

## Alumni Notes

### Class of 1977 (MOC)

Ronny Ngirachereang-



1977 MOC graduate with a Vocational Certificate in Heavy Equipment-Diesel Mechanics. Ngirachereang works for the Fire Department and is also an At-Large member of the Aivai State Legislature.

### Class of 2003 (PCC)

Sabina Andrew -



2003 PCC graduate with an AS degree in Tourism & Hospitality. Andrew works as a teacher at the biggest high school in Palau, Palau High School. She also won the Teacher of the Year Award.

### Class of 2009 (PCC)

Mileana Ngirmeriil-



2009 PCC graduate with a degree in Office Administration. Ngirmeriil recently took on a position as Office Manager for the Small Business Development Center (SBDC).

**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

Leonard Ngiramengior June 4  
Ginger Chen June 6  
Jerry Taroy June 8

Happy Birthday To You!

## 2010 Commencement in Pictures



### OPEN Season for Endowment Fund New Members Registration Ongoing

This week we welcome new member Hosei Setsuo from PCAA. 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.

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**PCC Graduates for HIRE!**  
See Vincent Ito or call him at 488-2470-71

### 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.

FREE!!!

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## MESEKIU'S NEWS

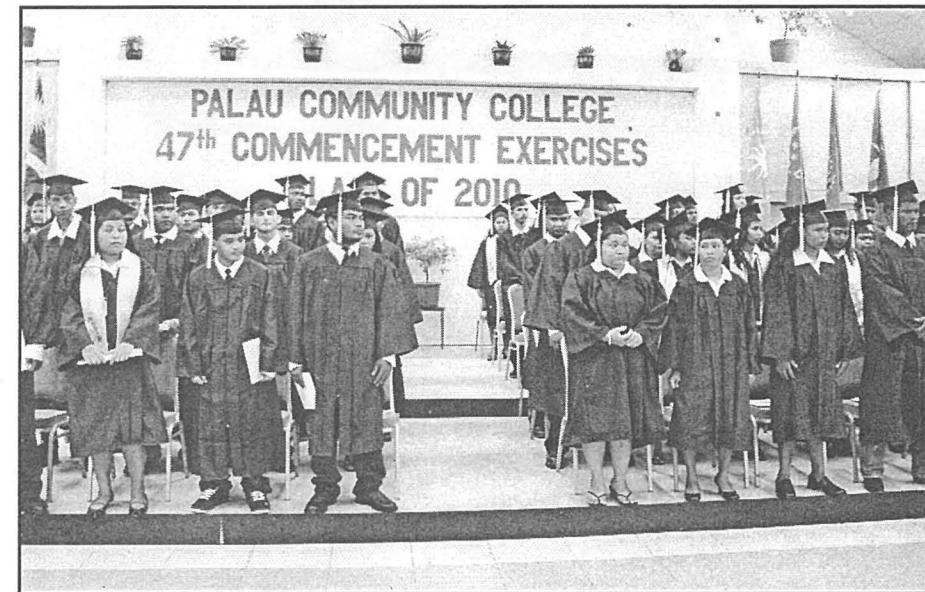


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## 2010 PCC Graduation



PCC Class of 2010

Graduation photos by Danka Ledgerwood

Newly-appointed Minister of State Minister Victor M. Yano who gave the keynote address during last Friday's commencement exercises used his own personal life challenges and difficulties to drive his point across to the graduating class of 2010. He told the graduates that their potential to shape destiny is limitless, rather, it is limited only to what they decide to do with the "tools" they have acquired at PCC.

Using a Palauan saying "Kerbai ma As" meaning general outline and specific marker, he equated *Kerbai* to the PCC institution and *As* to the graduates. He told the graduates that they have learned the general outline at the institutional level, and now they must go out and be dynamic and make their specific mark in the community. "Kerbai ma As" have to be instilled into the consciousness of the young

people of this nation. Each one of you must know who you are, where you have come from, and how you are to advance the conditions in Palau and make it an even better place," he said. He encouraged the graduating students to remain optimistic and ambitious, despite challenges.

A total of one hundred (100) students made up the PCC graduating class of 2010. Each of the eighteen programs at PCC produced a graduate. The Office Administration program which has the biggest enrollment of all programs saw the highest number of students (15) receive their degrees. It was followed by the Liberal Arts program with ten (10) and Electrical Technology with nine (9). Liberal Arts student Aquilla Masami who had the best marks overall was the class valedictorian.

