

Alumni Notes

Class of 2004 & 2005

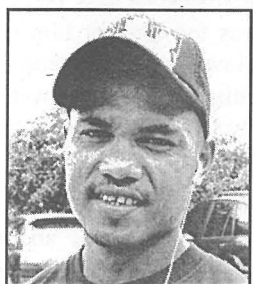
Tanya Rengulbai



Earned her Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Business Accounting in 2004 and Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Office Administration in 2005. Worked at Legal Service from 2007-2008 then moved to become a chamber's clerk in Sept. 2008. *Message: In everything you do, do your best.*

Class of 2008

Sherwin Matam



Earned his Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Construction. Worked with Survivors - Palau and then got hired at Dolphins Pacific working as maintenance crew. He dives daily to ensure the safety of the Dolphin Pacific Bay, does repairs, and more. Enjoys his work, especially knowing he is responsible in ensuring the safety of the two new pups at the bay.

Class of 2009

E-Van T. Ongrung



Earned his Associate of Science (AS) degree in Information Technology. Was on contract and work study at the online lab and then volunteered his time during Christmas break to help set up the open lab for students. Hired in 2011 at PCC as an Instructional Assistant for IT and Computer Technician for the instructors. *Message: Don't limit yourself, as there's so much to know; aim for success not perfection.*

Alumni Notes showcases MOC & PCC alumni who are positive role models and contribute to the quality of life in their local communities. If you are that alumnus/alumna 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

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Celebrating Birthdays

Frutoso Tellei June 02
Leonard Ngiramengior June 04

Happy Birthday to You!

JICA Teaches IT

Kenichi Tezuka of JICA and two JICA volunteer instructors began IT classes through the CE Office this week. PC Trouble Shooting began on Monday, May 23, and Website Development began on Tuesday, May 24, 2011. These two classes meet once a week (Mon & Tue), 6pm - 8pm.

For more information on courses in Computer or Information Technology, contact Leona or Anna at CE Office at 488-6223 or 488-2470 / 2471 ext. 237.



Participants with IT instructors (JICA Volunteers), CE Dean Wally, and Kenichi Tezuka of JICA.

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and researchers from UH-Manoa in different research projects. The highlight of the training is a symposium where Ngiriou will present her research paper to her peers, the program mentors, and other alumni of the URM program. Because she had attended URM last summer, she presented her symposium on May 18, 2011 at the CE Training Room. Her research was titled: *Is Photosynthetic Capacity Similar Among Co-occurring Reef Algae?*

Ngiriou will not be attending graduation today as she departed to UH-Manoa on Sunday, May 22 to begin her summer internship program.

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Summer Kids Program

June 06 - July 15, 2011

Summer Kids Program is a program of the Continuing Education Office that is designed to provide educational activities to enhance and foster students' learning skills.

REGISTER NOW



Call Anna or Leona at CE Office at 488-6223 of 488-2470/71 ext. 237. 25 students per class (Keyboarding - only 20 students).

- Math (3rd - 8th)
- English Reading (3rd - 8th)
- English Writing (3rd - 8th)
- Marine Science (6th - 8th)
- Palauan Orthography (3rd - 8th)
- Keyboarding (6th - 8th)

HELP WANTED

We are looking for mature, reliable, and punctual PCC students to work as lab assistants for the Online and the Open computer labs starting summer 2011. You must be able to work responsibly without constant supervision. If you have these characteristics and are interested, please contact Johvanna Yaoch at 488-2471 (PCC) ext. 256.

Apply Now!

Vacancy Announcement

- (1) English Instructor, Learning Resource Center
Salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum
- (2) Math Instructor, Learning Resource Center
Salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum
- (3) Financial Aid Counselor, Adm. & Financial Aid
Salary range: \$12,049 - \$20,607 per annum
- (4) Computer Technician, Computer Services Office
Salary range: \$12,049 - \$20,607 per annum
- (5) Director, Finance
Salary range: \$18,730 - \$28,833 per annum

For application forms and information, please contact Karen Mobil at PCC Human Resources Office at 488-2470/71, ext. 227.

