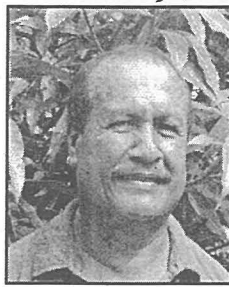


Alumni Notes

Class of 1971 (MOC)

Bers Adolf (Tatingal)



Earned his Vocational Diploma (VDIP) in Drafting. Worked in Guam, Chuuk and Palau for OICC. Was an inspector at Belau National Hospital. Worked at MOJ with the Minister of Justice. Retired and working in his small construction business. Message: One

needs to further their education. Work on education, not personal agenda to reap benefits.

Class of 2009

Ruth Kayla Anderson



Earned her Associate of Science (AS) degree in Information Technology. Continued on to UH-Hilo, where she is now a senior, majoring in Computer Science and minoring in Economics. Encountered a reality check when she transferred. Message: Do your best in English

and Math as they are the foundation you will rely on when attending a 4 yr. college.

Class of 2011

Lisa Abraham



Earned her Associate of Science (AS) degree in Business Accounting. Lisa has been working at Palau SBDC since 2004 as the Director. Previous to this post, she worked at PVA for 9 yrs as the Support Service Manager. Message: Perseverance is the key to success.

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

Geraldine Rengil	June 22
Ezra Takeo	June 22
Margeline Buban	June 25
Sebastian Ngirat	June 25
Grace Yalap	June 26

Happy Birthday To You!

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At UH-Manoa, Leena was a scholar for Center of Microbiology and Oceanography: Research and Education (C-More), participated in the 22nd Annual College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTHAR) Student Symposium, and awarded the "Best NREM Presentation," for her research project titled, "Assessing soil carbon in Hawaii wetland soils with diffuse reflectance spectroscopy (DRS)." Leena also participated in the "Native Hawaiian Science and Engineering Mentorship Program (NHSEMP)" and the "Ka'Imi"Ke Program" that help minorities and Pacific Island students with services such as mentoring, tutoring, tuition & book assistance, paid internships, etc. Leena's future plans include working part time and pursuing a Master's Degree in her field.

At CSU-Chico, Shane was a Community Outreach Officer for CSUC American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Student Chapter; a Special Events Chair for the ASCE Mid-Pacific Regional Conference Committee; a Member of the CSUC ASCE Steel Bridge Team; and a Member of the Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society; Golden Key International Honor Society; Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and the American Society of Engineers. Shane has been accepted to the University of California at Davis and will pursue a Master of Science in Civil & Environmental Engineering in the Fall of 2011.

Leena & Shane wish to congratulate the 2011 PCC Graduates, and encourage all PCC graduates and students to pursue higher education. Most importantly, make the most of their educational experience here at PCC. This includes making good grades and participating in school events and activities to grow academically and personally. Both alumni want to thank former SSS Program staff for the support and guidance they received as program participants and tutors.

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staff to help them in their educational endeavors. He encouraged students to follow the tips provided to do well in school. First, don't ever quit. If you begin something, don't stop because you think it's hard. Do your best! Secondly, don't try to be like everyone else. "The worst thing in our lives is to try and be like everyone else." Each one of us is different and unique. No two persons are alike. Be yourself. Thirdly, don't worry about your mistakes, but learn from them. "Mistakes are just stepping stones to your success." Lastly, be on time and call if you can't make it to class. Discipline yourself to be the best. He emphasized the need to get into the habit of communicating, being dedicated and working hard to achieve your best. "All that you accomplish or fail to accomplish in life is a direct result of the images you hold in your mind."

HELP WANTED

We are looking for mature, reliable, and punctual PCC students to work as lab assistants for the Online and the Open computer labs starting summer 2011. You must be able to work responsibly without constant supervision. If you have these characteristics and are interested, please contact Johanna Yaoch at 488-2471 (PCC) ext. 256.

Apply Now!

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) Financial Aid Counselor, Adm. & Financial Aid
Salary range: \$12,049 - \$20,607 per annum

For application forms and information, please contact Karen Mobel at PCC Human Resources Office at 488-2470/71, ext. 227.

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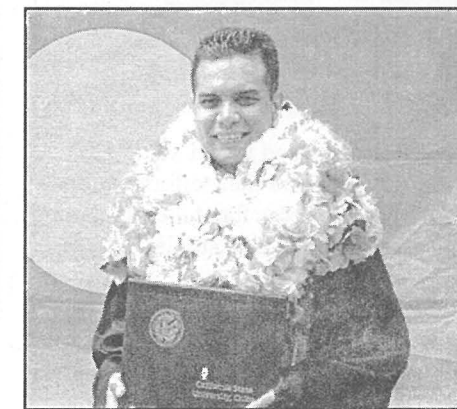
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Congratulations Muller & Salvador

Contributed by Learning Resource Center



Leena Muller.



Shane Salvador.

