

## ALUMNI NOTES

### Class of 1994

Esther Johanes

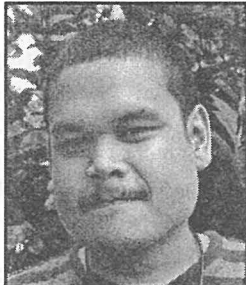


Earned her Associate of Science (AS) degree in Business Accounting. She worked at Palau Horizon as an Accountant from 2006-2009 and now is the Financial Officer at Koror State Government Solid Waste Management for the past three years.

Message: *Stay in school and complete. Life isn't getting any easier; it's much harder. To survive, get your education.*

### Class of 2005

Aiken Uehara



Earned his Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Automotive Mechanics Technology. Worked at Napa Auto Parts as a Parts Salesman, then began working at Koror State Government Solid Waste Management as a Chief Operator at the Recycling Center.

Message: *Study hard, and complete your education. You will find better opportunities when you have your degree.*

### Class of 2012

Romsey Remoket



Earned his Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Construction Technology. He interned during Spring 2012 at Socio - Strangel Construction and was hired on March 06, 2012 after his internship hours were completed.

Message: *Work Hard!*

**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*.

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### Celebrating Birthdays

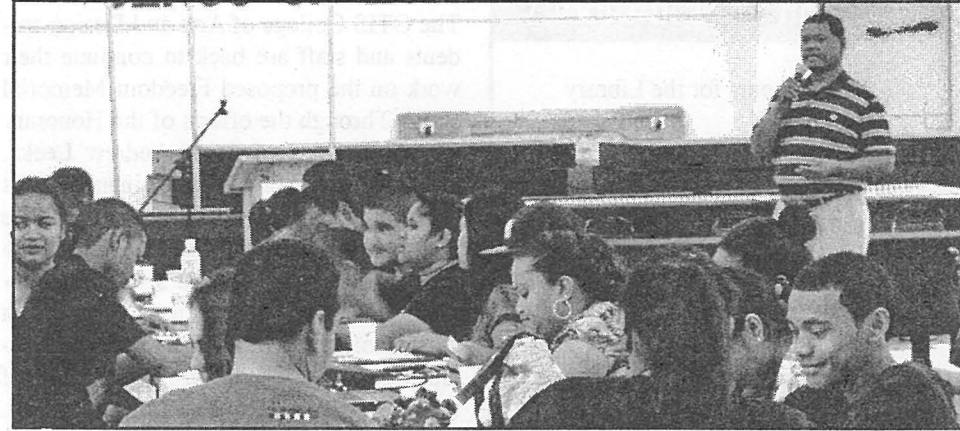
Bibbie Kungangai Jun 12  
Alex Gachalian Jun 16



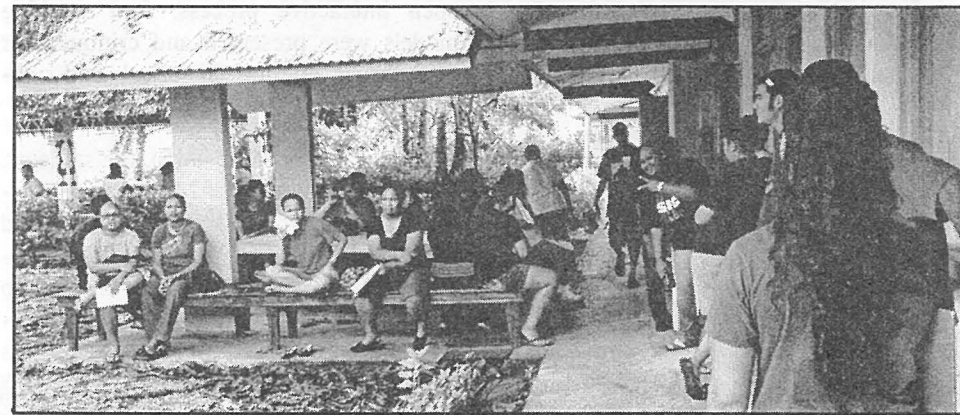
Happy Birthday To You!

## Summer 2012 cont'd from p.1

Thursday and Friday and the official count of registered summer students will be available by next week. Summer classes begin June 11, 2012.



Financial Aid counselor Silil giving explanation to the new students.



Students waiting in line to get clearance and register for the summer.