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Palau Community College



MESEKIU'S NEWS



Friday, May 27, 2011

Weekly Newsletter

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48th Commencement Exercises

Palau Community College commemorates its 48th Commencement Exercises today. Gracing the ceremony as officiators include His Excellency Johnson Toribiong, Ibedul Yutaka M. Gibbons and Reklai Raphael B. Ngirmang. Also attending today's commencement to award Master's Degree are SDSU officials, Dean Ric A. Hovda, PhD, Co-Directors - Interwork Institute Caren L. Sax, EdD and Fred R. MacFarlane, PhD.

Graduating today are 93 PCC graduates, 20 Adult High School graduates, 26 graduates from SDSU Masters Program in Education-Educational Leadership and 3 from Substance Abuse and Addiction Treatment Counseling Program.



2011 Valedictorian is John Ferdinand Takisang, member of the Beta Omicron Zeta Chapter - Phi Theta Kappa and a recipient of the Outstanding Student Award.

Recipient of the Outstanding Citizenship Award is recognized for outstanding participation, contribution and conduct all campus life, community services and academic achievement. The award this year is given to Amylaine B. Sasao.

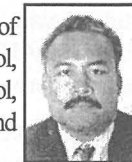
The Outstanding Student Award is presented to the following graduating students:

- Glory Kemesong
- Flora Kintaro
- Amylaine Sasao
- Theresita Skang (EDEE major)
- Theresita Skang (EDSP major)
- Gwenethyan Williams

Congratulations Graduates of 2011



On behalf of Palau Community College, we congratulate all Graduates of 2011 - PCC, Adult High School, MOH, SDSU, Belau Modekngai School, Bethania High School, Emmaus High School, Mindszenty High School, Palau High School, Palau Mission Academy, all elementary schools, and all Palauan students who are attending high schools and colleges abroad.



MOC/PCC Alumni Awards 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	Deidli S. Subris
Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Technology	Bija Jesse
Automotive Mechanics Technology	Sione R. Isechal
Business Accounting	Lisa K. Abraham
Business Administration	Antonia L. Ochey
Construction Technology	De-Lugo Florencio
Criminal Justice	Tommy Worswick
Education - Early Childhood	Theresita Skang
Education - Elementary Education	John F. Takisang
Education - Special Education	Gwenethyan Williams
Electrical Technology	Likiaksa Nena
Environmental/Marine Science	Mailie K. Ngiriou
General Electronics Technology	Carlos Wasisang
Information Technology	AmyLaine B. Sasao
Nursing	Flora Kintaro
Office Administration	Kimberly Kingzio
Tourism & Hospitality - Tour Services	Imelda G. Perogolo
Small Engine & Outboard Marine Technology	Lenson J. Felix

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.

Program	Recipient
Agricultural Science	Tyler I. Tellei
Construction Technology	David Salapwa
Criminal Justice	Tommy Worswick
Office Administration	Vallynn E. Ngiralmu

Palau Community College is an accessible public educational institution helping to meet the technical, academic, cultural, social, and economic needs of students and communities by promoting learning opportunities and developing personal excellence.

Adult High School Awards Recipients

Adult High School recognizes a student who has maintained the highest cumulative grade point average and another for having distinguished himself/herself among peers by maintaining high academic standards and



Mackvayne Joshua

high standards of behavior and quality of work on and off-campus, and for their achievements. The Awards given are as follows:

Academic Excellence - Mackvayne Joshua

Exemplary Students - Chance Malchiyanged
Nora Remeliik

Students who were also given recognition during the AHS Program end of the year get together were:

Most Improved - Elui Darrow
Leadership Award - Yuske Adachi
Best Attendance - Chance Malchiyanged
Best Effort - Carmeliza Castillo
Outstanding Student - Mackvayne Joshua

Ngiriou - Recipient of URM Scholarship



Mailie gets check from Associate Dean Daniel after completing her symposium presentation.

