

Alumni Notes

Class of 1974 (MOC)



Isaias Oiterong
1974 MOC
graduate with a
Vocational Certificate of
Achievement (VCA) in
Carpentry (CARP).
Oiterong is a Project
Coordinator for Koror
State Public Works.

Oiterong has dedicated over 20 years of service to the Koror State Government, beginning in 1985 to present.

Class of 2002 (PCC)



Patrick Tebual
2002 PCC graduate
with an Associate of
Science (AS) degree in
Tourism & Hospitality-
Hospitality
Management
(THHM). Tebual is

working for the Masami Asanuma Enterprise as a Store Supervisor. Tebual has been with the company for 4 years.

Class of 2004 (PCC)



Mokokil Rechirei
2004 PCC graduate
with an Associate of
Science (AS) degree in
Criminal Justice (CJ).
Mr. Rechirei is enlisted
in the U.S. Army and
currently holds the rank

of Private First Class (PFC). Rechirei thanks PCC for an opportunity in earning his AS degree which automatically advanced him to the rank of PFC upon enlistment. He give thanks to his student Advisors Joe Chilton, Julie Anastacio and his late Instructor/Advisor Joan Philip for their help and for believing in him. Rechirei is stationing in Fort Knox, Kentucky and waiting for deployment to Iraq in August.

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**.



Upward Bound Summer, from page 2

(Algebra I – Pre-Calculus), Science with Laboratory, Foreign Language, Cultural Awareness Program, Field Trips, Retreat, Work Study, etc.

The Upward Bound Summer is very intense in that UB students are take academic classes and work at the same time for six weeks. UB seniors will be enrolled at PCC while juniors, sophomores, and freshmen will be taking UB classes.

During Orientation at the Ministry of Health, work study students had their picture taken with all the Supervisors and their mentor, Julie Tellei. Dr. Greg Dever, on behalf of Minister of Health gave an overview of what the students should know and be aware of when working at the Ministry of Health, in addition to orienting students to each departments at the ministry.

On behalf of PCC President, UB Parents, Students, & Staff, the Upward Bound Program Director would like to thank all the Government and private agencies for their willingness to mentor and supervise all Upward Bound students this summer in Work-Study Program.

Pandemic Influenza, from page 2

and assistance to state educational agencies, local educational agencies, institutions of higher education, and public and private school communities. Everyone are encouraged to integrate

pandemic influenza preparedness into their ongoing crisis management planning efforts.

Sate and local preparedness is critical. To that end, the Department of Health and Human Services, through the U.S. Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention, has prepared planning checklists to help the education community prepare for a possible pandemic. The checklists may serve as a helpful tool to begin those vital conversations, if they have not happened already. Checklists for K-12 education, child care facilities, and other current and up-to-date information on pandemic influenza, can be found at www.pandemicflu.gov

SAP Policy, from page 3

- Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) review must include all periods of enrollment, whether the student did or did not receive financial aid. Summer credits attempted will affect CGPA and time frame requirements.

- A student pursuing a 2nd degree may be eligible for financial aid. His/her eligibility time frame (ETF) will be determined based on the results of program evaluation by the Registration.

The above SAP Policy will take effect in Summer 2006. For more information, refer to 2006-2007 Financial Aid Handbook or contact the Director of Admissions & Financial Aid at 488-2470 or via e-mail at dahliapcc@palaunet.com.

Celebrating Birthdays

Frutoso Tellei	June 2
Allan Ziegler	June 2
Leu Ngiramengior	June 4

Happy Birthday To You!

Our Apologies

In the last issue of the Mesekiu's News (Volume 8, issue 21), May 26, 2006. On page 3, we inadvertently referred to Villany Rememgesau as Villany Thomas. The correct last name is Remengesau, instead of Thomas. Thank you.

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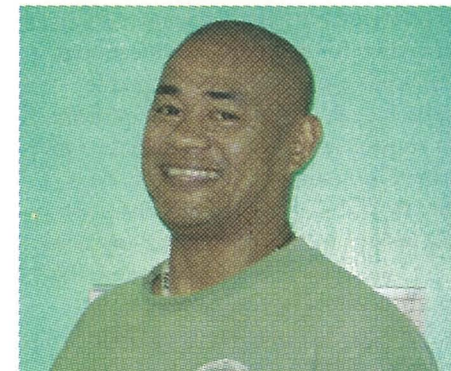
Weekly Newsletter

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PCC Instructor Accepted to Doctorate Program at UH-Manoa

By Shelley Remengesau, PCC student

Our college's very own instructor, Tutii Chilton, has been accepted into the Political Science Program at the University of Hawaii at Manoa for his doctorate degree. Chilton will be pursuing his studies focusing primarily on alternative futures. Driven by his determination and his motto, "It's not that I'm smarter that I succeed, it's that I work harder," Chilton is confident that he can fulfill his goal of attaining his doctorate degree. Chilton is going into the doctorate program for three reasons.



