

Alumni Notes

Class of 1999 (PCC)

Melanie Yangrelbug -



1999 PCC graduate with an Associate of Arts (AA) degree in Liberal Arts (LA). Yangrelbug graduated with honors, receiving both the Outstanding Student and the Outstanding Citizenship awards. She now shares her knowledge with

students as an elementary school teacher at Meyuns Elementary School.

Class of 1993 (PCC)

Fabian Iyar -



1993 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) in Business Accounting. Iyar who was the Class Valedictorian is now the Chief Executive Officer of the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC).

Class of 1972 (MOC)

Eugene Uehara -



1972 MOC graduate with a Vocational Certificate of Achievement (VCA) in Automotive Mechanics. Uehara who graduated with honors now teaches the same program at PCC. He has been with the College for nearly 40 years and is the current President of the

MOC/PCC Alumni Association. He is one of the longest serving faculty members at PCC, having served from the MOC era to PCC.

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 and all alumni in future issues of the *Mesekiu's News*.

Celebrating Birthdays

Damiana Kunihiro	May 18
Adora Nobuo	May 19
Aurora Del Rosario	May 20
Akiko Udui	May 20
Sharlene Skebong	May 23

Happy Birthday To You!

Congratulations to All Graduates- Class of 2009

The Palau Community College Board of Trustees, Dr. President Patrick U. Tellei, faculty and staff of the college are proud to convey their heartfelt congratulations to the PCC graduating class of 2009, including graduates of the PCC Adult High School program, graduates of the Ministry of Health Substance Abuse and Addiction Counseling program, and the graduates of San Diego State University. We join your families in the celebration of yet another milestone in your educational career, and wish you the best in your future career endeavors as you continue your quest for your professional calling.

Palau Community College further extends congratulations to all the graduating seniors from Belau Modekngai School, Bethania High School, Emmaus High School, Mindszenty High School, Palau High School and Palau Mission Academy. The College extends its congratulations to all Palauan students who are graduating from high schools and colleges abroad. Your hard work and dedication have finally paid off and your main challenge now is where to go from here. As our only accredited institution of higher learning, Palau Community College is prepared, eager and proud to serve you, especially in meeting your educational needs during the first two years of your post-secondary education. Please consider PCC in your future education and training plans. Once again, congratulations to you all and may God bless you.



SDSU graduates standing during yesterday's rehearsal.



Melan Jane Pedro (foreground) of Palau Community Action Agency (PCAA) and Melissa Ueda (dark shades) of SPACO Finances are both SDSU BA degree candidates.



SDSU graduates Renette Meyar, Helene Moros and Gaudencia Ngiramolau



Automotive Mechanics Technology grads. Christopher Carlos, Sadler Franz, and Kelalbai Teblak.



Alex Ngiraingas is the only student graduating from the Ministry of Health/PCC Substance Abuse Addiction Treatment & Counseling Program.



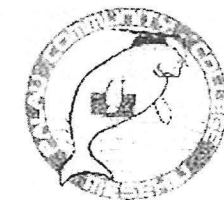
Graduation rehearsal yesterday

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46th Commencement Exercises Today PCC and AHS Graduates to Share Limelight with SDSU and MOH

The 46th Commencement Exercises for Palau Community College begins at 10:00 am today at the PCC Cafeteria. The 2009 PCC graduating class of 2009 and the Adult High School students will be sharing the limelight with bachelor's degree candidates of San Diego State University (SDSU) as well as one student of the Ministry of Health's Counseling Program.

