

Alumni Notes

Class of 2003 (PCC)

Udui Holan-



2003 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in General Electronics Technology (GET). Holan works at the Palau Pacific Resort as a Food & Beverage Personnel. He has been working there for the past 5 years.

Class of 1995 (PCC)

Randy Takeo -



1995 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Auto Mechanics Technology (A.M.T). Takeo began his career working as an Assistant Mechanic and a Tour Guide for Rock Island Tour Company

before he transferred to Belau Transfer to work as a Ramp Agent. He now works at Palau High School as an Auto Mechanic instructor. He has been working there for the past 5 years.

Class of 1990 (MOC)

Katherine West-



1990 MOC graduate with an Associate of Arts (AA) degree in Liberal Arts (LA). West now works under private contract with the Ministry of Health's Cancer Program and continues to work as a

Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner. She has been working in the Medical field for a total of over 30 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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Celebrating Birthdays

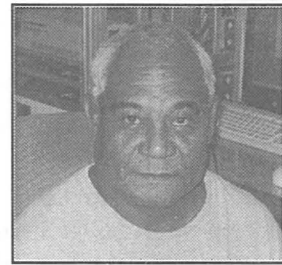
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Happy Birthday To You!

New Endowment Fund Supporters



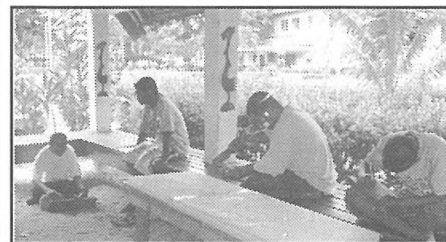
Randy Takeo,
Ministry of Education- Palau High School



Masao Bedor,
Ministry of State- Bureau of Domestic Affairs

This week, we are happy to welcome the newest members to the PCC Endowment Allotment Club. From the Ministry of Education- Palau High School, we welcome Randy Takeo and from the Ministry of State- Bureau of Domestic Affairs, we welcome Masao Bedor. PCC welcomes the new supporters 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.

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Other participants of the Cultural classes at Leeboo Bai learning woodcarving.

The Summer Kids classes from morning to late afternoon. Koror Elementary School teachers Miriam Anastacio, Julia Wally, Yvonne Ruloked, and Mayleen Ngiriou are teaching the students in English Writing and Reading, Math, and Palauan Orthography. Karen Mobel of the College's Human Resources office is teaching Keyboarding class.

Twenty-six (26) other students from various schools also gather from Monday to Friday at Leeboo Bai and Mesekiu Bai to learn the traditional Palauan art of weaving, woodcarving, spear-making, and chanting. This 4-week summer program is popular among students who wish to sharpen or develop their skills in the essential cultural traditions. Taught only from the best, the students are being trained by Tommy Tadao Sakuma in spear-making; Jeff Faustino in woodcarving; Antonina Antonio, Antonia Orrukem, Ilek Iskawa, and Myotel Kloulchad in weaving (pandanus and coconut leaves) and chanting (*chesols* and *rebetii*).

Job Opportunities Available at PCC

Positions & Salaries:

Career Counselor
\$17,317 to \$19,479 per annum

Executive Secretary
\$10,929 to \$18,692 per annum

General Information:

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

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MESEKIU'S NEWS



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UH-Hilo Officials Visit for Potential Online Nursing Program

By: Dilmowais D. Rechirei and Uriik T. Luiu, Upward Bound Work-Study Students



University of Hawaii (UH) at Hilo officials, Dr. Cecilia Mukai (standing 3rd from right), Emress Matsumoto (2nd from right), and Gail Makuakane-Lundin (r) pose with President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei (standing center back), Vice President Jay Olegeriil (l), Dean Alvina Timarong (c), Associate Dean Sherman Daniel (back left), and Nursing instructor Tarmau Ngirmang (3rd from left) after their meeting on Wednesday.

Three professors from the University of Hawaii (UH)- Hilo arrived on island late Tuesday to research on a possible collaboration between UH- Hilo and PCC in offering on-line courses in Nursing. Similar to the PCC San Diego State University (SDSU) on-line program set-up, the proposed program will enable PCC nursing students to obtain their bachelor's degree in nursing from UH- Hilo without leaving Palau. Director of Kipuka Native Hawaiian Education Center, Gail Makuakane-Lundin; Nurse CARE Project Manager, Emress Matsumoto; and Nurse CARE Project Director, Dr. Cecilia Mukai, who met with President Tellei and PCC's management team, said that their visit to Palau is basically to conduct a feasibility study to determine if the local need and interest is sufficient, and that if the PCC and Palau Ministry of Health's technologies and facilities are capable of hosting such a program.