Hundreds of school officials, parents, guests, and friends crowded into the cafeteria to witness the event.



Keynote speaker Minister Dr. Victor Yano delivering his commencement address "Kerbai ma As".

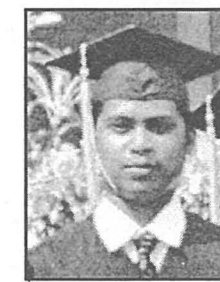
## Congratulations!



Blaluk

PCC Congratulates Bradford Blaluk who graduated with an Associate of Science degree in Criminal Justice and E-Van T. Ongrung with an Associate of Science in Informa-

tion Technology for their dedication and hardwork that enabled them to join the ranks of other graduates who earned the **Best Effort** award.

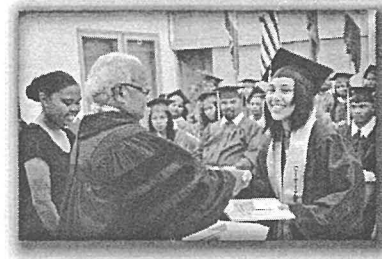
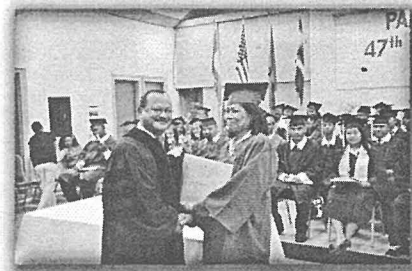
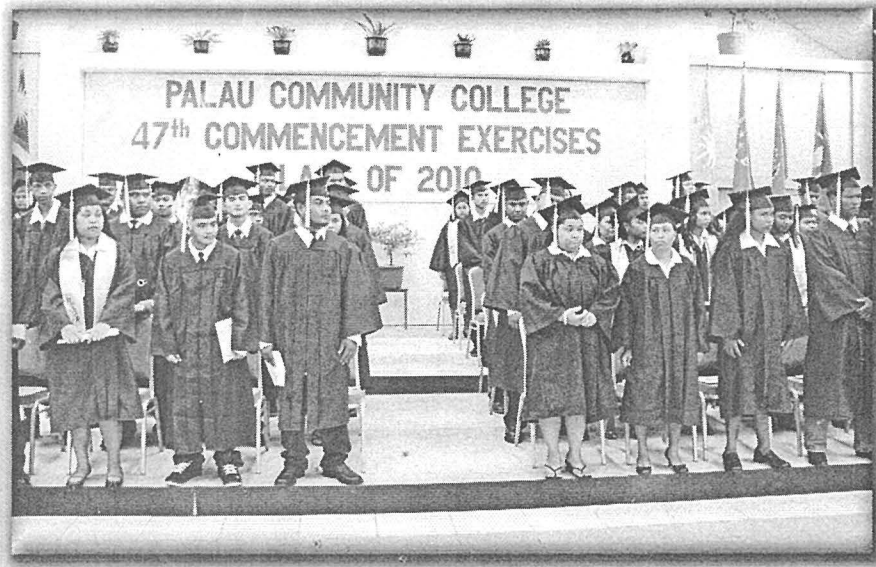


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## WELCOME to all Summer Students

PCC President Patrick U. Tellei, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, Administrator, Faculty & Staff welcomes all new, returning, and continuing students. Thank you for choosing Palau Community College and best wishes for a successful summer semester.

## 2010 Commencement in Pictures...



See More Graduation Pictures on Back Page

### 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 Ngraklei 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...

### 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

### DONATION

#### Student Gives to FSA Scholarship Fund...



Tourism & Hospitality honor student Mesikt Idechong recently donated \$20 dollars to the Faculty Senate Association scholarship fund. FSA thanks Mesikt for the generous act and invites other students to replicate the selfless action.

