can join the hundreds who are already giving to the Endowment Fund through paycheck allotments, contact PCC Development Office at 488-2471, ext. 253. If you can't come to the office, contact the office at 488-2471, ext. 253 and we'll send someone to find you.

### 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.

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

**Palau Beach Bungalows**  
vacation & relaxation Palauan style

Only \$40 + tax per day  
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Beachside on Babeldaob Island, Melekeok  
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(Students, from Front Page)



Palau student dancers entertain during intermissions. In the opening speech, Allyne Andrew, the HIV-AIDS Prevention Officer with the Palau's Ministry of Health (MOH) talked about the cases of HIV-AIDS in Palau. She said that the illness as we all know is incurable and therefore it is critically important to always conduct such public forums to talk about its prevention. Other MOH officials conducted free screening during the event and further shared that screening is also available at the National Hospital throughout the year.

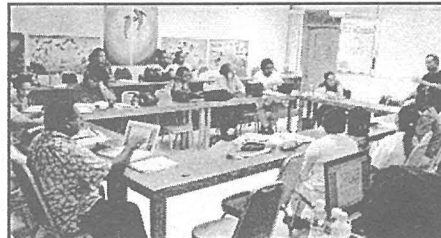
Kimberly Kingzio and Samuel Bikajela, students of the OA 221 class served as  
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## LS Alumni Attends LSTA-IMLS Workshop

Mary Arius who is a graduate of the PCC Library & Information Services program and is the Librarian at the Palau Public Library was in Hawaii last week to attend a workshop by the Library Services Technology Act- Institute of Museum and Library Services (LSTA-IMLS). Attending the workshop with Arius was Interim Librarian Debra Neas.

The workshop was to update and provide information to IMLS grant recipients. Palau Community College and the Ministry of Education's library systems have benefited over the years from grant assistance via the IMLS. Such assistance have been in the form of staff development, workshops, and materials.

## SDSU Online Alum Now Facilitates Classes

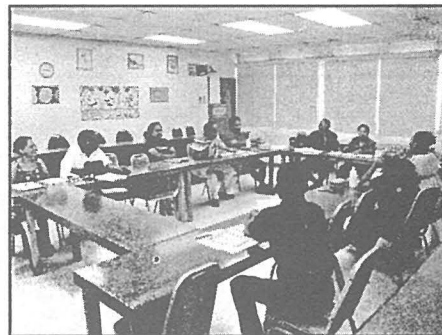


PCC Associate Dean of Technical Education Sherman Daniel (standing-right) who received his master's degree from the San Diego State University online program is now the class facilitator for the program. He facilitates the "Circle Group" master's class- Communication & Group Processes in and Educational Setting (ARP622).



PCC alum Mary Arius (center), Interim Librarian Debra Neas (kneeling-second left) with presenters and participants of the LSTA-IMLS workshop in Hawaii.

## Graduation Committee Finalizes Event Details



Graduation Committee meets to finalize details for next week's PCC 47th Commencement Exercises.

## 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 starting the week of May 24<sup>th</sup> and ending the week of June 28<sup>th</sup>. All classes will be held at Continuing Education Training Room.

**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 (3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
English Reading (3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
English Writing (3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
Palauan Writing (3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
Palauan Reading (3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
Keyboarding (5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>)  
Marine Science (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>)

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...

**TODAY**

### LS Program Holds Farewell Party...

For the second year in row, the PCC Library & Information Services instructor Megan Beard and students are holding a farewell party to celebrate the end of the school year and also to congratulate and bid farewell to the graduating students of the program who will receive their degrees during next week's graduation ceremony. There are five graduates of the program this year. Grace Merong, Miriam Kual, and Tanya Ngirkuteling are from the PCC library. Mary Arius and Sarah Rubario are from the Ministry of Education's Library system.

The PCC LS program is less than five years old, but has already produced three batches of graduates with this year's batch the biggest.

**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

**Reminder: Next Friday, May 28, 2010 is the deadline for submission of applications for the 2010 Japan Government Scholarship.**

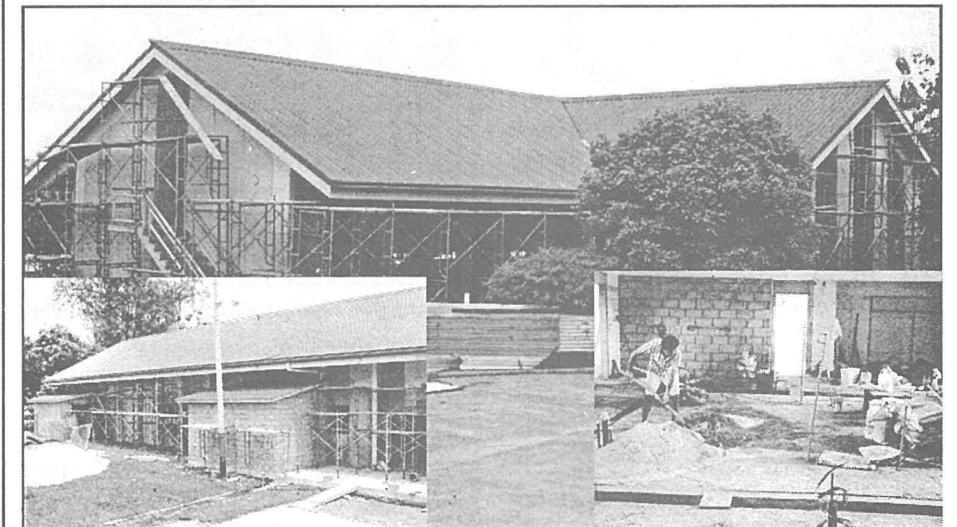
**THANK YOU**

### Grateful Students...

The PCC dorm students and Manager Ephraim Ngirachitei extend sincere thanks to instructor Joshua Ngirgebedangel and his students for servicing the dorm building portable generator.

They also thank hamburger guru and owner of *Bem-Ermii Burger and Fries* Kerai Ngirmekur for donating five delicious cheeseburgers to the raffle drawing during the dorm students' *Tuesday Night* program.

## PTHSE Construction to Finish in August 2010



Construction work continues this week on the Palau Tourism & Hospitality School of Excellence (PTHSE). 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. (inset) View of north side of building with storage rooms; work on inside of building.

## TH Students Circle Babeldaob as Part of Studies

PCC students enrolled in the Tourism & Hospitality- Tour Services program took guests on a guided tour of Palau's big island of Babeldaob. According to instructor Danka Ledgerwood who accompanied the students, the tour served as a hands-on training for students specializing in Tour Services. Under her watchful eyes, students took turns as tour guides to the handful of guests who were selected to join the educational excursion.



## Tourism & Hospitality Club Showcases Projects



Student members of the Tourism & Hospitality Club wrapped up this Spring semester by literally showing the public what they have been busy with. The club set up an informational tent on the main parking lot on Wednesday and talked to visitors about the community projects they are involved in. According to Club President Marie Lamaar, they have been actively working with the Koror State Government and the Palau Visitor's Authority in a number of activities such as coastal cleanups, tree planting programs, and rock islands rehabilitation programs. The Tourism & Hospitality Club is one of the most active student clubs on campus.