

## Alumni Notes

### Class of 2003 (PCC)

Laureen Joseph



2003 PCC graduate with an Associate of Arts (AA) degree in Liberal Arts (LA). Joseph recently graduated from The Ohio State University with a Master of Science degree in Accounting.

Joseph will start working at Price Waterhouse Coopers as an Audit Associate from July of this year.

### Class of 1997 (PCC)

Kesoal Keto Blailles



1997 PCC graduate with an Associate of Arts (AA) degree in Liberal Arts (LA). Blailles works at Palau National Communications Corporation (P.NCC) as Customer Service Representative

and has been working there for the past 6 years.

### Class of 1974 (MOC)

Elia Kual



1974 MOC graduate with a Vocational Certificate of Achievement (VCA) in Drafting (DRAFT). Kual first worked at the Bureau of Land & Survey for 32 years

before transferring to Palau Public Land Authority (PPLA) to work as a Realty Officer and has been there for the past 2 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*.

**Mesekiu's News**  
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## Celebrating Birthdays

Lisa K. Abraham July 1

**Happy Birthday To You!**

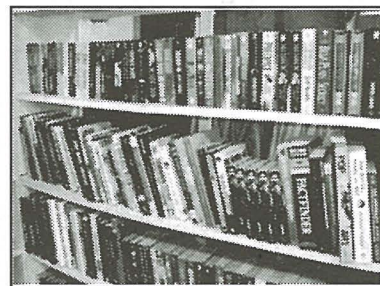
## Scholarship Opportunities

All recently graduated high school seniors as well as the current PCC students from Palau who will attend PCC this coming school year 2007-2008, applications for the following PCC based scholarship programs are now available this summer at PCC Development office.

1. Prince Leeboo Scholarship
2. Shell Company (Pacific Islands) Ltd. Scholarship
3. Pierantozzi Scholarship
4. Roman Tmetuchl Scholarship
5. Carita Asanuma Scholarship
6. Moylan's Insurance Scholarship

Additional scholarship opportunities are available at Palau National Scholarship office adjacent to Palau High School. For further information, please contact the Palau National Scholarship office at telephone number 488-3608.

## Books For Only \$2.00



The College Bookstore is having a summer sale so come and check it out! Books, Palauan posters, and coffee mugs are on sale for only \$2.00! A variety of interesting books such as *Forbes' Great Minds of Business*, *Gift and Mystery* by Pope John Paul II, *Reinventing Public Education* by Hill/Pierce/Guthrie, *American Literature and the Culture Wars* by Gregory S. Jay, *Rosa Lee- A Mother and Her Family in Urban America* by Leon Dash, *Do we still need Doctors?* by Dr. John D. Lantos, *A Time to Love* by Barbara Delinsky, *The Green Mile* by Stephen King, and many more. The bookstore is open Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. so, hurry before this sale ends!

## Job Opportunities Available at PCC!!!

**Position:** Academic Advisor/Counselor

**Salary:** \$15,000 to \$18,000 per annum (Depending on qualifications)

**Location:** Talent Search Office (Federally Funded)

### Examples of Duties:

~ Works with target school counselors/teachers in coordinating project activities.

~ Refers ineligible students to appropriate social and other services.

~ Coordinates campus and college day field trips.

~ Assists participants in completing admissions and financial aid forms.

~ Assesses participants' tutoring needs and recommends tutorial services.

~ Assists participants in choosing a post-secondary institution.

### Minimum Qualification Requirements:

• Master's Degree preferred or Bachelor's Degree in guidance and counseling, social work, psychology, or counseling, skills in human relations, knowledge in career counseling, educational opportunities, and financial aid.

• At least two years experience with TRIO Programs or has worked with disadvantaged students.

### General Information:

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

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# Palau Community College

## MESEKIU'S NEWS

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## Educators Continue Pursuit of Degrees

By: PCC Work-Study Student Katosang Katosang, Upward Bound Work-Study Students, Elway Ikeda and Glowly Demei, and WIA student worker Tatekoi Felix.



Ministry of Education teachers Kerufin Tolngii of Peleliu Elementary School (l); Hester Hesus of John F. Kennedy Elementary School (left back); John Setsuo of Angaur Elementary School (right back); and Tricia O'brian of Angaur Elementary School take a moment to relax between classes.

