

Alumni Notes

Class of 2004 (PCC)



Smyth Rdang - 2004 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science degree (AS) in Elementary Education (EDEE). Rdang has worked as a Classroom

Teacher for Alvia Elementary School since 1999 to present.

Class of 1999 & 2003 (PCC)



Linda Ngotel 1999 & 2003 PCC graduate. Ngotel earned her Associate of Arts (AA) in Liberal Arts in 1999. She again

Graduated in 2003 with an Associate of Science (AS) in Elementary Education (EDEE). In 2000 Ngotel began working as a Lab Manager for Alvia Elementary School.

Class of 2002 (PCC)



Melinda Ramarui 2002 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) in Early Childhood (EDEC). Ramarui began working for PCAA-Head Start in 1991 as a Mental Health Coordination.

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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PCC Library Hours For Summer 2006

Days	Hours Open
Monday- Friday	8am-8pm
Saturday	9am-6pm
Sunday	12am-6pm

Call us at telephone number 488-3540 to find out if we have that book you have been looking for!

PCC Summer Library Fair 2006

PCC Library will host a two-week Summer Library Fair. This event will provide fun and educational activities for the community. Different events will be held from June 26 to July 7, 2006. Bring your kids for a great story, take a quiz for various prizes, or stop by during movie nights. Be a part of this wonderful opportunity to discover the vast resources that your local library has to offer. Call 488 - 3540 for more information about movie titles, story selections, and quiz prizes. See you at PCC Library!

Schedule of Events:

June 26-30

Monday - Friday — Daily Quizzes and Riddles

Monday, June 26 — Fun Family Movie Night (6:00 - 8:00 PM- PCC Library)

Tuesday, June 27 — Story Time (3:00 - 5:00 PM- PCC Courtyard Bai)

Wednesday, June 28 — Pacific Film Night (6:00 - 8:00 PM- PCC Library)

Thursday, June 29 — Story Time (3:00 - 5:00 PM- PCC Courtyard Bai)

July 3-7

Monday through Friday — Daily Quizzes and Riddles

Monday, July 3 — Fun Family Movie Night (6:00 - 8:00 PM- PCC Library)

Tuesday, July 4 — Story Time (3:00 - 5:00 PM - PCC Courtyard Bai)

Wednesday, July 5 — Pacific Film Night (6:00 - 8:00 PM- PCC Library)

Thursday, July 6 — Story Time (3:00 - 5:00 PM- PCC Courtyard Bai)

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potential teachers and a variety of methods are employed to analyze and resolve these problems.

One course in the program being taught this summer is an introductory course in Educational Technology. Dr. Donn Ritchie, Chair of the Department of Educational Technology and a professor at SDSU with sixteen years of teaching under his belt, traveled to Palau earlier this summer from San Diego to teach the course in person. In the classroom Dr. Ritchie teaches the educators analytical and conceptual skills that tie in directly with problems that they are facing and may face in their own classrooms when they teach throughout the year. With his direction these educators learn how to utilize modern technology to engage their own classes to optimize learning and to solve problems. The courses are about eight weeks long and will be set according to PCC Academic Calendar. Professors and faculty from SDSU are able to travel to Palau for only a select portion of those course lengths. Despite the limited time he has on the island, Dr.

Ritchie makes himself available in and even outside of the allotted class time. On average the class is given 2 hours of homework while he is on island and meets with the class daily. When Dr. Ritchie is in San Diego, the class meets once a week on Wednesdays and are given an average of four hours of homework each night. Marianne Temaungil, an associate professor at PCC, facilitates those classes when Dr. Ritchie is absent. The Educational Technology course and most of the courses in the program are primarily taught online, and Professor Temaungil is the go-to person when the SDSU professors are back in San Diego. A vast array of resources is available to students online through the SDSU Library's home page (<http://infodome.sdsu.edu>). The resources include electronic journals, catalogs, databases, and book ordering services. The students use these resources even when the professors are on island. There is also a discussion board where students can post questions and problems that the course professors can address in San Diego.



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Palau Standing in 6th Micronesian Game

As of Thursday June 29th, Team Palau places third based on the total of gold medals won. Overall, they have won 17 gold, 14 silver and 16 bronze which gives them a total of 47 medals. CNMI leads overall medal tally with a combined total of 81 medals, comprised of 26 gold, 29 silver and 26 bronze medals. Guam, on the other hand, has 40 gold, 24 silver and 15 bronze for a total of 79 medals. These three nations make up the top three medal winners



Men canoe team proudly displaying their Palau flag.

so far as the 2006 MicroGames continues in Saipan. Games were still continuing. For latest results on the MicroGames, visit cnmi.net/microgames. This website will provide a summary of medals won, as well as detailed listing including names of individual medallists and their respective countries. This year, there are nine (9) islands participating in the Micronesian Games. They are Guam, CNMI, Palau, Kiribati, Pohnpei, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Chuuk, Yap and Kosrae. The games, held in Saipan, feature the following sports: Athletics, Basketball, Baseball, Canoe, Beach Volleyball, Golf, Micro All Around, Slow Pitch Softball, Fast Pitch Softball, Spearfishing, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Triathlon, Volleyball-Indoor and Wrestling. Palau is competing in most of the sports. Of the two hundred plus athletes and officials representing Palau, thirty-five (35) of them are PCC staff and students. The PCC faculty, staff and students who remain on campus have been observed to be glued to their radio stations listening to live broadcasts of the games, thanks to one of PCC's favorite senators, the honorable Senator Alfonso Diaz. Way to go, P-A-L-A-U!

