

## Alumni Notes

### Class of 2004 (PCC) & 1987 (MOC)

Belinda Eungel -



2004 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Nursing (NU) and a 1987 MOC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in General Office Clerk (GOC). Eungel works

at the Ministry of Health- Infection Prevention Control Committee (IPCC) office. She has been working there for the past year and 3 months.

### Class of 1994 (PCC)

Bevan Stephanus -



1994 PCC graduate with an Associate of Arts (AA) degree in Liberal Arts (LA). Stephanus works at Koror Elementary School as a Teacher. He has been working there for the past 9 months.

### Class of 1973 (MOC)

Adelino Santos -



1973 MOC graduate with a Vocational Certificate of Achievement (VCA) in Plumbing (PL). Santos works at the Bureau of Public Works as a House

Sewer Connection Manager. He has been working there for the past 24 years.

**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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## More Show Support to PCC Endowment Fund



Trina Renguul

Ministry of Health's Dental Assistant, Trina Renguul is the newest member of the Endowment Fund. PCC welcomes the new supporters of the Endowment Fund and invites others who have not signed up to show their support as well. For more information about the PCC Endowment Fund, please contact Hulda, Dilubch, or Koyu at the Development office at 488- 2470/ 2471 ext. 253.

## Mesekiu Receives 2nd Place Trophy for the 2007 Men's Open Volleyball Tournament



Palau Volleyball Federation President, Tmetuchl Baules (left) awards Mesekiu Men's Volleyball team for winning second place at the awarding ceremony last week at Palau High School Spiders' Gym. This was a momentous event for the players as this was the first time they made it to the championships. Congratulations!

## Watson Donates to College

The College, most especially the students, would like to thank Ms. Berrymoon Watson for donating 75 pounds of yellow taro (brak) to the school. Thank you very much for your donation!

## Summer Registration Schedule

Tuesday, June 12th  
(1st Day of Regular Registration)

8:30-11:30 a.m.  
Prospective Graduates/Sophomores  
Freshmen (Enrolled in 2004/2005)  
Last name from A-F

12:30-3:00 p.m.  
Freshmen (Enrolled in 2004/2005)  
Last name from G-M

Wednesday, June 13th

8:30-11:30 a.m.  
Freshmen (Enrolled in 2004/2005)  
Last name from N-S

12:30-3:00 p.m.  
Freshmen (Enrolled in 2004/2005)  
Last name from T-Z  
Freshmen (Enrolled in 2006/2007)  
Last Name from A-K

Thursday, June 14th

8:30-11:30 a.m.  
Freshman (Enrolled in 2006/2007)  
Last name from L-Z

12:30-3:00 p.m.  
Readmitted, Returning, Transfer,  
Unclassified, and Enrichment

Friday, June 15th  
(4th Day/Last Day of Regular Registration)

8:30-11:30 a.m.  
New Students and DUAL

12:30-3:00 p.m.  
OPEN

Monday, June 18th- Tuesday, June 19th

8:30-11:30 a.m. & 12:30-3:00 p.m.  
Late Registration and Add/Drop Period

For more information about the summer registration schedule, please call Registrar's office at 488-2470/2471 ext. 274.

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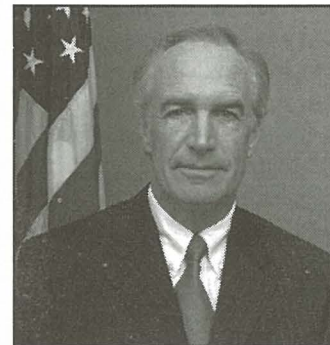


Friday, June 8, 2007

Weekly Newsletter

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## Welcome, DOI Secretary Dirk Kempthorne!



Department of Interior (DOI) Secretary, Dirk Kempthorne

PCC Board of Trustees, President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, Administration, Faculty, Staff, and Students would like to take this opportunity to welcome Department of Interior (DOI) Secretary, Dirk Kempthorne to Palau.

The College will be providing logistical support for the duration that Secretary Kempthorne is on island and will also provide it's boat for his scheduled Rock Islands Tour.

## What Are Your Kids Doing for the Summer?

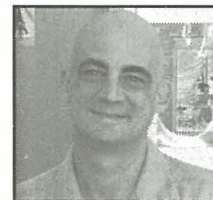
PCC-Continuing Education (CE) Summer Kids Program for 2007 is now offering classes for English Reading, English Writing, Palauan Reading, Palauan Writing, Math, and Music for 3rd to 8th Graders from 8:00am to 5:00pm, Monday to Thursday; and *Marine Science Class for 7th & 8th Graders from 9:00am to 11:00 am, Monday to Thursday*. Maximum number of students for this class is only 20 so, hurry and register your kids!