### 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) Counselor, Student Life Office  
Salary range: \$12,650 - \$19,479 per annum
- (4) CHL Palau Outreach Educator  
Salary range: \$12,653 - \$21,000 per annum
- (5) Researcher/Aquaculturist  
Salary: \$30,000 per annum
- (6) Assistant Director of Admissions & Financial Aid  
Salary range: \$16,010 - \$24,647 per annum
- (7) Librarian  
Salary range: \$16,010 - \$24,647 per annum

### Vacancy Announcement

- (8) Associate Professor, Business Accounting  
Salary range: \$18,009 - \$27,725 per annum
- (9) Associate Professor, Library & Information Serv.  
Salary range: \$18,009 - \$27,725 per annum
- (10) Accounting Technician (Payable)  
Salary range: \$9,913 to \$16,954 per annum
- (11) Accounting Technician (Receivable)  
Salary range: \$9,913 to \$16,954 per annum
- (12) Instructor, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration  
Salary range: \$16,010 to \$21,191 per annum

For application forms and information, please contact Karen Mobil at PCC Human Resources Office at 488-2470/71, ext. 227, email [hr@palau.edu](mailto:hr@palau.edu) or download form at [www.palau.edu](http://www.palau.edu)

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# MESEKIU'S NEWS



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## ACCJC-WASC Approves STEM Disciplines Program Proposal

Contributed by Deikola Olikong

Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) Disciplines Associate of Arts (AA) Degree Program received approval from the Committee on Substantive Change of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges. The Substantive Change Committee met on May 10, 2012 to review the Substantive Change Proposal from Palau Community College to offer a new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)

Program. The Committee acted to approve the proposal and thanks the College for its effort in providing all of the required elements for a complete proposal.

STEM Disciplines Program is designed for individuals interested in professional careers in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics. The program provides basic knowledge and skills needed for the pursuit of a higher education in these fields. The STEM Disciplines Program will begin in Fall 2012.

## UB Awarded Another 5 Year Cycle

Contributed by Kuye Belesai

After nearly three decades of making available much needed after-school academic assistance to under-represented high school students in Palau, the TRIO Upward Bound Program at Palau Community College has once again been awarded to continue its services. The US Department of Education award in the amount of \$1,781,750 will ensure that the long-running TRIO Upward Bound legacy at PCC of helping under-represented college-bound students in the Republic of Palau will continue for another five-year cycle.

Initiated back in 1983, the Upward Bound program's mission remains unchanged and it is to provide fundamental support and opportunities for participants to succeed in their pre-college performance and ultimately in their higher education pursuits. The 110 college-bound high school students who are enrolled in the program are required to take classes in core courses such as Mathematics, English Composition, Litera-

ture, Laboratory Science, and Foreign Language. Additional services such as academic tutoring, advising on college preparation and readiness, assistance in completing college admission and financial aid applications, and preparation for college entrance examination are provided. Furthermore, the services of UB program, under this new grant, have been extended comprehensively to include such services as counseling services designed to improve financial and economic literacy for students and parents, guidance on the assistance in secondary school reentry, and alternative education programs for secondary school dropouts.

For more information about this grant and other TRIO Upward Bound Program services at Palau Community College, contact Program Director Kuye Belesai at 488-2962 or email [belesai@gmail.com](mailto:belesai@gmail.com).

## Summer 2012 Orientation and Registration

2012 Summer Session has begun. On Thursday, May 31, 2012 a total of 65 out of the 111 accepted students attended the Summer Orientation for New Students. Following addresses by Dr. Tellei, VP Taro, Dean Daniel, the new students toured the campus, followed by financial aid workshops and group counseling.

Monday to Wednesday (June 4-6) was the open registration with 353 students completing their registration for Summer 2012. According to the Registrar Lesley Adachi, late registration is on

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## 2nd Year AG Students Intern at UOG

During the summer term, 2nd year Agricultural Science students have the opportunity to apply for the CARIPAC (Caribbean and Pacific Consortium) summer internship program at the University of Guam (UOG). This year, Ng-

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

## Tellei Meet AusAid Representative



L-R: Dean Daniel, Dr. Tellei, Audrey Aarons, Christopher Batchelor and Dean Chilton.

AusAid representative Ms. Audrey Aarons met with Dr. Patrick Tellei and Deans Sherman Daniel & Tutii Chilton to interview and gather information on what other bilateral agreements and assistance can be directed to support the Ministry of Education (MOE) and PCC. At the moment, Christo-

pher Batchelor, Second Language Acquisition Advisor (PACTAM) is working on the TESOL program which is currently being piloted with MOE and PCC teachers. The TESOL program is the first product of the bi-lateral agreements between the two nations.

## Workshops Held for Summer 2012 Students

Contributed by Tublai B. Iililau and Willy Wally



Students attending the workshops listen to presenters.

On May 29, 2012 workshops for summer 2012 students were held at the PCC Assembly Hall with presenters from the Learning Resource Center (LRC) and the Continuing Education (CE). A total of 39 students attended the workshop entitled, "The Benefits of Earning a Bachelor Degree" presented by Tublai B. Iililau of LRC. The workshop centered on the value of a college education; opportunities and benefits of earning a bachelor degree and starting salaries comparison. The presentation was concluded with a special guest speaker, Darnelle Decherong, Executive Director for Primary Health/Community Health Center at the Ministry of Health. Mrs. Decherong attended PCC and transferred to

a 4 year institution, Eastern Oregon University to earn her bachelor degree in Sociology. While sharing her experience she stressed the importance of perseverance during her journey. That with perseverance, anything is possible even with limited financial resources. Higher education is accessible, even more so today because of the multitude of scholarships and financial aid available. She emphasized that she did not come from a well to do family, but she was able to accomplish all her educational goals. Aside from financial aid, she had to work off-campus to earn extra money. She also discussed the importance of knowing ones career interests as she

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Ngeyaol Polycarp.

eyaol Polycarp and Jareel Taimanao were selected to attend this program based on their academic performances.

