

Alumni Notes

Class of 2004 & 2001 (PCC)

Shirley Odaol-



2004 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Office Administration (OA) and a 2001 graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Business Accounting (BA). Odaol works at

the Palau Pacific Resort as a Security Administrator. She has been working there for the past 3 years.

Class of 1996 (PCC)

Cleora Cleofas -



1996 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Secretarial Science (SEC). Cleofas works at the Bureau of Public Works as an Administrative Assistant. She has been working there for the

past 3 years.

Class of 1990 (MOC)

Keremius Ngiraingas-



1990 MOC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in General Office Clerk (GOC). Ngiraingas works at Palau Community Action Agency- Head Start as a Teacher. She has been

working there for the past year.

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*.

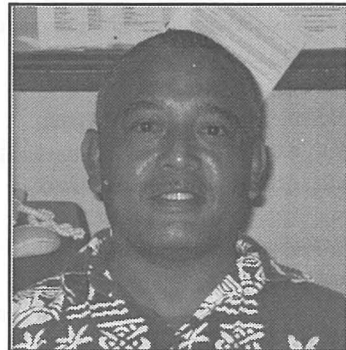
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Celebrating Birthdays

Alex Gachalian June 16
Midori Mersai June 18

Happy Birthday To You!

More Show Support to Endowment Fund



Eric Kloulubak,
Ministry of Health- Family Health Unit

This week, we are happy to welcome the newest member to the PCC Endowment Allotment Club. From the Ministry of Health- Family Health Unit, we welcome Eric Kloulubak. PCC welcomes the new supporter of the Endowment Fund and invites others to join in our endeavor in securing a viable future for Palau's only institution of higher learning, Palau Community College. To find out how you can help, please contact any of our friendly staff at the PCC Development Office at 488-2471. Call us.

Wanted 1998 PCC Yearbook

PCC Development Office is looking to buy two (2) 1998 Palau Community College (PCC) Yearbook.

Please contact Armstrong Debelbot at the PCC Development office at 488-2470/2471 ext. 250.

Visit PCC website: www.palau.edu and learn all about Palau's only institution of higher education. While there, check out the PCC weekly newsletter, *Mesekiu's News*, including back issues!

Job Opportunities Available at PCC

Position: Secretary

Salary: \$9,913 to \$16,954 per annum (Depending on qualifications)

Examples of Duties:

- Works under a direction of a supervisor, perform a variety of secretarial and clerical tasks.
- Works independently with minimum of direction on routine assignments.
- Organizes office activities to assume a smooth operation of the Vice President, Cooperative Research & Extension office and provides secretarial and administrative assistance, etc.

General Information:

Application forms can be obtained by contacting the PCC Human Resources Division at P.O. Box 9, Koror, Palau 96940 or at our website: www.palau.edu. Send completed application with official transcripts, resume, and verification of previous employment (s), if any, to same address. For further information, call (680) 488-2470/2471 or come in and see us.



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MESEKIU'S NEWS



Friday, June 13, 2008

Weekly Newsletter

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USDA Approves PCC CRE Research Projects

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Current Research Information System (CRIS) has approved a Cooperative Research & Extension (CRE) research project entitled Biological Control of the Siam Weed by Using an Arctiid Moth, *Pareuchaetes pseudoinsulata* Rego Barros. This would enable the project to utilize a portion of the Hatch Funds being allocated to the College of Micronesia yearly by the USDA.

The research project proposal written by Dr. Nelson M. Esguerra deals with importing the biological control agent, an arctiid moth, *Pareuchaetes pseudoinsulata* from an SPC laboratory in Pohnpei, FSM. Once in Palau, the insect will be reared in the laboratory and research will be conducted on its life

cycle and behavior. Specific studies will also be carried out to be sure that once the insect is released in the field, it will not feed on other crops but Siam weed.

This will be the second insect to be released for the control of the siam weed. The first one is a gallfly, *Cecidocharis connexa*, which makes extensive galls on shoots and stems of the weed. The larvae of *P. pseudoinsulata*, on the other hand, feed voraciously on the leaves of the Siam weed. Therefore, its release will further reduce the threat of the weed to the native vegetation by complementing the effect being done by the gallflies.

Another PCC-CRE project entitled Seed Production of Mangrove Crabs (*Scylla serrata*) in Palau has also been recently

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Eight to Participate in Yap Apprentice Training



Dean Willy Wally (standing back right) with the participants of the Yap Apprentice Training. Also in the photo are the Yap State Department of Education- Vocational Education Program, Coordinator Camilo Nuestro (l) and Assistant Coordinator Peter Hagileisa (3rd from left).