CONGRATULATIONS to former Student Support Services Program participants Leena Muller and Shane Salvador. Leena graduated from the University of Hawaii-Manoa in Fall 2010, with a Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources and Environmental Management. Shane graduated from California State University, Chico in Spring 2011, with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering.

Shane graduated from PCC in 2007 with an

AA Degree in Liberal Arts, and transferred to CSU-Chico in Fall 2007. Leena also graduated from PCC in 2008 with an AS Degree in Environmental/Marine Science, and transferred to UH-Manoa in the fall of 2008. At PCC, Shane and Leena were participants of the former SSS Program and worked as tutors for English, Math & Science. Shane served as Student Trustee from 2005-2007 and Leena served as Student Trustee from 2007-2008.

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Services Offered For Student Success

Welcome to all new, continuing, and returning students as Summer 2011 session has begun. More than 460 students have registered for the Summer session and classes are intense and compacted into these six weeks. Students are encouraged to seek the counselors at Student Life to discuss academic and personal issues, to receive clarification and assistance. Student Life hours are 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday thru Friday. If you struggle with your classes, tu-

toring is available at the Learning Resource Center (LRC) for Math, English, Science and more. Computers are also available. Hours for the LRC are 8:00 am - 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm, Monday thru Friday. Take the time to come in and see your advisors/counselors and get help with your assignments and studies with the instructors and tutors at the LRC. Best wishes as you begin your summer classes.

Dean Chilton Gives Pep Talk

Second day of summer classes, June 14, 2011 had the Dean of Academic Affairs speaking to the SS100 (Intro to College) class of Instructor Maurine Alexander in Rm. 66. Dean Chilton informed the students what the role of Academic Affairs was and what his expectations of the students were. He wanted students to remember that they can go into Academic Affairs and see him if they are dissatisfied, have concerns or have comments about the classes they are participating in. He reminded the students that each one is responsible for one's own learning and education. "No one can make you succeed, only you can guarantee your efforts." He reiterated that this was their education that they were paying for, that they needed to voice out their concerns and expect instructors and

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Chilton speaks to SS 100 class about education.

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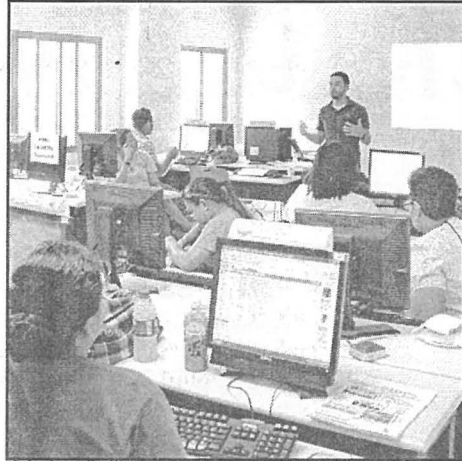
Library Hosts Workshops for Librarians

Contributed by Jessica Brooks

On June 13th through 17th 2011, the PCC Library hosted day long workshop for elementary school and public librarians. The morning workshops were led by Grace Merong who taught the participants how to catalog books for the school libraries through the Destiny Union Catalog (<http://library.palau.edu>). This site can be accessed through any computer with internet connection in Palau to find out which books and resources each library in Palau carries. Thanks to the 2010 Institute of Museum and Library Services grant, each of the 16 school libraries recently received a computer in order to catalog their books. In addition, the public library received 5 new computers, PCC added two computers to it's Library Computer Lab, and two private schools or special libraries will receive one computer each.

Afternoon workshops were led by Matthew Bellhouse-King (pictured) and Jane Barnwell of the Pacific Resources for Education

and Learning (PREL) organization from Honolulu. These sessions were a continuation of two previous workshops teaching



Matthew Bellhouse-King presenting workshop at Library.

school librarians and social studies teachers how to combine their efforts and provide library resources for students learning about social and Palauan studies.

OTIS Students Present Memorials

Since arriving in Palau on June 02, 2011, the OTIS College of Arts & Design students with their instructors have been busy meeting with traditional leaders, government officials and Palauans in general to showcase the preliminary designs that they have envisioned of what a Palauan Freedom Memorial would be. Presentations were made to President Johnson Toribiong, Ambassador Helen Reed-Rowe, government agencies including Bureau of Arts & Culture, Society of Historians, and Museum curators. On Friday, June 10, 2011, the Rubekul Belau and Mechesil Belau met with the students and listened to the presentations. With four different designs that depicted an area that one can go to reflect



Chief Ibedul and Rubekul Belau listening to presentation.

and meditate, Rubekul Belau and Mechesil Belau gave feedback to the students on what would be appropriate to the Palauan culture and customs that could be reflected in the final design of the Palauan Freedom Memorial. On June 14, 2011, OTV aired a live show on Chised that featured OTIS instructors talking about how the course came about and students explaining the process of getting to where the designs were at this point. They are still asking for your input regarding the designs, and would like to hear from you. Email the Integrated Learning Office with your comments at the following address: il@otis.edu or contact PCC at 488-2470 ext. 250-253.