The duration of the internship is 26 days (June 1 - June 29, 2012). They will be

visiting commercial farms, research facilities both in agriculture and aquaculture including other agriculture related ventures.



Jareel Taimanao

The purpose for these visits are to widen the scope of students' knowledge who are seeking degrees in agriculture and meet potential employers, learning about employment opportunities. Students are required at the end of their internship to write a report and present to CARIPAC at UOG. Upon their return to the school, they are also required to give a presentation to fellow AG students and instructors during the Fall Semester.

The CARIPAC Summer Internship is fully funded by the Residential Instruction for Insular Area Grant Program (RIIA).

### More information of PCC online



www.palau.edu



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## BITS AND PIECES...

### PCC Tan Siu Lin Library

Summer hours for the Library

Monday to Friday: 8am - 5pm

Saturday: 9am - 6pm

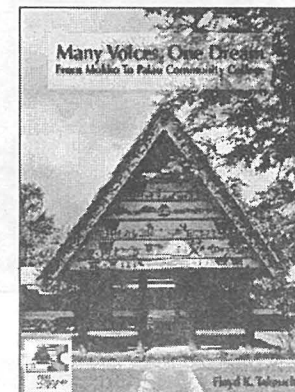
Sunday: CLOSED

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### Lost Item

Black 300GB external hard drive with precious photos of daughter, family members and more has been lost. If found, please return to Sim Tellei at the Learning Resource Center or call 488-3073. Thank you!!

### News/Stories Wanted

MESEKIUS 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](mailto:adoraa@palau.edu), [dilubchs@palau.edu](mailto:dilubchs@palau.edu) and [alvinam@palau.edu](mailto:alvinam@palau.edu).

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

## Freedom Memorial Updates

The OTIS College of Arts and Design students and staff are back to continue their work on the proposed Freedom Memorial Park. Through the efforts of the Honorary Consul General of Palau Andrew Leeka, OTIS began to work on preliminary designs and traveled to Palau last year to share the idea and the designs with the community of Palau. During last year's visit, the students and their instructors worked with elected officials, ministries, Mechesil Belau, Council of Chief, family members of the service men, local artists, civic leaders, students and other stakeholders. Through open interactive process, four working models were presented and critiqued for their visual, cultural, historical, and symbolic attributes.

This year's visit (June 4-15), the students, under the leadership of Mr. Richard Shelton, Director of Integrated Learning and instructors Mrs. May Sun, Ms. Cindi Alvitre and Mr. Jeffrey Vallance, are here to present their latest rendition of the Freedom Memorial based on ideas, comments

and understanding of the culture gathered including those from their meeting with stakeholders last year. To complete the research and final design phase of the project, they will be meeting with all the stakeholders to present the design and to receive their input.

Once the design is final, fund raising efforts begin, including possible grant from Office of Insular Affairs. The project is estimated to cost approximately \$1.5 million.

Schedule of presentations is as follows:

Date	Stakeholders	Location
6/7 (2:30p.m.)	Mechesil Belau	PCC Assembly Hall
6/8 (10:00a.m.)	Museum/Belau Artists	BNM Conf. Rm
6/12 (9:00am)	ROP President/Min. of State	Old OEK
6/12 (2:00p.m.)	Rubekul Belau	PCC Assembly Hall
6/13 (11:30a.m.)	PCC Student/Staff	PCC Assembly Hall
6/14 (3:00 p.m.)	General Public	OTV

For more information regarding the project or presentation schedule, please contact Adora Nobuo, PCC Public Relations Manager at 488-2470 ext. 252 or 775-1204.



Otis students, Instructor Richard Shelton, Bilung Gloria G. Sali, Ebil Reklai Gracia Yalap and the Mechesil Belau.

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found herself changing majors several times until she discovered her true career interests. "Knowing your career interests will help you identify the specific major you wish to pursue." The Transfer Workshop is one of the various services and activities that are geared at inspiring students to pursue and complete their post secondary education.

Following the workshop, Dean Willy Wally of the Continuing Education (CE) gave a presentation on Customer Service. One of the final requirements for students completing

their major programs at PCC is to go through an internship program. This would provide the students an opportunity to practice their acquired skills and knowledge in the real work environment. In preparation for the students to take this final part of their training, PCC require students to take a customer service training before they embark on the real work experience. By attending the customer service training, students gain skills that equip them to handle and deal with customer expectations in a professional manner.