Local/Regional Events

July 9-10, 2006

Olechotel Belau Fair, to be held at the Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs Compound

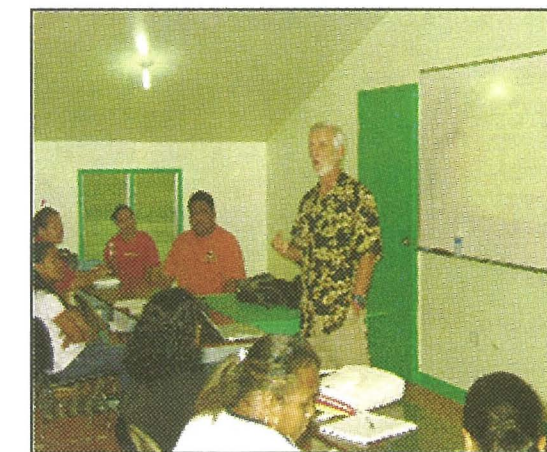
July 12-14, 2006

Pacific Educational Conference, to be held on the PCC campus

SDSU Professor on Campus

By: Usong Telei, SWEP student

Palau Community College is traditionally a two-year institution. Despite this barrier the college has found a way to bring further higher education to the people of Palau. About five years ago



SDSU Professor Dr. Donn Ritchie lecturing in class this summer at PCC

President Patrick Tellei requested San Diego State University (SDSU) to explore the possibility of a joint venture with PCC to provide bachelor-level instruction for educators in Palau. About two years later PCC, in full partnership with San Diego State University, offered a Bachelors of Art Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. The program that the degree is offered under is focused on present and future teachers in Palau and is a major in three separate departments: The School of Teacher Education (TE), the Department of Educational Technology (ET) and the Department of Administration, Rehabilitation and Postsecondary Education (ARPE). PCC curriculum has been reviewed by SDSU and the syllabus of the program has been designed specifically for providing educators in Palau with strong foundations in general education. Classes integrate problem and discussion-based learning directly related with the schools in Palau. Current school issues are discussed by present and

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PCC Alumnus Becomes PCC Staffer

PCC alumnus Mr. Hamilton Meach has just been hired by the College to work in the Student Services Division. Working specifically in the Recreation Office, Mr. Maech will be focusing his attention on further developing the College's Basketball program as well as the Volleyball program.

Mr. Maech graduated from PCC in spring 2005 with an AS degree in Hospitality Management. This past spring 2006, he graduated with a Certificate of Achievement in Office Administration. He also received the coveted Outstanding Citizenship Award, a recognition that goes to only one graduate each year. Mr. Maech also served as a PCC student trustee for two school years; thus, representing student interests in the College's governing board. The College welcomes Mr. Maech to the growing PCC family and looks forward to working with him!



Mr. Hamilton Meach is the newest member of the PCC family of staff and students. Welcome aboard, Hamilton!

Scholarships Available for College Students

If you are going to be enrolling in college this coming school year, whether it be PCC or some other college or university outside of Palau, there are several scholarship programs that offer financial assistance to Palauan citizens.

- **Under the Palau National Scholarship Board**, the following scholarship Opportunities are available: 1) Palau Grant; 2) Palau Scholarship (for junior or senior college/university students only); and, 3) Palau Student Loan.

- **Other Scholarship programs** that are privately funded include:

- 1) EKEI Scholarship;
- 2) Shell Palau Scholarship; 3) PHS Class of '79 Scholarship; 4) Pacific Savings Bank Scholarship; 5) Didil Belau Scholarship (for female junior or senior college student); 6) Sumang Demei Scholarship; and, 7) Tadao Ngotel Scholarship.

- **Other scholarship opportunities** for students attending PCC include 1) Bank of Hawaii Scholarship (for 2nd year PCC student); 2) Palau Rotary Scholarship (for 2nd year PCC student); 3) Moylan's Insurance Scholarship; 4) Pierantozzi Scholarship; 5) Roman Tmetuchl Scholarship; 6) Carita Scholarship; 7) Prince Lebuu Scholarship; and, 8) Shell Palau Scholarship.

- **Other scholarship opportunities** include full scholarships to study in New Zealand, Australia, Japan, and Taiwan.

