

## Alumni Notes

### Class of 1977 (MOC)

Miriam Ngirmekur -



1977 MOC graduate with a Vocational Certificate of Achievement (VCA) in Secretarial Science. Ngirmekur's began her career with the College in 1980 as a media specialist and in 1999 promoted to Library Technician.

### Class of 1998 (PCC)

Keiden Skilang -



1998 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement in General Office Clerk (GOC). Skilang who went on to obtain his bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Guam is an Assistant Professor with the School of Business at Palau Community College.

### Class of 2004 (PCC)

Rennette Meyar -



2004 PCC graduate with an Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts. Meyar enrolled in the SDSU online program and subsequently received her BA degree in Education. She is currently working on her master's degree from SDSU while working as an Instructor

Assistant at Palau Community College.

**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 and all alumni in future issues of the *Mesekiu's News*.

## Celebrating Birthdays

Jerry Taroy	June 8
Alex Gachalian	June 16
Midori Mersai	June 18

Happy Birthday To You!

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## PCC Canoe Team Places 4th in Local Race

By: Rachana "Elilai" Agarwal

On May 9<sup>th</sup>, the PCC outrigger canoe team competed against six other teams in a canoe competition held at the Neco Marine marina. Despite a dangerous collision which injured the team captain and caused another PCC paddler to lose his paddle, the PCC team paddled vigorously and found itself a place in the finals. Amidst loud cheering and coaching, the PCC team finished a strong fourth in the final round of the competition. However, as paddlers Stephanie Wiley and Jewish Ngiraikelau, two enthusiastic PCC students aptly remarked, the competition was not as much about the actual victory as it was about being winners in "spirit" and "sportsmanship". Well done.



PCC Canoe Team

## Congratulations BPS Staff!



Chinese language instructor Tzu Ching Chen (r) celebrates with Dean of Continuing Education Willy Wally (c) and her Chinese language students from the Bureau of Public Safety during the conclusion of the six-week language class. The Chinese language classes are offered through the Continuing Education office as a service to interested members of the community or to employees of the government. Ching Chen is now teaching a four week course to employees of the Palau Social Security Administration office and officers of the Custom's Office.

## Message of Thanks

Maintenance Staff Wiles Tmecherur, on behalf of his father Tmecherur Oleuachel and his entire family expresses profound and heartfelt appreciation to the PCC family for their prayers and support during the funeral of his sister Pelma "Phey" Tmecherur.  
Kom kmal mlo mesaul.

## Our Condolences

The PCC Family of Board Members, Administrators, Faculty Members, Support Staff, and Students express deepest sympathies to the family of Army Sgt. Jasper Obakrairur who lost his life on June 1 while on tour of duty in Afghanistan as part of the global war on terrorism. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family during this most difficult time of sorrow and grief.

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## 149 New Students Pushes Enrollment Over 400



news for the school and the students as well," said an official with the Admissions and Financial Aid Office. "It means that more and more graduating high

Sixty-three enrolled from Palau High School followed by Mindszenty with twenty-eight. Bethania, Emmaus, Belau Modekngai, and Palau Mission Academy



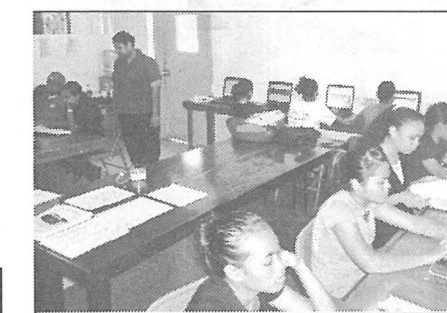
Ministry of Education classroom teachers who enroll in various education courses during the summer break also comprise a considerable part of the enrollment.

The remarkably high number of new students enrolling for this summer semester has pushed the total enrollment above the four hundred mark. According to the latest numbers from the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid, one hundred and seventy-one new student applications were processed with one hundred and forty-four accepted. This has pushed the summer enrollment which is normally in the three hundred range to top four hundred. "This very good

school seniors are identifying with the school's recruitment effort. Moreover, students who enroll this summer can take advantage of the federal financial aid such as Pell Grant and Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG) now available to students for the first time during summer semesters."

Most of the first time students this summer are from local high schools.

## Upward Bound Classic Goes "On-Line"



IT instructor Johvanna Yaoch watches over Upward Bound students in the newly-launched online English class.

The newest and most exciting development for the UB Summer Component this year is the on-line English class. This latest offering this summer gives the program the opportunity to integrate technology with classroom instructions.