The classes are designed to provide educational activities for students, enhance their abilities to improve in the subject areas, and foster new skills. These classes are on a first come first serve basis so register as soon as possible to ensure a spot for your kid (s) this summer. Classes will begin on June 25, 2007- July 20, 2007. Last day for registration is June 22, 2007.

CE office is also offering Basic Tagalog Language class so, hurry and sign up!

For more information about these classes or for registration, please contact Taruu Nakamura or Leona Blaluk at 488-2470/2471/6223.

## Farewell Tomlinson, Suzuky, Koshiba, Mita, Ziegler, and Rechirei



Eric Tomlinson, Science Instructor



Kiblai Suzuky, Criminal Justice Instructor



Caryn L. Koshiba, Math Instructor



Takashi Mita, Social Science Associate Professor



Allan Ziegler, Jr., English/Social Science Instructor



Scarlette O. Rechirei, Talent Search Counselor

The College would like to take this opportunity and thank the following instructors and counselor for their invaluable time in educating the students and helping them achieve their educational goals: Eric Tomlinson who taught Social Science and has returned home to the United States; Kiblai Suzuky who taught Criminal Justice and will be leaving to pursue her masters degree; Caryn L.

Koshiba who taught Math and is now working at the Public Auditor's office; Takashi Mita who taught Social Science and has returned to Japan to work and continue to write his dissertation; Allan Ziegler, Jr. who taught English/Social Science and will be working at Cliffside Hotel; and Scarlett Oyo Rechirei who will be moving to Hawaii. Thank you and best wishes from your PCC family!

## Registration Starts Next Week!

See page 4 for more details.

## Hard Work and Perseverance Pays Off



Nino Pate, PCC Institutional Research Analyst and Assessment Consultant

What does it mean to be hardworking and persistent? The College's Institutional Research Analyst and Assessment Consultant, Nino Pate is a great example of someone who has been consistently hardworking and persistent. Chosen among nearly 1,000 entrees, Pate's Masters Thesis "Technical Efficiency of Philippine Rice-Producing Regions: An Econometric Approach" and his advisor and co-author Dr. Augustina Tan-Cruz's thesis were the only two chosen to be presented at the 10th National Convention on Statistics under the Econometrics/Statistical Modeling Category in

October in Philippines.

"When I first saw my name on the National Statistical Coordination Board website, I was very happy and proud. My dream came true! I graduated in 2001 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Statistics and since then, I've always wanted to attend the National Convention. Then in 2004, I was able to join the rest of the nation's statisticians in the 9th convention. The minute I heard one of the presenters, I instantly vowed that I would present my paper at the next convention. I have finally been recognized for my hard work! If it weren't for my postgraduate studies in econometrics, I wouldn't have been able to achieve a statistically significant research paper and get to where I am now", said Pate.

The National Convention on Statistics (NCS), held every three years, is one of

the major statistical events conducted by the Philippine Statistical System (PSS) and spearheaded by the National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB). The highlights of the two-day Convention include the developments affecting the PSS; and to elicit the cooperation and support of statisticians and professionals in related fields from the government, academe, and private sector towards a more responsive statistical system.

"After six years, my dream finally came true. It's a great fulfillment for me. Therefore, my challenge to all students is to try to aim high and hit the mark. With hard work and perseverance, you can fulfill your dreams. The road may not be perfect, but it's worth experiencing", says Pate.

Congratulations Nino, from your family at PCC!

## College Officials to Attend Workshop in San Diego

Trustee Masa-Aki Emesiochl, President Dr. Tellei, Dean Alvina Timarong, Associate Professor Wilma Sukrad, Director Deikola Olikong, Classified Staff President Ephraim Ngrachitei, and Project Director Tchuzie Tadao will be attending the Fifth Leadership Academy at the University of San Diego from July 29th-August 2nd.

Community College Leadership Development Initiative (CCLDI) offers leadership academy which aims to prepare and train current and future classified, faculty, and administrative leaders as well as governance leaders from higher education in the western region. The week-long academy will focus on leadership skills, building and working together to positively affect our student learning outcomes.

## Mesekiu Loses Championship But Bags Most Awards



PCC Baseball team with their trophies at Asahi Baseball Field after the championship game.

On Thursday, May 31st, PCC Mesekiu team lost the championship game to Airai by a score of 10 to 5, closing a very successful season. The 2007 PML pennant winners were unable to forget the seventh and final game. With the exception of a solo homer by Caleb Meltel and a two-run homer by Dekei Ngramengior, PCC's offense never got on track as Airai ace pitcher Tkoel Iyechad allowed only seven hits in nine complete innings.