Palau's finest teachers, who spend most of the year educating young students in elementary schools across Babeldaob

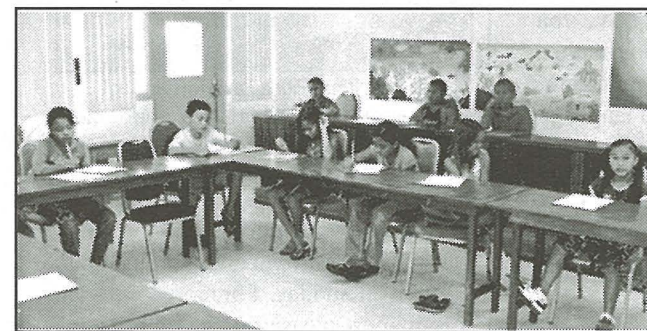
including schools in Peleliu, Angaur, and Kayangel make their way to Koror in the summer months to pursue the degrees now required of them by law. With their time divided between work and summer school, the pursuit of their degrees has been slow going. Individual teachers on campus this summer were interviewed in between classes and most had the same problem: not enough time. They say that summer courses unlike those offered during Fall and Spring

semesters are too short and too few for these teachers to progress quickly enough towards the attainment of their degrees. With the Ministry of Education

now requiring them to complete their degrees by the Summer of 2008, these teachers are hard-pressed to reach their goals.

All of these teachers have been teaching in classrooms for a number of years ranging from two (2) years to fifteen (15) years. Those interviewed were seasoned teachers, some commute daily from Babeldaob, others relocate to Koror from the islands of Angaur, Beliliou, and Kayangel during the summer to live in Koror and attend classes. Even though they may seem older and not used to the life of an average college student, these teachers are applauded for their hard work in pursuing their degrees, which will ultimately benefit their students in their respective schools throughout Palau.

## Over 100 Students Participate in CE Summer Programs



Third & fourth graders taking math classes at CE's training room with Instructor Miriam Anastacio of Koror Elementary School.

This summer, Continuing Education (CE) office is quite busy with not only its popular Summer Kids program that offers English, Math, and Palauan classes to elementary students, but also with high school students who are taking Koror

the summer classes from morning to late afternoon, Monday to Friday. Koror Elementary School teachers: Miriam Anastacio, Julia Wally, and Mayleen Ngiriou are teaching the students in



Ilek Iskawa teaching a student how to weave a basket at Mesekiu Bai.

English, Math, and Palauan. Twenty-three (23) high school students gather

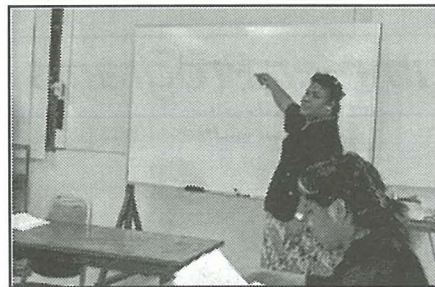
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daily from Monday-Friday at Leeboo Bai and Mesekiu Bai to learn weaving, woodcarving, spear-making, and performing arts. The 4-week summer program is popular among students who want to sharpen or develop their skills in the essential cultural traditions. Ilek Iskawa, Antonina Antonio, Ngirur Umang, Antonia Orrukem, and Myotel Kloulchad are experts teaching weaving and performing arts. Woodcarving is taught by Benson Adelbai and spear-making is taught by Tommy Tadao Sakuma.

Basic Japanese and Basic Mandarin each have fifteen (15) participants from private companies such as Palasia Hotel, Carp Corporation, Nishimatsu Construction Company, as well as PCC and other self-employed individuals who just wanted to learn the language. Basic Japanese is in its third week and Carlissa Ngiralmu has been teaching her students some basic Japanese reading and conversation and will continue to do so until July 25th, when her class is scheduled to end.

On the other hand, Huan Yin Wei, who has been teaching the Mandarin class for the past three weeks, ended her class today and will be returning back home at the end of the week. All the participants of the Mandarin class would like to thank Huan Yin Wei for teaching them and bid her farewell.



Japanese language instructor, Carlissa Ngiralmu at CE Training room with her students Wednesday night.



Mandarin instructor Huan Yin Wei (r) with her students.

## Summer 2007 Teachers' Academy Begins This Week at PCC



Participants of the Summer 2007 Teachers' Academy during their first day at Baderirt Building. Instructor Jemmy Blelai (far left) is seen here conducting one of the course series for the participants from PCAA-Head Start.

Twenty-eight (28) participants from Palau Community Action Agency (PCAA)- Head Start gathered on Monday at Baderirt Building for their first day at the Summer 2007 Teachers' Academy. The Academy provides the opportunity for beginning or aspiring teachers who are high school graduates

or current teachers who need refresher training. Instructor Blelai taught *Introduction to Teaching* this week, one of the Academy's five course series offered this summer. The Academy began this week and will continue until July 27, 2007.



