

Alumni Notes

Class of 1982(MOC)



Wilson Ongos 1982 MOC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Small Engine & Outboard Marine Technology (SEOMT). Mr. Ongos worked as a Ngaremlengui State Legislator from 1992-2003. At present, Ongos is a Water Plant Operator in Ngaremlengui State under the supervision of the Bureau of Public Works.

Class of 1985(MOC)



Hulda Lukas 1985 MOC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in General Office Clerk (GOC). Ms. Lukas started working as a Senior Clerk Typist for PCC Education & Training department in 1985. She then moved to PCC Development Office in 1994 to work as a Secretary. Hulda is a member of the team Palau - Canoeing.

Class of 1987 (MOC)



Janice Ngiraswei 1987 MOC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Secretarial Science. Ngiraswei was awarded the Outstanding Citizenship award during graduation. In 1996 she graduated from the P.B.M.C.S.P. - U.H. John A. Burns School of Medicine with a Diploma in Community Health, Medicine and Survey from the Fiji School of Medicine. In 2005 she earned a Post-Graduate Diploma in Medical Science from the University of Auckland, New Zealand. Ngiraswei is currently practicing at Family Surgical Clinic with Dr. Emais Roberts.

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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The PCC-CRE Outreach programs are slated to be conducted to all the sixteen (16) states of Palau. Proper coordination of CRE staff with local officials prior to the actual visit is made, and a suitable date and place to conduct the seminar can be arranged. To avail of outreach programs and other services of PCC-CRE, requests may be coursed through Vice President Thomas Taro at telephone numbers 488-2746 and 488-4983.

The PCC-CRE continues to address the concern of enhancing economic opportunities and the quality of life among families and consumers by way of utilizing results of researches in their extension services to the rural communities.

Adult High School Award Recipients- Class of 2006

1. Tanya Ngirkuteling
Exemplary Student Award
2. Carla Marie Esebei
Academic Excellence Award

Notable: Rhondalynn Ngirarorou and Enolagay Ueki completed the Adult High School Program in Fall 2006 and are now enrolled at PCC.

Alumni to Present Awards

The three alumni featured in the **Alumni Notes** section will represent the MOC/PCC Alumni Association in presenting the association's award to PCC student recipients.

PCC Graduating Class 2006 MOC/PCC Alumni Award Recipients

Name	Award	Degree/Certificate	Major
1. Keib Delemel	Best GPA	AS	Agricultural Science
2. Tmetuchl Baules	Best Effort	AS	Business Accounting
3. Teory Nobuo	Best GPA	AS	Business Accounting
4. Harriet Alfonso	Best GPA	CA	Business Accounting & Bookkeeping
5. Jesse Foruw	Best Effort	CA	Business Accounting & Bookkeeping
6. Jenkins Mariur	Best GPA	AS	Criminal Justice
7. Cody Elwais	Best GPA & Best Effort	AAS	Construction Technology
8. Asteen Marcil	Best GPA & Best Effort	AS	Environmental/Marine Science
9. Antonio Tom	Best GPA	AAS	Electrical Technology
10. Mel Petrus	Best GPA & Best Effort	AS	General Electronics
11. Calvin Johaness	Best Effort	AAS	Nursing
12. Rumi Singeo	Best GPA	AS	Nursing
13. Hamilton Maech	Best GPA	CA	Office Administration
14. Xavier Sugwemal	Best Effort	AS	Office Administration
15. Duke Joseph	Best GPA	AAS	Small Engine Technology
16. Dean Blaluk	Best Effort	CA	Tourism & Hospitality/Tour Services
17. Delores Redhor	Best GPA	AS	Tourism & Hospitality/Tour Services

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Celebrating Birthdays

Aurora Del Rosario May 29

Happy Birthday To You!

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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PCC Holds 43rd Commencement Exercises

Two Valedictorians for Class of 2006



The Palau Community College holds its 43rd Commencement Exercises at the College Cafetorium today beginning at 10:00 a.m. While the total number of PCC graduates stands at fifty-three (53), thirty-four (34) of them have chosen to participate in the ceremony. PCC's adult high school program will see (19) Nineteen of its students receive their high school equivalency diplomas. Other graduates are thirty-seven (37) students from Fiji School of Medicine, eleven (11) from the Substance Abuse and Addiction Counseling Program, and six (6) from the Pharmacy Technician Program, who will also receive their certificates/degrees during the ceremony.

This year there is not one but two valedictorians. The valedictorian award is given to student(s) with the highest cumulative grade point average throughout their years of studies at PCC. The valedictorians for the PCC graduating class of 2006 are Alice Pei-Yu Ho who earned an Associate of Arts (AA) in Liberal Arts and Rachel Ngiruos who secured an Associate of Science degree in Secondary Education (EDSE). Ngiruos and Pei Yu Ho will each deliver their own valedictory message to the graduating class and the gathering today.