The online class is facilitated by PCC IT instructor Johvanna Yaoch who provides the on-site instructional support while PCC English instructor Marraine Temaungil teaches the class. Temaungil teaches the class from New York where she is visiting her family.

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## CE Summer Program Remains Popular Among Kids

One sign that the regular school year is over for elementary school students is their presence here at Palau's only center for higher learning to attend the 2009 Continuing Education Summer Kids Program. Participating students will get a chance to enhance and perfect their learning skills in select core subjects offered in the program this summer. This year's elementary students will be able to opt for classes in Mathematics, English Reading, English Writing, and Keyboarding. Registration for the classes ends today and there are over 60 students currently enrolled and taking classes. The



English reading & writing classes are in demand especially with elementary students

Summer Kids Program offered through the Continuing Education (CE) office

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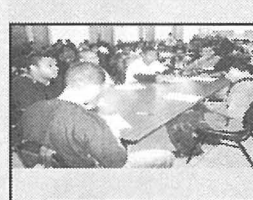
## Upward Bound Classic Summer 2009

The Palau Community College's (PCC's) Upward Bound Program (UB) began its 26<sup>th</sup> intensive Summer Component activities on Monday June 8, 2009. An orientation was held on Thursday June 4, 2009 to familiarize the participant's to their academic classes, work study, and extracurricular activities during the six-week program. The 110 Upward Bound participants compose of Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior participants from Belau Modekngai School (8), Bethania High School (8), Emmaus High School (7), Mindszenty High School (41), Palau High School (42), and Palau Mission Academy (4).

The 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> graders are taking Math, Japanese, and Online English classes in the mornings while the 12<sup>th</sup> graders are enrolled in PCC classes for the summer. The newest and most exciting development for the UB Summer Component this year is the Online English class. This latest offering gives the program the opportunity to integrate technology in the classroom. Our own Johvanna Yaoch handles the on-site instruction while Marianne Temaungil teaches the class from New York.

Monday to Thursday afternoons the students disperse to the 19 governmental and private agencies that agreed to host them this summer which include Continental Airlines, Environmental Quality Protection Board, Kayangel State Government, Koror State Government, Ministry of Health, National Development Bank of Palau, National Weather Service, Ngardmau State Office, Office of the Public Auditor, Palau National Scholarship Board, Palau Postal Service, Palau Community College, Civil Service Pension Plan, Palau National Communications Corporation, Palau National Olympic Committee, Palau Pacific Resort, Ministry of Justice-Public Safety, and Sonsorol State Government. We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the host agencies for mentoring the UB students this summer.

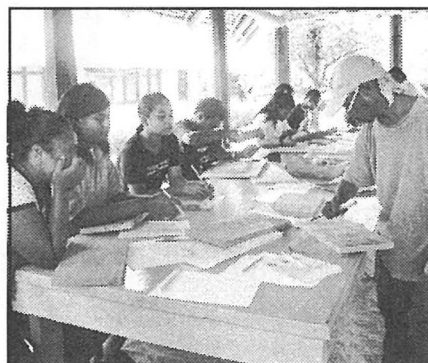
Other summer extracurricular activities include the Cultural Awareness



### CE, from Front Page

includes six dedicated teachers in the program serving the students under the different subject areas. Miriam Anastacio is a math teacher serving third and fourth graders. Alvina Marcil is an English Reading and English Writing teacher coaching fifth through sixth and third and fourth graders respectively in each class. Mayleen Ngiriou teaches math class for seventh and eighth graders. Tanya Patris gives lessons in mathematics for fifth through sixth graders. Julia Wally provides instruction in English Writing for students in the fifth and sixth grade. Karen Mobel conducts classes in keyboarding. The program, which began on June 08, 2009 will continue until July 03, 2009 and has participants from all elementary schools in Koror

and some students from the big island of Babeldaob. Starting next week, The CE Palauan Culture Program will commence with classes in traditional Palauan storyboard carving, basket-weaving, Palauan chants, and traditional arts &



In addition to the academic classes, the CE will also begin its Palauan Cultural classes next week, and they include lessons in story board carving and traditional Palauan spear-crafting.



The CE training room accommodates most of the classes in English, math, and computer keyboarding. PCC classrooms are also used.

crafts. This portion of the CE summer program is made possible through the collaboration of CE with Koror State Government, and Workforce Investment Act (WIA) office.

For more information about the CE summer programs, please contact Taruu or Leona at 488-2471.