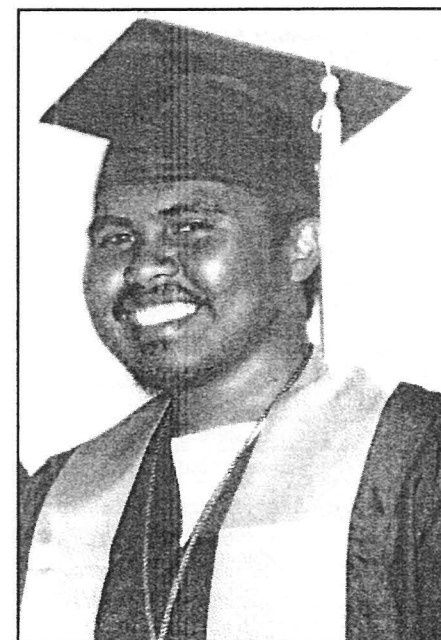
Altogether, over 120 students are expected to participate and organizers say that is one of the larger PCC graduations to date. PCC has a total of 110 graduates with 82 expected to march during this morning's ceremony. All 15 Adult High School graduates will also attend, while the SDSU has confirmed that 23 of the 24 BA degree candidates will attend the ceremony. One student will receive a certificate of completion from the Ministry of Health Counseling Program.

A number of guests as well as family members of graduates arrived earlier this



Dr. Theresa Lally of San Diego State University

week from off-island to attend today's ceremonies. Former Guam Delegate to the US House of Representatives and current University of Guam President Dr. Robert Underwood is the graduation's commencement speaker. Dr. Theresa



Marvin "Joey" Mathew, Valedictorian- PCC Class of 2009 (Associate of Science in Liberal Arts)

Lally of San Diego State University who arrived earlier this week from California will confer the Bachelor of Arts degrees to the SDSU graduating students.

Mathew is Class of 2009 Valedictorian

The Valedictorian Award this year goes to a student of the Liberal Arts Program Marvin "Joey" Mathew, who, out of the 120 graduating students, had the highest grade point average.

Mathew who is a member of Beta Omicron Zeta, a PCC chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society enrolled at PCC in 2007 after graduating from Emmaus High School. During his time as PCC, he has not only excelled academically, but has also been

an active student involved in a number of campus organizations and community outreach activities.

Mathew was elected by his peers to serve as an officer of the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC) for 2008-2009 school year. As a member of ASPCC, he was worked with other clubs on campus to organize activities such as coastal cleanups around PCC and Palau. He also served a critical role as a peer tutor at the Project Beacon office, assisting other students with their studies in English, math, and other subjects. Mathew was a member of the PCC Mesekiu Basketball team to the Belau National Basketball Association, team captain for the Project Beacon intramural team, and a member of the Tourism & Hospitality club.

Outstanding Citizenship

Mathew's exemplary record of community service and active participation on campus has also earned him the honor of being selected as the recipient of the class of 2009 Outstanding Citizenship Award.

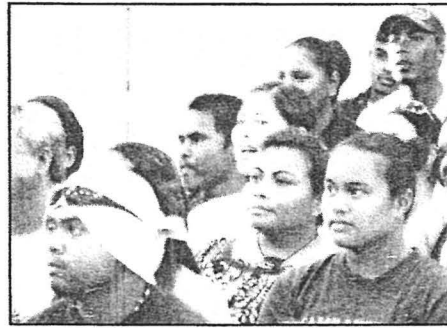


University of Guam President Dr. Robert Underwood and President Tellei after signing a Memorandum of Agreement this spring to strengthen articulation work between PCC and UOG.

See 46th Graduation inside

46th Graduation, from Cover Outstanding Students

The Outstanding Students Award is presented to members of the graduating class who have demonstrated high academic achievements, outstanding attitudes both inside and outside the classroom, self-motivation, and the desire to succeed in their chosen fields during their entire study at PCC. **Recipients of the 2009 Outstanding Students Award are: Yasinda Donre, Lorraine Emul, Edward Hasuroilug, Isaac Seibemai, Jefferson Thomas, Teongel Ngirkelau, Marvin J. Mathew, Sandy Fernandez, and Filly Carabit.** (See below for recipients of Best GPA and Best Effort)



Valeria Rengulbai (c) is one of two Palauans graduating with AS degrees in Early Childhood Education. Behind Rengulbai is Ngedikes Benedict (c) who graduates with an AS degree in Environmental/Marine Science and one of the recipients of the Best GPA Award. Class Valedictorian Marvin Mathew is behind Benedict's right shoulder. Jasyuri Fritz (r) will be receiving the Best Effort Award for the Criminal Justice Program.