Congratulations to MailieLora Ngiriou, completing her Associate of Science Degree in Environmental/Marine Science this Spring 2011. She has been awarded the Undergraduate Research & Mentoring (URM) Program Scholarship at the Univeristy of Hawaii (UH) - Manoa. MailieLora received this scholarship for the third time, and is going to continue her education at UH-Manoa upon completion of her summer URM program. URM is an interdisciplinary program in environmental science funded by the National Science Foundation that provides an opportunity for students from the Pacific Islands to assist scientists

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International Student Taichi Departs



Taichi's daily expression... A BIG SMILE!!

Taichi Kikuchi returned home on Wednesday (May 25, 2011) after spending two semesters attending PCC. As an International Exchange Student from Waseda University, Taichi came to PCC not knowing what to expect. The process in getting all required documents ready to enable him to attend PCC was easy enough. Once he got on campus, he felt the cultural differences, a huge gap. At first, he didn't like the awkwardness, didn't understand the differences and the people. He quickly realized his mistake because he saw that the Micronesians had big hearts. They always seemed happy, as if nothing stressed them out. He learned much about the dorm residents the first semester, befriending many. Second semester, he ventured out and got to know JICA volunteers and other Japanese around Palau. Out of this experience, he gained a brother from Chuuk - Lenson Felix; got to travel to Peliliu and Kayangel; certified as an open water diver; and made life long friends. One of his favorite memory had to be when the dorm male retreat took place in Ngeremlengui. He enjoyed the bonding, and will never forget the experience. The many memories of his time in Palau will be cherished forever.

Taichi enjoyed taking Science and Math courses which peaked his interest in Science. Taichi is excited to continue his education at Waseda University. After completing at Waseda, he hopes to return to Palau to visit, get some diving in, and see friends that he has made. Taichi would love to hear from PCC students. To keep in touch, email him at mailkikiam@yahoo.co.jp.

Congratulations CLASS of 2011! From the Faculty Senate Association

BITS AND PIECES...

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Internship Pre-Placement Workshop

An Internship Pre-Placement Workshop has been scheduled for all students who are scheduled to complete their internship training this summer 2011 as follows:

When: Friday (June 3, 2011)

Time: 9:00am

Venue: CE Training Room

All summer internship candidates are strongly urged to attend this very important workshop on time as scheduled. The workshop will provide you with important tips and common sense advice that may contribute to your successful training experience.

Contact Vincent Ito at CPC Office for further details at 488-6504 or 488-2470 ext. 238.

Summer Library Hours

Library hours will follow new schedule for Summer, starting **MAY 23, 2011:**

Mon - Fri : 8:00am -5:00pm

Sat : 8:00am - 6:00pm

Sun : CLOSED

Note: Extended Library Hours will resume Fall 2011(Aug).

Summer 2011 Schedule

Placement Testing	May 30 - Jun 03
Freshmen Orientation	Jun 02
Academic Adv/Registration	Jun 06 - Jun 08
First day of Instruction	Jun 13
Last day to remove "Inc" grade	Jul 01
Mid Term Exams	Jul 04 - Jul 05
Last day to withdraw	Jul 12
Last day of Instruction	Jul 22
Final Exams	Jul 25 - Jul 27

Please see your counselor if you have questions regarding your schedule or classes.

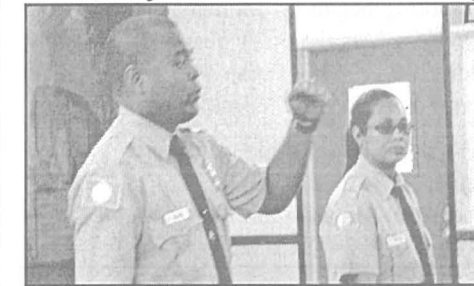
News/Stories Wanted

MESEKIU'S NEWS welcomes stories/articles/announcements from students, faculty, and staff. Submission deadline is Monday at 4:30 p.m. in hard and electronic copies to adoraa@palau.edu, dilubchs@palau.edu, and alvinam@palau.edu.