Alice Pei-Yu Ho, Valedictorian-PCC graduating class of 2006, Associate of Arts- Liberal Arts

Ngiruos taught at Palau Mission Academy from 2000-2002 but because her background was not specific to education, she made the decision to pursue an education degree at PCC. Asked about her plans after graduation, Ngiruos was quick to say that she is job hunting now and asks potential employers who are looking for an experienced and now learned secondary education teacher to please contact her at 488-8104.

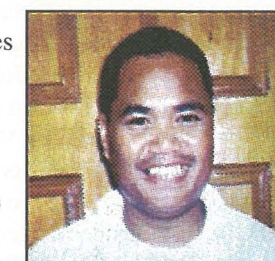
Pei-Yu Ho who is from the Republic of China- Taiwan moved to Palau in 1995 with her family. She attended SDA elementary school and Palau Mission Academy, before transferring to Mindszenty high school where she graduated with her high school diploma in 2004. Asked about her thoughts of being one of the class valedictorian she said that she never thought she'd end up as

valedictorian. "I always try to do my best and not settle for anything less in everything I commit myself to, and apparently that was good enough to make me valedictorian," she tells *Mesekiu's News*

Pei-Yu Ho will attend Pensacola Christian College in Florida, USA this fall semester to pursue a degree in advertising/public relations.

Former Student Trustee Bags Citizenship Award!

Aside from the Valedictory award, the other much-coveted award at PCC commencement exercises is the Outstanding Citizenship award. This award is given to the graduate based on his/her academic achievements, and just as important, also his/her outstanding participation and conduct in all facets of campus life and community services, contributions to the welfare of fellow students, and participation in recreational, social, and student government activities.



Hamilton Maech
Citizenship Award
Associate of Science-Tourism & Hospitality;
Certificate of Achievement-
Office Administration

This year's recipient of the Outstanding Citizenship award is Hamilton Maech. A former student trustee who served on the PCC Board of Trustees from 2003-2005, Maech is a double major graduating with an Associate of Science degree in

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Tourism & Hospitality and Certificate in Office Administration. Maech will still be a student, at least for this summer where he will complete his final requirements for his Certificate of Achievement in Office Administration.

Outstanding Students

At each commencement exercises, the College issues the Outstanding Student Award to deserving students. This award goes 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 the College. This year, the College is proud to bestow this honor to thirteen (13) members of the graduating class of 2006, including the valedictorians and the recipient of the Citizenship Award.

They are: Hui-Chun Chang who is in Tourism & Hospitality Management Program (THHM), Asteen Marcil in Environmental/Marine Science (ES), Mayleen Ngirou in Elementary Education (ELEE), Rachel Ngiruos in Secondary Education (EDSE), Teory Nobuo in Business Accounting (BA), Joyce I. Ramarui in Special Education (EDSP), Delores Redhor in Tourism & Hospitality-Tour Services (THTS), Villany Remengesau in Liberal Arts (LA), Gwendolyn Rengiil in Special Education (EDSP), Rumi Singeo in Nursing (NU), Begonia Tewid in Special Education (EDSP), Atanacia U. Ubedei in Special Education (EDSP), Flora Wasisang in Elementary Education (ELEE).

PCC-CRE Outreach for Rural Development

The Palau Community College-Cooperative Research and Extension (PCC-CRE) is conducting outreach programs aimed at developing the rural communities of Palau.

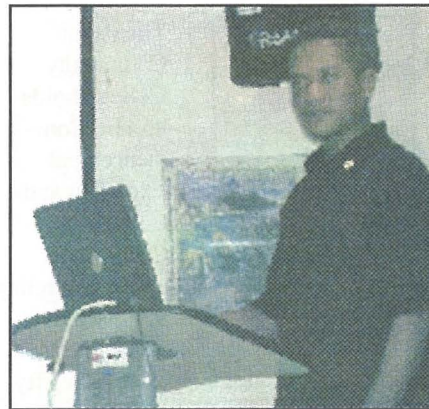
Consistent with the Palau National Economic Development Plan 2020, the PCC-CRE focuses on the development of market-oriented sustainable agriculture and

Environmental/Marine Science (EMS) Program Convenes First Student Symposium

By Shelley Remengesau, EMS student

PCC's Environmental/Marine Science (EMS) Program convened its first student symposium on Wednesday, 17 May 2006 at the Palau International Coral Reef Center. The student who presented his research was Mr. Asteen Marcil. Mr. Marcil worked with Yimnang Golbuu of PICRC to complete the course requirement for his field study class at PCC. The field study culminated with Mr. Marcil's presentation of his field research data, with which he most certainly provided the audience a privileged glimpse into how our activities toward development can indeed overwhelm our pristine and beautiful watersheds. Concentrating on the sedimentation yields of the states of Airai, Ngeremlengui, Ngardmau, and Ngchesar, Mr. Marcil concluded his presentation showing Airai State with the highest sedimentation yield and Ngardmau State with the least. The symposium was altogether a success and exciting step. The instructors and students of the Environmental/Marine Science Program would like to applaud Mr. Marcil for a job well done and congratulate him for the completion of

the program here at PCC. As Dean Alvina Timarong of Academic Affairs construes it, "I think the only way to show how proud I am is to cry. We are very proud of you, and we wish you the best of luck in all your future endeavors. Way to go, Air!" The symposium was funded by the National Science Foundation through the Advanced Technology Education Program.