Bilung and Mechesil Belau observing the presentation.

Internship Placement for Summer 2011

Contributed by CPC Office

On June 03, 2011, summer graduates attended a Pre-Placement Workshop conducted by Continuing Education. The workshop was an orientation to give students the important tips to improve their knowledge that will enhance their performance in the work arena. The workshop focused on "Customer Services" where acceptable behaviors, basic skills and etiquettes were shared. The internship program gives the students opportunities to apply the knowledge and skills they have gained in the classroom. The following businesses, companies, and government agencies are recipients of forty-eight interns this summer:

- AL General Repair
- CRE-PCC
- PCC - Maintenance
- UB Math & Science
- Multi Hatchery
- Upward Bound
- Talent Search
- Cafeteria
- Administration
- PIDC Auto Shop
- Surangel & Sons:
 - Ksau Motors
 - Accounting
- West Auto Repair Shop
- Division of Fire & Rescue
- Micronesia Challenge
- Palau Pacific Resort
- SOCIO Micronesia
- Koror State Public Works
- PPUC
- PNCC
- Family Surgical Clinic
- MOE Computer Technician
- Immigration Office
- Koror State Community and Cultural Affairs
- Clerk of Court
- MOH - NCD
- NECO Yamaha
- Koror State Rangers
- PAPAGO
- Cliffside Hotel
- PVA
- Day Dream
- RITC
- IMPAC
- Pleasure Island Palau

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To find out why your electric bill is "so high", the first thing you need to do is to figure out what's normal for YOU. If your bill has gone up recently that's easy: Just look at your old bills and see how much your usage has gone up. Look only at the amount of electricity you used in kWh. Don't look at the cost, because the cost could have gone up for other reasons, such as an increase in the price of fuel.

If your kWh usage is similar but the cost is now higher, then the answer as to the rising cost is found on your bill. Maybe the price of fuel went up, a factor which PPUC has no control over.

Thank you PPUC Public Information Officer, Tmetuchl Baules for providing tips.

MESSAGE

Message of Appreciation:

Bruce Rimirch expresses his heartfelt gratitude to the PCC family for the prayers and support, especially the contributions given toward the loss of his sister, Erina Rimirch Idip.

Apology

Mesekiu News would like to apologize for the misprint in the title of Roman Omengkar's class. Mesekiu News inadvertently named the class as "Uchelel Belau er a Belau" when it should be "Uchelel a Beluu er a Belau." Please accept our apology.

News/Stories Wanted

MESEKIU'S 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, dilubchs@palau.edu, and alvinam@palau.edu.

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

Yap Cohort In Apprentice Program

Three participants from the State of Yap, FSM are here at PCC attending the Apprenticeship Summer Program. The Apprenticeship Summer Program enables instructors from Yap High School or Elementary Schools to come train for specific skills that will help instructors in the classrooms. Dominic Fanasog, Professional Development Coordinator and Jim Hachigeiresh, the assistant Vocational Coordinator came with partici-

pants to assist them get settled into their programs. The participants are Stephen Yowtamag and James Rogol in the Automotive program. They are apprenticing at WCTC auto shop to learn about diagnostics and computerized systems. Gregorio Gorongyo in Construction is apprenticing at Land and Survey, to learn more about autocad. They will be in the program for 8 weeks.



Front (l-r): Gregorio Gorongyo, Stephen Yowtamag, James Rogol, Back (l-r): Willy Wally, Dominic Fanasog, Jim Hachigeiresh

Omengaus el Bub

For the next six weeks, Mesekiu's News will write a piece on the different cultural summer activity that Koror State is holding for the youths this summer. (Article for second week.)

Omengaus el Bub (Weaving a Trap) is taught by Ngaraard State historian Floriano Felix. He is helping with the Koror State summer youth program by teaching young ones how to *mengaus* (weave) a *bub* (trap). There are 26 participants in his class. He is excited to see so many young people interested in the creation of the entire bub. They are learning about where to get *besebes*. The best trees for *besebes* are kerangel, ochaol, kemokem and ngidech. If none are to be found, they will use twines from the store. Tebechel, a tree from the mangroves provides the frame for the bub. But only

the young small ones are used. By using the *raod* (roots) and tying them together, the frame is created. If no tebechel can be found, splitting bamboos into small thin pieces will work just as well. The kids are learning to weave the top and bottom of the trap, the sides, and how to create an *Umad* (entrance) for the bub made from *cheritem*. Then the *spadel* (trap door) is created to help fishermen get the fish out. Just the terms these kids have to learn for each piece of the bub is enough to make them cringe. But the looks on their faces as they work on the pieces depicts excitement.



(l): Instructor Felix demonstrating the art of cutting. (r): Student attempting to follow instructor's instructions.