In collaboration with the Yap State Department of Education (DOE), the Palau Community College- Continuing

Education (PCC-CE) office sponsors a vocational training program every

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PCC & PICRC Holds Coral Taxonomy Workshop



PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei (4th from left) and PICRC CEO Fabian Iyar (2nd from right) join the participants of the Coral Taxonomy Workshop held at the PICRC conference room last Friday.

A coral taxonomy workshop which is budgeted through the College in collaboration with Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC) was held on June 2 - 6, 2008. The specific goal of this workshop was to support the development of coral reference collections for each of the islands served by the Advanced Technological Education (ATE) program.

Dr. Robert van Woesik, a Florida Institute of Technology professor and a PICRC consultant on coral reef monitoring, conducted the workshop. Participants from participating institutions included: Robert Richmond (*UH-Manoa, Hawaii*); Don Hess (*College of the Marshall Islands*); Glen Keaton (*Northern Marianas College*); Brian Lynch (*College Of Micronesia*); Francis Le'iato (*American Samoa Community College*); Vernice Yuji (*PCC*); Sherry Ngirmeriil (*PCC*); and Geraldine Renguil (*PCC*). Three PCC Environmental/ Marine Science students and an employee of the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC) also took part in the workshop.

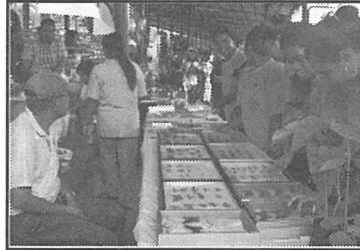
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approved by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service (CSREES). The Hatch Funds will also be used to fund this project until December 2011.

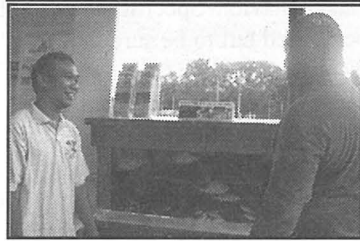
As proposed by CRE's Aquaculturist, Miguel Delos Santos, this project aims to develop and improve hatchery technique to produce mangrove crab juveniles in Palau. Mangrove crabs are highly valued seafood commodities that are endemic in the country. Farming these crabs either in ponds or in mangrove pens is considered a lucrative aquaculture business. Continuous production, however, is hampered due to the limited supply of seedstock from the wild. Using the existing hatchery facility in Palau such as that of the Bureau of Marine Resources (BMR), a series of larval rearing activities using the wild mangrove crab broodstock will be conducted. The success of this project would provide a steady supply of mangrove crab juveniles that would promote sustainable production and

eventually benefit the local mangrove crab growers in the country.

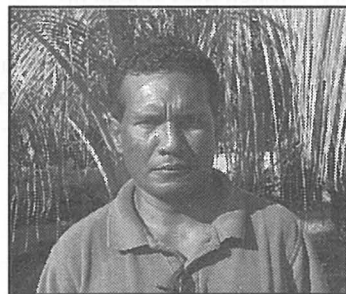
For more information about these new research projects, please contact Thomas Taro, Vice President, Cooperative Research and Extension at tel. no. 488-2746/4983, fax no. 488-3307 or by e-mail: tarothomas@yahoo.com.



Dr. Nelson Esguerra (shown left in top photo) showing his insect collection. Aquaculturist Miguel Delos Santos (shown left in bottom photo) showing his aquarium of rabbitfish.



Summer 2008 Teachers' Academy Starts in Two Weeks



Associate Dean, Sherman Daniel

Palau Community College (PCC) is again preparing to host a Summer Teachers' Academy for 25 days this summer. The purpose of the academy is for beginning or aspiring teachers who are high school graduates or current teachers who need refresher training.

Topics to be covered include:

- Introduction to Teaching
- Classroom Management
- Teaching Methodologies/Strategies
- Tests and Managements/Evaluation
- Lesson Planning & Presentation

The academy is set to begin on June 23rd, 2008 and will end on July 25th, 2008. The cost of the program is ONLY \$420.00. Courses will be conducted daily from Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Additional time will be arranged if holidays are observed.

For more information or to enroll in the program, please contact Associate Dean Sherman Daniel at PCC OMIP office at 488-2470/2471 ext. 254. You can also fax to 488-2447 or email him at sherman1961@yahoo.com.

PCC Library Welcomes All Patrons

The Palau Community College welcomes all patrons to visit its library and check out the variety of books it offers. The library is open from:

8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. - Mon.-Fri.
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. - Sat.
12:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. - Sun.

AHS Alumni Gets \$1,000 AUSA Scholarship



Adult High School alumni, SPC Carla Esebei Gordon (l), receives her AUSA scholarship from a US Army official.