Joe Chilton, PCC Social Studies Instructor

First, it is a personal choice that he has made. Since he began school in 1989 he said to himself, "if I get the opportunity, I will go all the way for my Ph.D; I will do the best I can." His second reason is that he has a community vision for the Republic of Palau; that is, to take the Palau Master Plan 2020, touch it up, review it, and give it direction. This particular reason of his has become one of his ultimate goals ever since he read the master plan in 1995. Finally, Chilton is going into the doctorate program because he wants students to say, "Hey, if Chilton can

do it then so can I!" In an interview with Chilton, he stressed, "Even though I have been accepted into the doctorate program, I have not accomplished anything. Hopefully, in a few years, after I've completed my course work, and after I've completed my dissertation and have had it reviewed and approved, I would have accomplished something and then the real work will begin."

Novel Food Products From Tapioca

By Dr. Lydia Marero, CRE Researcher

The Palau community College-Cooperative Research and Extension (PCC-CRE) is the research arm of the College. Results of researches conducted under



Tapioca cookies and taro bread, some of the food products made by PCC-CRE.

USDA Hatch Act from the project entitled "Processing of Rootcrops in the Republic of Palau" Showed several novel products that can be produced from cassava tubers. Among these novel products from tapioca are fritters, cake

flour and starch. Tapioca flour yields several food products such as tapioca pancake mix, steamed cake mix, bread mix and bread sticks mix. These dry mixes can be processed further into the final food products by adding the liquid ingredients and prepared as directed from the labels. Tapioca chips, supplementary food for growing young children, chowder and soup mixes are also included.

These local food products can serve as potential business opportunities for the booming tourism industry. About twelve tapioca products were taste-tested by several tourists during the Taste of Palau" event conducted at the Bethlehem Market on March 24 and 25, 2006. Results of the consumer taste test showed excellent liking of the products by several tourists who signed up at the PCC-CRE booth.

The PCC-CRE is offering Food Technology Classes as extension services, in order for the public and interested entrepreneurs to learn about the preparation of tapioca food products. The outreach program is free of charge. To avail of these services, request may be sent to Mr. Thomas Taro, Vice President-CRE at telephone numbers 488-2746 and 488-4983.

Local/Regional Events

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

Classic Upward Bound Summer Program 2006 Launched

It's that time of the year where Upward Bound students begin a six-week summer program at PCC campus. Upward Bound students, part-time teachers and other summer staff gathered yesterday, May 29, at PCC



Upward Bound summer students during their visit to the Belau National Hospital.

Cafeteria for 2006 Upward Bound Summer students and staff Orientation.

Thereafter, part-time staff worked on final preparation for their lessons scheduled to begin on June 5, 2006. The Upward Bound students on the other hand were driven to various government and private agencies for Work Study Program Orientation.

Similar to previous summer, Upward Bound students are offered four core courses of English (Literature & composition), Math

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Dorm Students Team Up With Planet Blue Kayak Tours for Coastal Cleanup



For the second time this year, PCC students and local kayak tour company -Planet Blue Kayak Tours- teamed up for a coastal cleanup of the mangrove area from the Meyuns causeway to T-Dock. Owned by Ron and Leticia Leidich, Planet Blue Kayak Tours provided six ocean

A Big Thank You to Minister of Health and Staff

The PCC President Patrick Tellei and Upward Bound Director Kuye Belelai, on behalf of Upward Bound parents, Students, & Staff would like to thank and acknowledge the support of the Ministry of Health and his staff, most especially Ms. Sayuri Marumoto for donating two (2) First Aid Kits for UB students Retreat on Wednesday, May 31, 2006 to Rock Island. Minister of Health had previously donated various medical supplies to PCC before and we truly appreciate your genuine support throughout the years. Below is a picture of Ms. Sayuri Marumoto donating the First Aid Kits to UB staff at UB office, Monday, May 29, 2006.



Director of Upward Bound Program Kuye Belelai, accompanied by staff receiving donations of first aid kit from the Ministry of Health Staff, Sayuri Marumoto.

Management Planning Dealing with Pandemic Influenza

Summary of Margaret Spellings' letter, from the U.S. Secretary of Education, Washington D.C. to college and university institutions

Recently, Margaret Spellings from the Secretary of Education, Washington, D.C., traveled with Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt to call on education officials to make pandemic influenza preparedness a priority. Scientists predict that the world is due for an influenza pandemic. States, school districts, colleges and universities are asked to ensure that their emergency crisis plans include specific measures to prepare for and deal with an influenza pandemic.