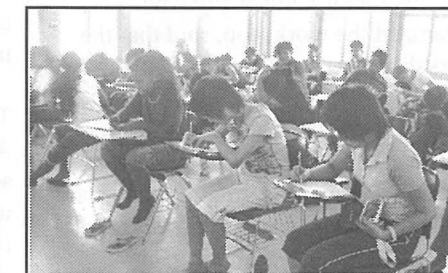
The group said that if the feasibility study supports the proposed on-line program, a grant from UH- Hilo (Nurse CARE- Career Advancement Retention Education), could be used to fund the program's start-up.

Over a Hundred Students Participate in CE Summer Programs

By: Elway Ikeda, PCC Work-Study Student



Students learning how to weave with their instructors at Mesekiu Bai.



Participants of the Summer Kids program doing their assignments on the second day of class.

The PCC Continuing Education (CE) office has its hands full not only with multitudes of elementary students enrolled in the Summer Kids Program which offers English, Math, and Palauan Orthography classes, but also with high school students learning about Palauan Arts & Culture. The Palauan Arts &

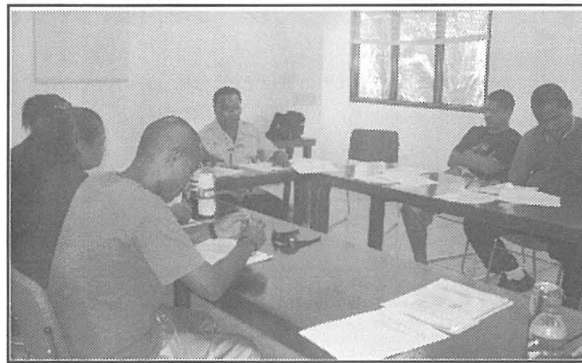
Culture classes are sponsored by the Koror State Government in collaboration with the Workforce Investment Act, and PCC-CE office.

Over a hundred (100) students from both the public and private schools are taking
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The Palau Community College Board of Trustees, President, Administration, Faculty, Staff, and most especially the Students wish the Palau Social Security Administration a Happy 40th Anniversary. The Palau Social Security Administration will be celebrating their anniversary on July 1st at the Palau National Track & Field.

Nineteen Participate in Summer 2008 Teachers' Academy



Instructor Jemmy Blelai (center back) conducting the first of the five course series for the participants of the Summer 2008 Teachers' Academy.

instructor Jemmy Blelai conducted the first course- *Introduction to Teaching*- one of the five course series offered this summer. He will also teach next week's course in *Classroom Management*. Other courses to be offered are *Teaching Methodologies/Strategies, Tests and Managements/Evaluation, and Lesson Planning & Presentation*.

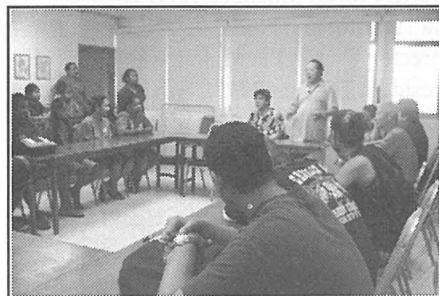
Nineteen (19) participants from the Ministry of Education completed their first week of the Summer 2008 Teachers' Academy. The four-week crash course held at Baderirt building provides a refresher training for beginning, aspiring, or current teachers at the various elementary schools in Palau. PCC



Participants take part in a class activity in the *Introduction to Teaching* class.

EMS Conducts Workshop for UBMS Participants

By: Norton King, Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Work-Study Student



Renowned Japanese artist, Hiro Yamagata (standing center) speaks to the participants of the UBMS last Friday at CE training room.

The Environmental/Marine Science (EMS) faculty and students conducted a workshop for the Upward Bound Math & Science (UBMS) participants on the morning of June, 20, 2008 at the PCC Continuing Education (CE) training room. Activities of the workshop included presentations by the famous Japanese contemporary artist and environmentalist, Hiro Yamagata. Guest speaker Yamagata spoke to the students about the importance of protecting the environment, particularly coral reefs. He also told the students how impressed he was with how well preserved the environment here in Palau is.

EMS students also gave a presentation about *Taoch era Idererach*, its mangroves and habitat which borders the northern end of the campus. They also discussed characteristics of each of the mangroves, which they later used in a field activity with the UBMS participants at *Taoch era Idererach*.

PCC instructor Vernice Yuji who organized the workshop, said that the workshop was not only educational for the students, but it also fulfills some of the objectives under the Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (LSAMP-STEM) project. Objectives include recruiting high school students and conducting academic skills workshops to improve students' academic preparedness and abilities specific to STEM disciplines.



EMS students with the UBMS participants during a field activity at *Taoch era Idererach*.