Airai took an early lead in the first inning on a 2-run homer by Reagan Sidoi. PCC narrowed the lead to 2-1 in the second when PCC clean-up batter Caleb Meltel hit a solo homer over the right field fence. Airai scored again in

the third on a single by Herman Alfonso and another single by Chris Daniel. PCC once again narrowed the lead to 3-2 in the sixth when Ngramengior doubled to bring in Etitel Mad. Airai put the game out of reach in the sixth by scoring six runs on costly errors by PCC's defense and timely hits by Tekau Teriong, Sano Sakurai, and Daniel. Airai would score another run in the eighth inning to increase their lead to 10 to 2. PCC scored two runs in the eighth on a two-run homer by Ngramengior and another in the ninth on a double by Ty Saiske and a single by Bedor Kyota for the final score of 10 to 5.

Although PCC was unable to win the championship trophy, the team collected most awards, including the 2007 pennant trophy, runner-up, batting champion, homerun king, and rookie of the year. Melngis Uchel collected both the batting champion and the homerun king while Etitel Mad won the rookie of the year award. The next season looks promising for Mesekiu as most of this year's players plan to enroll this coming school year.

## BITS AND PIECES...

THANKS

### I'M YOURS Crew Thanks Academic Affairs...

Written by: I'M YOURS Crew



I'M YOURS Crew with the Skeleton from Academic Affairs.

The Koror Elementary School I'M YOURS Crew would like to express our gratitude to the Academic Affairs Office for letting us borrow the science lab skeleton for the production of our Anti-Smoking commercial during the Educational Awareness Week. We are proud to inform Academic Affairs office that our commercial won First Place, and we achieved this accomplishment with your help. Thank you, PCC and Dean Timarong, for your assistance! We are sending you a copy of our Award-winning commercial for your enjoyment, and hope you will take our message about the dangers of smoking to heart.

CORRECTION

### Correction to Last Week's Story...

In last week's issue of Mesekiu's News under the story of *Takeo New SBA President*, the last paragraph stated that Ms. Emrei Takeo will serve the current term until the next SBA election in September of this year. However, it should have stated that Ms. Emrei Takeo, as President-Elect, automatically becomes the SBA President for 2007-2008 according to the by laws of SBA.

## Junior Achievement Students Promote Program at PCC



Junior Achievement (JA) Company Program students with Palau High School students, Palau SBDC officials, JA Chairman, Guam Board, Joe Rios (far left) and PHS Instructor, Lucinio Marcil during their meeting last week at one of the PCC classrooms at Batches building.

Think back to your high school years...did you ever think that you could start your own company while still in high school? Well, now it's possible as with the case of four visiting students from Guam who were accompanied by Junior Achievement (JA) Company Program Chairman, Guam Board, Joe Rios who is also the Sales and Customer Service Manager for Matson Navigation Company and Maria I.D. Pangelinan who is the JA Executive Director and the HLATTE Marketing Specialist for the University of Guam. They were able to meet with Palau High School (PHS) students last week at one of the College's classrooms in Batches building to promote their program. They have also extended their invitation to private high schools as well. PHS students were very

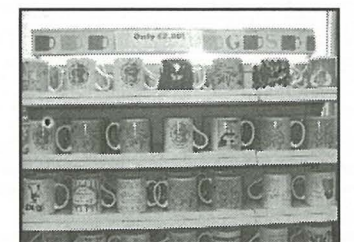
eager and excited to learn about the program and hoped that JA Company Program be implemented in Palau so that they too can learn how to start their own companies. The four visiting students from various high schools in Guam have started their own companies with the help and guidance of the JA Company Program. These four remarkable students are: Jesse Quenga- President, BAM

(Bright Achieving Minds), which won the Company of Year award; Darin Eay-President, SHARP (Students Helping to Achieve Real Profit), who won President of the Year award; Anthony Quenga- member, SHARP, who won Achiever of the Year award; and Tasha Tydingco- Vice President of Production, [tion] (Teen Initiative on eNtrepreneur), who won VP of the Year award. SHARP and [tion] products are T-Shirts but SHARP has their won logo on their T-Shirts, while BAM's products are bags. JA Company Program uses hands-on experiences to help young people understand the economics of life. In partnership with businesses and educators, JA brings the real world to students, opening their minds to their potential. JA programs encompasses business, economics, and entrepreneurship curriculum for students in grades 9 through 12.

## Bookstore Summer Book Sale



The College Bookstore is having a summer sale so come and check it out! Books, Palauan posters, and coffee mugs are on sale for only \$2.00! A variety of interesting books such as *Forbes' Great Minds of Business*, *Gift and Mystery* by Pope John Paul II, *Reinventing Public Education* by Hill/Pierce/Guthrie, *I Can't Remember- Family Stories of Alzheimer's Disease* by Esther Strauss Smoller,



*American Literature and the Culture Wars* by Gregory S. Jay, *Rosa Lee- A Mother and Her Family in Urban America* by Leon Dash, *Do we still need Doctors?* by Dr. John D. Lantos, *A Time to Love* by Barbara Delinsky, *The Green Mile* by Stephen King, and many more are available for sale. The bookstore is open Monday-Friday from 8am to 5pm so, hurry before this sale ends!