Pandemic influenza could have a profound effect on educational institutions. Students would be expected to have high rates of infection. As centers of community life, and as institutions that teach the nation's students, our schools, colleges, and universities must be integrally involved in State and local efforts to plan and prepare for a potential pandemic. In preparation for a pandemic, educational institutions are uniquely equipped to disseminate preventative health information to educators, parents, students, and the local community. They also must be ready to deal with possible interruptions and closings, staff and student absences, and the need to maintain and restore the student-learning environment. Institutions of higher education would face additional challenges, such as addressing the safety and health implications of housing students in dormitories during a pandemic. Furthermore, State or local officials or vaccination sites during a pandemic. Educational institutions must also consider potential challenges related to environmental remediation if their facilities are used in this manner.

Under the leadership of United States President George W. Bush, the White House and each Federal agency are engaged in planning for pandemic influenza. At the U.S. Department of Education, they are developing a pandemic plan to ensure continued services

BITS AND PIECES...

Dates to Remember

- Last Day of Regular Registration
June 2, 2006 (Friday)
- First Day of Instruction
June 5, 2006
- Late Registration/Drop & Add Period
June 5-6, 2006 (M-T)
- Mid-Term Period
June 15-16, 2006 (TH-F)
- Last Day for all Withdrawals ("W" Grades) - June 23, 2006 (F)
- Last Day to Remove Incomplete Grades for Spring Semester 2006
June 26, 2006 (M)
- Last Day of Instruction
June 05, 2006 (W)
- Internships Begin
July 10, 2006 (M)
- Grades Due
July 11, 2006 (T)

Scholarship Opportunities

All graduating high school seniors and current PCC students from Palau who will attend PCC this coming school year 2006-2007, applications for the following PCC based scholarship programs will be available this summer.

1. Prince Leeboo Scholarship
2. Shell Company (Pacific Islands) Ltd. Scholarship
3. Pierantozzi Scholarship
4. Roman Tmetuchl Scholarship
5. Karita Asanuma Scholarship
6. Moylan's Insurance Scholarship

Additional scholarship opportunities are available at Palau National Scholarship Office adjacent to Palau High School. To find out, contact the National Scholarship Office at telephone number 488-3608.

Boost your writing skills...

Writing Workshop
June 16, 2006
3:00 – 5:00 PM

Anyone interested in the workshop can contact PCC Library at telephone number 488-3540 or PCC Development Office at telephone number 2470. Or e-mail to pcclib@palau.edu for further details.

Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Policy

In accordance with regulations governing Financial Aid programs, students are required to make Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) toward completion of their educational goals. The following requirements must be met in order to be granted financial aid.

Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Policy is composed to two measurements. **(1) Qualitative Measurement** - A measure of student's academic progress, such as grade point average; **(2) Quantitative Measurement** - A measure of maximum time frame in which a student must complete his/her program of study and the total number of credits required each semester. The calculation will count all credits attempted at PCC including remedial/developmental courses and transfer credits.

FINANCIAL AID GOOD STANDING

1. Complete your 1st degree within the maximum time frame of 90 credits AND
2. Maintain a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 2.00 or better AND
3. Successfully complete a minimum number of credits per semester based on enrollment status as follows:

Full-Time	Required	%Time	Required
12 crs or more	12	9-11 crs	9
1/2 Time	Required	Least 1/2 Time	Required
6-8 crs	6	1-5 crs	All credits

FINANCIAL AID PROBATION

1. Your CGPA falls below 2.00 - Academic Probation OR
2. You fail to successfully complete at least the minimum required number of credits based on enrollment status

FINANCIAL AID SUSPENSION

1. You fail to complete your 1st degree within the maximum time frame of 90 credits OR
2. Your CGPA remains below 2.00 for two consecutive semesters OR
3. You fail to successfully complete the minimum required credits within two consecutive semesters

FINANCIAL AID APPEAL PROCESS

A student who is placed on Financial Aid Suspension may appeal for reinstatement of financial aid following the steps below:

1. State reasons for not maintaining financial aid good standing.
2. Submit petition to the Director of Admissions & Financial Aid upon receipt of suspension letter and before the regular registration day.
3. Your petition will be reviewed by the Retention Committee and you will be notified of the decision within ten working days.

Notes:

- Financial aid eligibility may be reinstated when you complete all deficient credits at your own expense and/or achieve a CGPA of 2.0 or better.
- Courses that are repeated will count in the calculation of hours attempted for the eligibility time frame. Courses that are repeated for the second time will not be covered by financial aid.