## BITS AND PIECES...

**TODAY**

### UB Program Field Trip...

The Upward Bound Program staff and students are in Peleliu today for a Cultural Field Trip. While in Peleliu, the students will tour the island, visiting historical and cultural landmarks to learn about the islands history. The island of Peleliu holds a prominent section in WWII history books as one of the islands that saw the heaviest fighting and loss of lives during the US's Pacific campaign against Japan.

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### Student Learning Outcome Guru to Return...

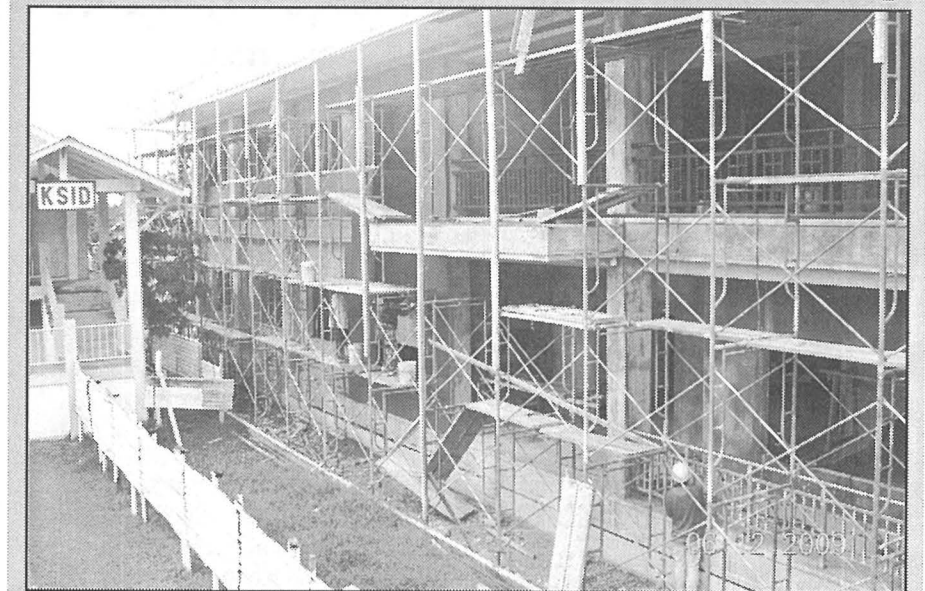
Consultant Dr. Kenneth Gonzalez of the University of San Diego is returning to PCC on July 20-24 to do follow-up work on the Student Learning Outcome seminar he conducted back in January. He will also train selected staff on the organization and utilization of students focus group. Dr. Gonzales has also Please take some times in your busy schedule to review PCC web site he created, and to communicate with him for changes/revision that you wish to make.

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### PCC Graduation Photos at Development Office...

The PCC Development Office, with the support of instructors Rose Aliven-Kohama, Danka Ledgerwood and recent graduate Glow Myotel Ngwal has compiled pictures from the 46th Commencement Exercises and they include numerous pictures of PCC, Adult High School, San Diego State University, and MOH graduates. Photos are of the graduation rehearsals and the graduation event itself. For copies of the photos, bring your USB drives to the Development Office. The Photos are FREE but donations to the PCC Endowment Fund are always welcome.

## 163 Days Into 270 Days of Construction of the New PCC Library



With just a little over 100 days left on the construction schedule, workers are now simultaneously working on installing the interior walls and ceilings, and plastering the exterior of the three-story library building. The building's lighting system and plumbing have been completed and . The newly constructed building will house the library collections on the first two floors while the top floor will be used for faculty offices and the ASPCC office.

## Talent Search Program at Koror & George B. Harris Elementary Schools Summer Program

submitted by: Talent Search Program

The Talent Search (TS) Program is proud to announce that Koror Elementary School and George B. Harris Elementary School started their summer program on June 8, 2009. Upon the request from the school's principals, Talent Search Program is working with these schools to help students, who are TS participants, from 6<sup>th</sup> grade to 8<sup>th</sup> grade to strengthen their academic skills in English and Math.

A total number of 136 students are participating in the summer program, and will be in class from Mondays to Thursdays starting from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Fridays will be reserved for



Talent Search students during a recent cultural field trip activities and cultural/educational field trips which will further reinforce what the students learn in the classroom. These activities and cultural/educational field trips are not only a learning experience but also a fun way for the students to relax and enjoy with their classmates and friends.

The Talent Search Program at PCC serves hundreds of elementary and high school students throughout Palau. It also extends its services to qualified adults. For more information about the program, call 488-8962.



Talent Search students during a recent field trip to the rock islands of Koror.