Best Cumulative GPA

The Best Cumulative GPA award is sponsored by the MOC/PCC Alumni Association and goes to a student who demonstrated the highest GPA average in his /her respective program, not including general education requirements.

Program	Recipient
Agricultural Science	Valyn Palsis
Automotive Mechanics Technology	Antonio Frederick, Jr.
Business Accounting	Geneva R. Ringang
Business Administration	Maria Paula Ngoriakl
Construction Technology	Ursela Salvador
Criminal Justice	Sherry Sisor
Education	Edward Hasuroilug
Electrical Technology	Dallas M. Ubedei
Environmental/Marine Science	Ngedikes E. Benedict
General Electronics Technology	Amaroy H. Marino
Information Technology	Teongel Ngirkelau
Library & Information Services	Sandy Fernandez
Nursing	Cheryl L. Ongalibang
Office Administration	Akiko B. Udai
Tourism & Hospitality	Julimay T. Ngiratred
Small Engine & Outboard Marine Technology	Sandler Franz

Best Effort

The Best Effort award is also sponsored by the MOC/PCC Alumni Association and is presented to the student in each program who demonstrated the best effort in practical skills application.

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24 to Receive BA degrees from SDSU

Twenty-four students of the San Diego State University (SDSU) on-line program will be marching along side the PCC graduates today to receive their bachelor of science degrees in Education. Most of the SDSU graduates are full-time teachers with various elementary schools under Palau's Ministry of Education.



Seated with other SDSU BA degree candidates, Eileen Babauta(c) and Judson Butelbai, a teacher at George B. Harris Elementary School will receive their bachelor of arts in Education from San Diego State University. Babauta is a PCC Class of 1999 Valedictorian herself.

Adult High School to Recognize Students

Fifteen Adult High School students will receive their high school diplomas today with the following recognized for their high achievements

Deans List

Elizabeth Marie Cruz - 3.8 GPA

High Honor

Lucille Umang - 3.6 GPA

Honor

Rois Nakamura - 3.4 GPA
Martia Renee Limci Thomas - 3.4 GPA
Ongellel Camacho - 3.2 GPA
Elson N. Katosang - 3.1 GPA
Warang Rumong - 3.0 GPA
Chad Leighton Nakamura - 3.0 GPA



Top row (l-r) Elson N. Katosang, Elizabeth Marie Cruz, Martia Thomas Second Row (l-r) Rhonda Ngirarorou (AHS alumni 2006), Olylai Aderiano (AHS alumni 2007), Elle-via Idsmang (AHS alumni 2007), Chad L. Nakamura, Victoria Ann Wesley

BITS AND PIECES...

PCC GRADUATES

Pick up your degrees...

Congratulations to all members of the PCC graduating class of 2009! But before you run off and start making plans for the rest of your life, we ask that you please make one more stop at the Business Office to make sure that your student account is cleared. After which you may proceed to the Registrar's Office for your degrees.

GRADUATION PHOTOS

Free at Development Office...

The PCC Development Office will be taking pictures of the graduation ceremony. After your clear your student accounts with our friendly staff at the Business Office, bring your flashdrives to the Development Office for a copy of the photos. If you have questions, please call Armstrong at 488-2471, ext. 253.

LS PARTY

Graduation Party for LS Program...