Anyone who wishes to learn more about these scholarship opportunities may contact the Palau National Scholarship office at tel. (680) 488-3608, or visit their website at www.palaumoe.net/pnfb/, or you may fax inquiries to (680) 488-3602. Scholarship opportunities have established deadlines.

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PCC Students Thank Chairperson Salii

The very grateful PCC dorm students thank our Board of Trustees Chairperson BILUNG Gloria G. Salii for donating one HUGE tray of ripe banana, known locally as Meskebesang. Our students got to taste BILUNG's Meskebesang when our Cafeteria fried them and served them as a mouth-watering desert earlier this week. Thank you Chairperson Salii. We look forward to your next batch of donations!!!

PCC Wants You!

Palau Community College announces to the general public that it is looking to hire qualified personnel for the following positions:

- Public Relations Manager
- Strategic Planning & Research Coordinator
- Counselor (2 vacancies)
- Faculty (several vacancies)

Anyone interested in learning more about these vacancies at PCC may contact Karen Mobil, Personnel Manager, at PCC telephone number (680) 488-2470/2471, or mail inquiries to Palau Community College - P.O. Box 9 - Koror, Palau - 96940. You may visit PCC website at the following web address: www.palau.edu.

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Academic Calendar Summer Session 2006....

- Last Day of Instruction
July 5, 2006 (Wednesday)
- Final Examination Period
July 6-7, 2006 (Thursday-Friday)
- Internships Begin
July 10 2006 (Monday)
- Grades Due
July 11, 2006 (Thursday)

Writers Club Meeting ...

The Writers Club is having a meeting on Friday June 30, 2006 at 9:00 A.M. at the Talent Search Office. Anyone interested in becoming a member of this club may contact Laura Mangham at telephone number 488-8026 or Gretchen Reynolds at 488-3540 or Dilubch Samil at 488-2470, extension 253.

Once Again, Yano Donates to PCC



Yano & Sons Market donated 9.54 pounds of kangkum and 24.85 pounds of eggplants to PCC.

On Monday June 26, 2006, boxes of fresh vegetables were delivered to the PCC Administration Office. The vegetables worth of \$27.71 and were received by PCC students. These were among other types of vegetables given to PCC in the past by Yano & Sons. PCC students forever give thanks for these generous donations.

Yano & Sons Market is one of the locally owned businesses who have and continue to support and contribute to PCC. Stop by at Yano's Market and check out their unlimited number of local food with affordable prices!

JICA OFFICIAL VISIT CRE

By: Lydia Marero, CRE Researcher

Two officials of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) office in Koror visited the CRE on June 14, 2006. Mr. Yukio Tanaka, Economic Advisor to the Office of the President of Palau, and Ms. Chiho Tanaka, JICA Coordinator, visited CRE, specifically the shochu laboratory.

This is Mr. Tanaka's last visit to CRE, as he is leaving for Japan for good on June 22. His three-year stint in Palau has ended. Mr. Tanaka was responsible for giving equipment for making shochu at CRE. He also sits as a member of the New Product Development Committee organized by the President of Palau. He was active in pushing the Palau Brand, which is a seal of quality for products made in Palau.

The shochu laboratory at the R&D Center is manned by Lyndon Masami, Extension Agent of CRE. He was trained by Ms. Mitsuko Kobayashi, Senior Volunteer of KICA, who stayed in Palau for two years. Mrs. Kobayashi has returned to Japan in March, 2006 after finishing a month of extension term to transfer technologies on shochu-making and tissue culture techniques of taro propagation.

As the JICA counterpart for Palau, Lyndon Masami says he is grateful for learning so much from Ms. Kobayashi, and he is thankful to all the JICA staff for their kind support and generosity, not only for PCC-CRE, but also on behalf of Palau for such transfer of technology that will ultimately benefit the people. Visitors at the R&D Center never fail to taste the delicate shochu made from taro, tapioca and rice. Other features of the R&D Center include the Agronomy, Crop Protection, aquaculture, and food technology laboratories where several researches are being undertaken funded by the USDA under the Hatch Act Program. The CRE is headed by PCC Vice President Thomas Taro, and extension services may be availed of by making a request to him. VP Taro can be reached at telephone number 488-2746, fax number 488-3307 or e-mail address at taro@thomas@yahoo.com.

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In fact, it just might be that the PCC-CRE will be giving away 'dait' to those prolific ladies who wish to expand their taro patches. Therefore, mark your calendar and be sure to visit the PCC-CRE booth on the aforementioned dates. See for yourself what the PCC-CRE has available in terms of programs, products and services that may be of benefit to you! See you at this year's OBF!

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Therefore, anyone interested should inquire immediately to ensure that applications for scholarship are submitted before the deadline dates.

For the PCC-based scholarship programs, please do not hesitate to contact anyone at the PCC Development Office at tel. (680) 488-2471, extension 253. They will be more than happy to provide you with the assistance you need.



L-R: Lyndon Masami, CRE Extension Agent, Yukio Tanaka, Economic Advisor to the Office of the President of Palau and Lydia Marero, CRE Researcher.