Asteen Marcil during his presentation at the EMS first student symposium held at the Palau International Coral Reef Center. Marcil is also graduating with an Associate of Science degree in Environmental/Marine Science and is also a recipient of the outstanding student award.

aquaculture in order to boost local production and reduce food importation.

Results of researches conducted at the R&D Station located at Ngaremlengui State are ready for dissemination to the public. Among the services offered are agricultural techniques to improve crop production, crop protection, aquaculture, food and water safety and quality, family and consumer education programs, science education for elementary school pupils, youth programs, and environmental education.

The outreach programs have been conducted in the States of Ngaremlengui, Ngarchelong, Ngaraard,

Melekeok, and Ngiwal. As a result of these programs, farmers have benefited by actually seeing how to plant and take care of taro and tapioca crops. Tissue culture plantlets were given away and field demonstration on root crop cultivation were shown to the farmers. Beneficial insects were released at the farms to control taro and tapioca pests and diseases. Food processing of taro and tapioca were also demonstrated. Food tasting of CRE food products were conducted as well.

In Ngaraard state, demonstration on noni planting was conducted. The noni farm at Ngaraard is regularly visited by the researchers to see progress and growth of the plants.

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BITS AND PIECES... Report Card Reminder ...

All PCC students are reminded to come to the Registrar's Office and pick-up their report cards for spring semester starting next Monday. The office of the Registrar will not give out report cards today, March 26, 2006, PCC Graduation day but will resume normal business hours next week from 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dates to Remember...

- May 14-18, 2006**
International Student Exchange Summit, hosted by PCC Tourism Program
- June 23 to July 4, 2006**
Micronesian Games to be held in Saipan, CNMI
- July 9-10, 2006**
Olechotel Belau Fair, to be held at the Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs Compound
- July 12-14, 2006**
Pacific Educational Conference, to be held on the PCC campus

Cafeteria "Momma" Powers PCC Canoe Team to Gold



The two Palau Community College outrigger canoe team that participated in the Canoe Association of Palau sponsored race last weekend swept first place trophies in both categories (250 meter sprints and 500 meter sprints). The PCC teams wowed the crowd when they beat seasoned strong teams such as Koror State System and Army Corp of Engineer. Cafe "momma" auntie Rosita Weilbacher of the PCC cafeteria, Hulda Lukas, and Lu Samil of the development office provided the horsepower that powered the PCC teams to win the championships! Way to paddle you all!

Palau Community College 43rd Commencement Exercises "Faces in the Crowd"



(l-r) Quintina Nestor, certificate in Primary & Public Health; Jennifer Kailau, certificate in Primary & Public Health; Sylvia Tmodrang, certificate in Public Health; Mesiwai Madlutk, diploma in Public Health; Jun Ushibata, certificate in Primary & Public Health; Nixon Augustine, certificate in Public Health; Rosalita Tadao, certificate in Public Health; and Oshiro Lorin, certificate in Public Health. All are PCC alumni, and will receive their certificates/diplomas today from the Fiji School of Medicine.



Villany Thomas will graduate with an Associate of Science in Liberal Arts. She is also a recipient of the Outstanding Student award. Thomas is planning to attend Grand Valley State University

(GVSU) in Michigan, USA. She says that her educational experience at PCC has been very enriching and rewarding. Physically challenged and wheelchair-bound, she thanks her advisor Marianne Temaungil for helping her with her effort in making PCC a more accessible learning institution to students with disabilities. She also extends gratitude to PCC Library staff for giving her the opportunity to be part of the staff. Lastly to the entire PCC family for their kind help and support.



Rumi Reklai (l) and Valedictorian Rachel Ngiruos. Reklai graduates with an Associate of Science degree in Nursing. She will also receive a certificate in Public Health Nutrition from the Fiji School of Medicine. Rachel Ngiruos receives an Associate of Science in Education.



Adult High School graduates. (l-r) Great Ngotel, Kevin Beketaut, Elgin Tulop Elwais, Warren Worswick. Elwais, who is a world-class wrestler is member of the Palau wrestling team to the Micronesian Games in Saipan this June. Asked about their plans, they all said that they are looking forward to enrolling at Palau Community College this fall semester.



Delores Rdechor (l) graduates with an Associate of Science degree in Tourism & Hospitality. She is currently looking for a job in the tourism field and ask that employers

give her a chance and contact her at 488-5052. Louisa Benaya graduates with an Associate of Science in Nursing and plans on pursuing her education at Fiji School of Medicine.



Vanessa Ngiralmal (l) and Tanya Ngirkuteling, both are graduating from the Adult High School program, and both plan to enroll at PCC this coming fall semester.



Tino Faatuuala graduates with a diploma in Public Health from the Fiji School of Medicine. Faatuuala is known by many as the long-time national "gold medal" coach for team Palau's outrigger canoeing.

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