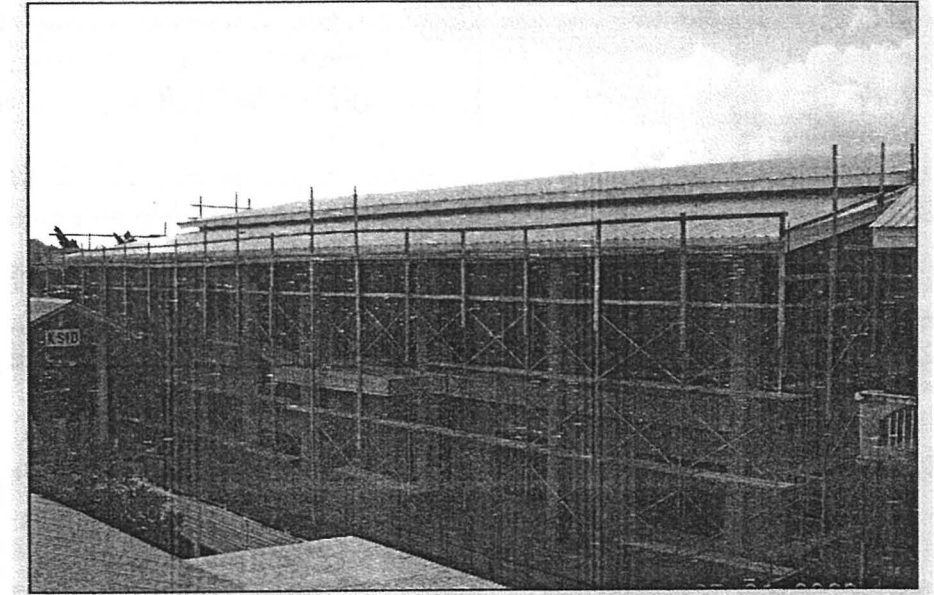
The Library and Services graduation celebration is next Friday, May 29 at the Mesekiu Bai starting at 3:00 pm. This party is to celebrate the accomplishments of our LS graduates and to share with others what the LS Program at PCC is all about. Cake will be served and everyone is invited!

DONATE

Donate canned good and books...

After this morning's graduation, please stop by at the Project Graduation's booth sponsored by the PCC chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Society located outside the cafeteria and donate canned goods and/or children's books. The effort by the PCC honor society is to stop hunger and illiteracy on our community. If you have questions, please contact Deikola Olikong at 488-3036/2690. Thank you.

142 Days Into 270 Days of Construction of the New PCC Library



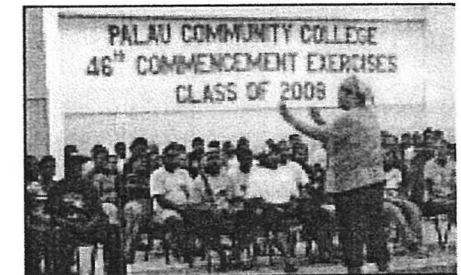
More than half way into the number of construction days of the new PCC library, the three-story structure is starting to take shape as work moves inside to complete interior walls and partitions. Work on the building is slated to be completed in September 2009. The newly constructed building will house the library collections on the first two floors while the top floor will be used for faculty offices and the ASPCC office.

PCC 46th Commencement Exercises

"Faces in the Crowd"



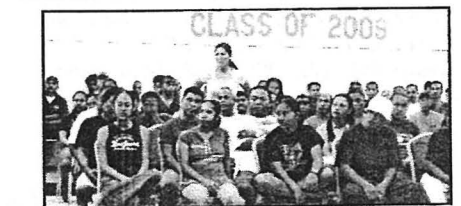
Rosalyn Florendo, a teacher at the biggest public elementary school in Palau- Koror Elementary School- is one of the 24 to receive their BA degrees from San Diego State University.



Director of Student Life Deikola Olikong giving last instructions to everyone during yesterday's graduation rehearsal.



Teongel Ngirkelau (standing-left) has the best cumulative GPA in the Information Technology Program. Ellison Ellis (seated left) graduates with an AA degree in Liberal Arts.



Ador Shirai will receive an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Office Administration while Maloreen Rengul get an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Tourism & Hospitality- Hotel Management.



Sherry Sisor (far-right) is one of two graduates of the Criminal Justice Program. To her right are some of the graduates of the Early Childhood Education from Yap.