US Army Specialist (SPC) Carla Esebei Gordon, who graduated from PCC Adult High School (AHS) in 2006, was recently awarded the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) Educational Scholarship earlier this month. This scholarship is a non-profit educational organization that supports the Army and National Guards active and reserve soldiers. It is awarded each year to soldiers or family members of soldiers who are furthering their education and have shown great achievement and potential in their academic endeavors. SPC Gordon was selected among thousands of applicants as one of the three individuals to receive the award, in an amount of \$1000 to help pay the cost of her continued education.

SPC Gordon is a soldier with the 8th Transportation Brigade at Fort Eustis, Virginia. She is married to a fellow soldier with two sons, ages eight and nine. Planning to obtain her Bachelor of Science degree, SPC Gordon is taking classes at the American Military University, majoring in criminal justice and maintains a high GPA of 3.7. Congratulations from all of us at PCC, we are proud of you!

Friendly Reminder

Please use electric gadgets wisely! Turn them off when you leave the office for the day. Let's work together to save energy!

BITS AND PIECES...

THANKS

College Thanks Chairperson Bilung and Yano & Sons Market...

The College would like to thank the Board of Trustees' Chairperson, Bilung Gloria G. Sali for donating 120 pounds of bananas (35 pounds-*Rubeang*, 85 pounds- *Meskebesang*). The College also wishes to thank Yano & Sons market for donating 36 pounds of cucumber to the cafeteria. Chairperson Bilung and Yano & Sons market are avid supporters of the college and have once again been kind enough to donate food supplies to the school and for the students to enjoy. Thank you very much for your donations!

FREE CLASS

Constitution & Your Rights Course Rescheduled...

The PCC Continuing Education (CE) office would like to announce that they have rescheduled the *Constitution and Your Rights* course. The course will begin from July 2 to August 20, 2008 every Wednesday nights from 6pm to 8pm. If you have any questions or would like to register, please contact Taruu Nakamura or Leona Blaluk of CE office at 488-2470/6223.

CALENDAR

2008 Summer Session Calendar...

Last Day to Remove Incomplete Grades for Spring 2008	June 27
Mid-Term Period	July 2-4
Last Day for all Withdrawals	July 8
Holiday: Constitutional Day	July 9
Last Day of Instruction	July 18
Final Examination Period	July 21-23
Grades Due	July 28

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summer called the Yap Apprentice Training. This summer will mark the sixth year since the apprentice program began. Eight participants accompanied by the Yap State DOE Vocational Education Program Coordinator Camilo Nuestro and Assistant Coordinator Peter Hagileisa, arrived Wednesday from Yap for this summer's training which will run from June 16th to August 8th. The apprentices will train on different specialties with various agencies throughout the island. Gregorio "Gorong" Yow, Philip Pai, and Eddie Uolai will train with the Bureau of Lands & Surveys on survey methods and the use of auto cad. James Rogol, who was in Palau last summer, will continue his training on auto mechanics with West Caroline Trading Company (WCTC). John Ranaganbay, Steven Mara, Samuel Gaangred, and Alfred Nam will work with the Organization of Industrial, Spiritual, and Cultural Advancement (OISCA) on food processing and plant propagation.

The College and the Yap State Department of Education thanks all the participating offices for their continued support in the program. We also welcome the apprentices and wish them a wonderful two-month stay in Palau!

What are Your Kids Doing for the Summer?

Because the PCC Continuing Education (CE) office wants to give the opportunity for your kids to take advantage of this great summer program, it has extended its deadline for registration to June 20th.

The Summer Kids program will include:
English Reading (3rd - 8th Grade)
English Writing (3rd - 8th Grade)
Palauan Writing (3rd - 8th Grade)
Palauan Reading (3rd - 8th Grade)
Art Class (3rd - 8th Grade)
Keyboarding (5th - 8th Grade)
Math (3rd - 8th Grade)
Marine Science Class (5th & 8th Grade)

The classes are designed to provide educational activities for students, enhance their abilities to improve in the subject areas, and foster new skills. So, why not take advantage of the program and register your kids? Classes will begin on June 23, 2008 and will end on July 18, 2008. For more information or to register your kids, please contact Taruu Nakamura or Leona Blaluk of the PCC Continuing Education (CE) office at 488-2470/6223.

Talent Search Program

will be offering
Summer Classes in all subjects
to 6th-8th grade
program participants
starting
June 23 to July 18, 2008
at PCC-CE Training Room

For more information please contact: Angelio Anthonio, Jolene Joseph, or Aggie Maech at 488-3926/2471 ext. 267.