## Free Mandarin Class Available at PCC

By: *Upward Bound Work-Study Student Elway Ikeda*

Have you ever been to a Chinese restaurant and not understand a word on the menu card? What about the Chinese farmers who sell vegetables around the neighborhood... Have you ever tried to buy vegetables from them and found it difficult to communicate with them? Well, don't let a language barrier stop you from enjoying the finest cuisines or the best bargain price for produce. Now is your chance to learn and understand the language spoken by over a third of the world's population.

PCC-Continuing Education (CE) office can help you. Beginning July 23rd, free Mandarin classes will be offered to anyone interested. Classes will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Registration is now open so if you are interested, please call Taruu Nakamura or Leona Blaluk at CE office at 488-6223.

## Library Welcomes Everyone



Library Technician, Pioria Faungy (standing) giving recommendations as to how to utilize the library for research to instructor Karen Miovas (second from left) and her EN 219 students.

The library is open from 8pm-8pm on weekdays; 9am-6pm on Saturday; and 12-6pm on Sunday. For more information, please call the Library at 488-3540.

**Congratulations to all the Athletes of the 2007 Belau Games!**

## BITS AND PIECES...

### ANNOUNCEMENT

### WIA Office Employs Over 200 Students...

The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) has made available work opportunities this summer to over 200 students and the youth. The program offers job shadowing, mentoring, and career exploration to its participants who are ages 14-21. Of the 200 plus youth workers in the program this summer, 26 were assigned to PCC, working at various offices throughout the campus.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

### Academic Calendar Summer Session 2007...

- Last Day to Remove Incomplete Grades for Spring 2007  
July 6, 2007 (Friday)
- Holiday: Constitution Day  
July 9, 2007 (Monday)
- Mid-Term Period  
July 11-13, 2007 (Wed.-Fri.)
- Last Day for Withdrawals ("W" Grades)  
July 17, 2007 (Tuesday)
- Last Day of Instruction  
July 27, 2007 (Friday)
- Final Examination Period  
July 30-Aug. 1, 2007 (Mon.-Wed.)
- Grades Due  
August 3, 2007 (Friday by 11:00 a.m.)

## UB, SWEP, WIA Students Attend 12th Student Partnership Conference

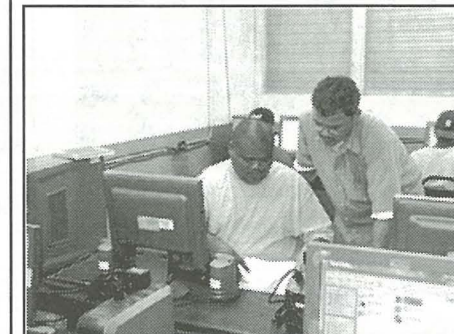


A total of over 300 students from UB, SWEP, and WIA attend the 12th Student Partnership Conference (SPC) at the Cafeteria on Wednesday.

Held every summer, students from Upward Bound (UB), Summer Work Experience Program (SWEP), and Workforce Investment Act (WIA) gathered for the three-day Student Partnership Conference (SPC).

This year, a total of over 300 students attended the conference which started on Wednesday and concludes today. Among other topics, students learned about real life situations such as prevention of sexually transmitted diseases/infections and alcohol abuse.

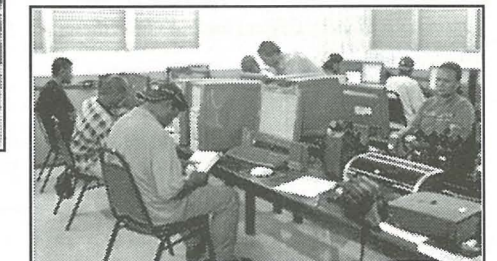
## OMIP Sponsors Microsoft Excel Training



Instructor Epimachus Moses with a Clefas Iyar, Jr. during their first day of Microsoft Excel training at OMIP office.

Sponsored by the Operations & Maintenance Improvement Program (OMIP), the Microsoft Excel Training began this week

and will continue until July 19th, 2007 at OMIP computer lab. Fourteen (14) participants from Utility Collection, Public Works, and U.S. Embassy, as well as the Bureau of Agriculture are taking this training.



Some of the participants from Utility Collection and Public Works busy doing their assignment while instructor Moses (center-back) is helping a student.

## Our Condolences

On behalf of the PCC Board of Trustees, Administration, Faculty, Staff, and Students, President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei would like to extend heartfelt sympathies and deepest condolences to the families of Late Meresebang Ngiraked and Late Uriik Maui. Ngiraked and Maui have close ties to the College as Ngiraked was a student here at PCC before enlisting last year with the U.S. Military, while Maui is the mother of our Tourism & Hospitality instructor, Vicky Maui. Our thoughts and prayers are with both families during this most difficult time of sorrow and grief.