Micronesian Voyaging Society Now Recruiting Students

The Micronesian Voyaging Society and Palau Community College announce that registration is now open for anyone interested in the 12-month training program in Traditional Non-Instrument Navigation. The training's focal point is to identify/name stars and constellations used for navigation; pair stars and constellations for plotting direction to destinations; weather conditions observation and familiarization; familiarization with functions, operation, and utilization of voyaging canoe. Trainees will train on the voyaging canoe, Alingano Maisu under master navigator, Sesario Sewralur.

Number of trainees is limited so, anyone who is interested in this training may visit Palau Community College or call 488-2470/2471 to sign up for the training, from now until July 15, 2008.

Internship Announcement

In preparation for Internship placement for Fall 2008, the number of students who will be participating in the internship training and their respective trade areas are needed at this time. This will allow us time to identify and secure commitments from appropriate employers who will be providing training to our students.

To assist in this effort, Academic Advisors are requested to review their advisees' folders and to advise those who will be eligible to participate in internship training to come to Academic Affairs Office and see the Extension Program Coordinator, Mr. Vincent Ito, and fill the required application forms. **Application forms are now ready for pick up anytime during working hours from Monday to Friday.** Deadline for submission of completed application forms is **Wednesday, July 30, 2008** in order for students to be considered for internship placement.

BITS AND PIECES...

TODAY

Registrar's Office Reminder...

Today, June 27th is the last day to remove incomplete grades for Spring 2008. Mid-term period is scheduled for next week beginning Wednesday, July 2nd - Friday, July 4th, 2008. For more information, please contact the Registrar's office at 488-2470 ext. 274.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Attention All Work-Study Students...

All PCC Work-Study students are requested to bring a valid Identification (ID) Card when picking up your checks at the Business Office. If you do not bring any ID, you will not get your checks. For more information, please call 488-2470 or stop by and see any of the friendly staff at Business office.

REMINDER

Friendly Reminder...

In order to maintain the cleanliness of our campus, all offices are requested to throw their trash before the last trash run at 3:00 p.m. Otherwise, please leave in offices and throw them the next day.

THANKS

Message of Appreciation...

On behalf of my family, I would like to thank all the PCC staff and students for all their invaluable support and generous contribution this past weekend. It would not have been as memorable without all of you! Thank you!

Gibson 'Tos' Towai and family

Penn Foster Career Training Programs Available Through PCC

Are you looking for a career opportunity or want to change your career? With Penn Foster (formerly Thomson Education Direct), you can be assured of learning up-to-date career skills of your interest that will prepare you for the jobs of today and tomorrow. Palau Community College (PCC) continues to coordinate with Penn Foster Career School in providing training to people who know what they want out of life, but do not have the time to attend regular classes. Here are some benefits of Penn Foster Training programs that are coordinated through PCC.

✓ Low Tuition- You can train for a new career at a price that you can live within your budget. Your books, equipment, and learning aids are included in your low tuition price.

✓ Convenience- The lessons and learning aid you need to complete your training are sent and delivered to you.

✓ Reliability- When you enroll, you can be certain of receiving high-quality training that could help you get where you want to go.

✓ Support- Even though you study at home, you're never alone. You can be assured of getting all the help you need from you coordinator at PCC or from your Penn Foster instructors.

Some of the training programs available are listed below:

- Bookkeeping
- Computer graphic artist

- Desktop publishing and design
 - Drafting with AutoCAD
 - Electrician
 - Electronics Technician
 - Small Business Owner
 - Landscaper
 - Artist
 - Home Inspector
 - Interior Decorator
 - Locksmith
 - PC Maintenance and Repair
 - Pharmacy Technician
 - Secretary
 - Small Engine Repair
 - Appliance Repair
 - Travel and Tourism Specialist
 - Carpenter
 - Auto Repair Tech.
 - Drafting
 - Freelance Writer
 - Legal Secretary
 - Telecommunications
- And Many More...

There has never been a better time to start working toward a new career opportunity or business of your own then now. You can start immediately or whenever you are ready. For more information about the programs and how to enroll, please contact: Sherman Daniel
Palau Community College
Tel: 488-2471 ext. 254
Email: shermant1961@yahoo.com

Constitution & Your Rights Course to Begin Next Week

The PCC Continuing Education (CE) office would like to announce that the *Constitution and Your Rights* course will commence next week Wednesday, July 2nd. Classes for the seven-week program will be held 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.



Rollins E. Mellil (c), better known now as Ngerengellecheluu, is a graduate of the Thomson Education Career Training Program. Mellil graduated last year with a certificate in Artistry. Government officials including PCC officials are shown in the photo with Mellil during his graduation last year in Ngwal State.