### SEMINAR

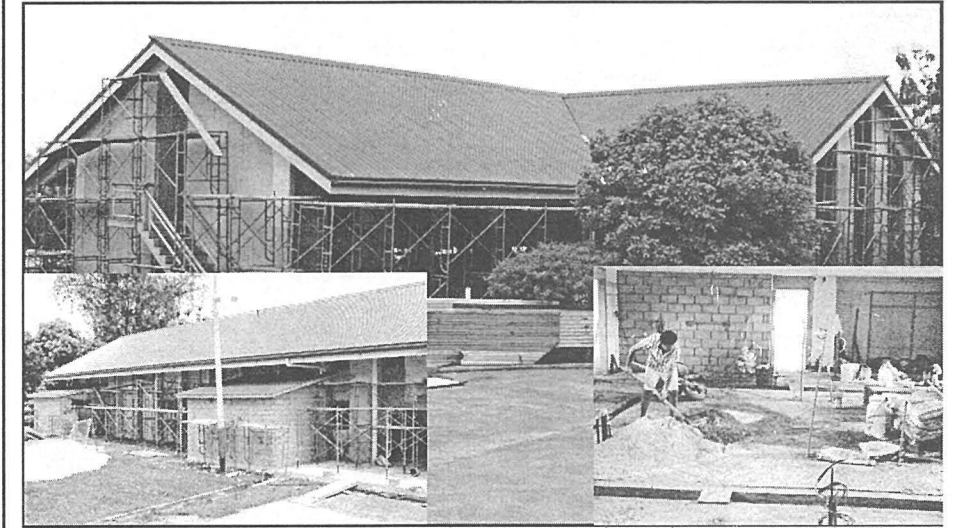
#### Summer Seminar for Teachers...

A seminar will be held in Hawaii from August 8 to August 13 entitled "Hawaii National Great Teachers Seminar". For information, go the following website [www.greatteacher.hawaii.edu](http://www.greatteacher.hawaii.edu). The contact person is Ms. Cindy Martin at: [cindymar@hawaii.edu](mailto:cindymar@hawaii.edu). Fliers also available at Faculty Senate Association mailboxes locate in the Academic Affairs office.

### CORRECTION

PCC class of 2010 Valedictorian Aquilla Masami's received an Associate of Arts (AA) degree in Liberal Arts, not an Associate of Science (AS) as inadvertently reported in the last issue of this newsletter.

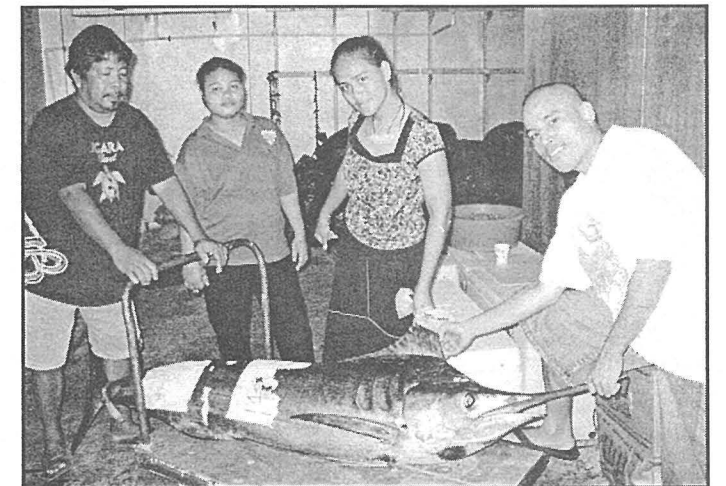
## PTHSE Construction to be Completed in August 2010



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.

## ETPISON CUP Donates Catch to Dorm Students

Grilled fish, fish soup, sashimi (raw fish) most definitely be part of the cafeteria menu for the coming days, thanks to a 150+ pounder blue marlin donated by organizers of the Etpison Cup fishing derby held last weekend. According to cafeteria supervisor Ezra Takeo who was on hand with students and dorm officials to receive the monster fish last weekend thanked Etpison Cup on behalf of PCC. He said that PCC is one of the fortunate non-profit organizations that shares in the catch of the popular fishing derby each year and he hopes this can continue.



Cafeteria supervisor Ezra Takeo, Dorm staff Alice Faletam, and dorm residents Emerald Sebastian of Chuuk and Samuel Bikajela of the Marshall Islands with the 150+ pound blue marlin donation.

who joined Takeo to receive the donation also thanked Etpison Cup organizers for always remembering the dorm students when they allocate the catch from the fishing derby.

Dorm assistant Alice Faletam and two dorm students Emerald Sebastian of Chuuk and Samuel Bikajela of the Marshall Islands

Bikajela and Sebastian who are used to eating fish on a daily basis back in their home islands said they look forward to seeing the blue marlin steak on the cafeteria menu.