Please call ext. 250/252/253 if you intend to submit your article after Monday or for more information.

Law Enforcement Presents Procedures

Officers Towai, Gabriel and Sissior, were on PCC campus May 11, 2011 to present to the Palauan students the topic of *Law & Law Enforcement Procedures*. Thirty



Officers Gabriel & Sissior talking about the drug sentences.

students attended the presentation, learning about what the outcomes would be if they are caught with drugs, drinking while underage, driving under the influence, fighting, involved in gangs, and more. The Bureau of Public Safety - Criminal Investigation & Drug (CID) Enforcement Division put this program together to reinforce amongst students the dangers of being involved in any of these activities. Already, there have been incidents of fighting, resulting in manslaughter. The presentation aimed at getting students to realize what

the consequences of making poor decisions will be. Guest speaker Justin Hiroshi, was brought in to talk about his drug experiences; how he didn't plan on killing the SDA



Students learning about the procedures of the Law Enforcement.

Pastor's family; the shame he was facing everyday. But it was too late for him to change anything. Now he will be imprisoned for the rest of his life. Students were given the opportunity to ask him questions about his life and experiences.

CID Officers reminded students that they needed to be careful, to be smart about their activities and choices these upcoming weeks as proms, parties, and graduations were where drugs, alcohol, and fighting can be found or erupt.

MSS 4th Grade Field Trip to PCC/CRE

Contributed by Valentine Sikyang

On Friday, May 6, 2011, twenty-eight fourth graders of Maris Stella School along with four parents as chaperons and their homeroom teachers visited PCC/CRE at Ngeremlengui. The visit extended their knowledge on Social Studies/Science re-

provided insight information on the spawning cycle of fish and how to maintain the hatchery. Students were also able to identify different landforms of Palau such as wetlands, savannas, plains, valleys, terraces, mountains, and hills. The students rated



MSS 4th graders with chaperons, instructors and PCC/CRE staff in front of the Marine Hatchery.

lated lessons such as the process of tissue culturing, preservation of root crops and recognizing different kind of insects and butterflies. At the piggery, they were amazed to be surrounded by pigs and piglets and also learned the materials suited for maintenance of the piggery. The Multi-Species Hatchery Station at Ngermetengel

PCC/CRE and Marine Hatchery as the best field trip they had.

We would like to thank the PCC/CRE management and staff for sharing their expertise in making this field trip educational and memorial event especially the scrumptious lunch they provided..

Tourism Students Give Tours for Class

Contributions by Jewish Ngirakelau - Article, Danka Ledgerwood - Photo

Tourism and Hospitality Tour Guiding and Planning Class (TH 110) students, with their professor Danka Ledgerwood, went for their final field trip last week. I had opportunity to be a member of the evaluation team on this trip.

First, we went to Belau National Museum to tour the Bai in Koror. Next, we went to the Nekken Farm, Taiwanese Mission Farm in Aimeliik where we saw presentations, tasted dragon fruit, and other exotic fruits they produced. We continued to Ngardmau State to observe the new monorail which will be optional to use to go see the biggest waterfall in Palau instead of hiking. Also, we experienced the great hospitality of Ngardmau women who offered us a taste of the "Ngardmau special" which is coconut meat with wasabi and soya sauce. Next stop was Ngaraard State at North Beach Cottages where we had lunch and walked around, touring one of the bungalows. We then continued to Melekeok State - location of the Capitol. We saw the Stone Fac-

es in Melekeok Village and continued on to Airai State to visit the WWII site. We really enjoyed the tour and of course we had a lot of fun. This is one of the best school trips in which the students had chance to show their tour guiding skills. For me, it was amazing to see my younger classmates do well, telling stories and legends about each state. Tourism is one of the biggest industries in Palau and every month the number of visitors rises so we need to be ready and have great tour guides like these from the TH 110 Class.



Taiwan Mission staff, evaluators & Tourism students.