

## Alumni Notes

### Class of 1988 (MOC)

**Jenevra Bechab-**  
1988 MOC graduate with an Certificate (CA) in General Office Clerk (GOC). Bechab has been working for years as a Food Service Program Specialist for the Ministry of Education.



### Class of 2000 (PCC)

**Shellene Dolmers-**  
2000 PCC graduate with a certificate (CA) in an Office Administration. Dolmers is a Classroom Teacher at Harris Elementary School.



### Class of 2002 (PCC)

**Witness Elbelau-**  
2002 PCC graduate with a certificate of achievement (CA) in Office Administration (CA). Elbelau works as an Administrative Assistant for Melekaui Agency.



**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

Norma Adelbai July 12  
Hilda Ngiralmu July 14  
Lesley Adachi July 15  
Marensia Edward July 15

Happy Birthday To You!

## All Gold for Outrigger Canoe

In the recently completed 2006 Saipan Micro Games, the Palau Outrigger Canoe team powered its way through the competition, leaving the other teams behind. The effort and time that the paddlers and their coach put into the sport became apparent to the rest of Micronesia as they took gold in all races- 500 meters, the 1500 meters, and the marathon events. The quality paddling they have shown has served to



Palau Canoe Paddlers Head Coach Tino Faatuuala being interviewed by SWEP student Usong Telei at his residence in Ngerbeched.

raise the bar of excellence for other paddling teams in Micronesia. "Paddling is a very engaging sport," says Tino during a post Micro Games Interview. "It tests the whole body; and as such, every competing member of the team has to be at the top of his/her game. In addition to actual paddling, a good amount of time is also focused on cardio fitness and muscular

enhancement training." Results definitely speak for themselves with the gold sweep of the Micro Games. Each paddling race in the Micro games was an endurance test. In the 500 meters, paddlers had to maintain paddling at full strength and full power. In the 1500 meters, paddlers need to show their endurance abilities on the water by maintaining a quick pace with evenly distributed strength. The marathon event was a 15,000 meters, a distance of about 10 miles, and here the paddling team really showed its mettle. They kept the pace up and performed superbly.

Now that the Micro Games are over Coach Tino wants to get the team ready to face opponents in the 2007 Pacific Games in Samoa. He wants to increase further the intensity of training which is needed for the Palau team to go head-to-head against world class teams of Tahiti, and New Caledonia.

A number of PCC staff and students were members of the canoe team: Vance Basilius- Academic Affairs office, Armstrong Debelbot- Development Office, Hulda Lukas- Development Office, students Guy Gibson, Barnabas Tepengailug, Utoi Runcie Maech and Yip Erungel.

MICRO GAMES		Micronesian Games 2006 Final Metal Tally			
Position		Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	<a href="#">Guam</a>	51	27	18	96
2	<a href="#">CNMI</a>	34	33	31	98
3	<a href="#">Palau</a>	27	16	21	64
4	<a href="#">Chuuk</a>	6	10	12	28
5	<a href="#">Pohnpei</a>	5	15	17	37
6	<a href="#">Kiribati</a>	5	7	5	17
7	<a href="#">Marshall Islands</a>	3	5	12	20
8	<a href="#">Kosrae</a>	3	3	2	8
9	<a href="#">Yap</a>	2	7	3	12
Total		136	123	121	380



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## PCC Maintenance Crew Swarm Campus, Mow, Dig, Wash, Paint, Repair, Build... and Prep for PEC 2006



Foundation work on the new PCC library. In the background is the newly-constructed drafting and auto CAD class.

Taking advantage of the thinner than normal student traffic during the summer session, the PCC Maintenance crew have in recent weeks been busy logging in extra hours and even at times, working straight through weekends in carrying out essential maintenance and upkeep work on campus fixtures and facilities in time for the busiest semester- fall semester.

Much of the preparation is also to get the campus ready to host the 2006 Pacific Educational Conference (PEC) which commences next week. Albeit the week-long conference is hosted the Ministry of Education (MOE) and co-hosted by Pacific Resources on Education and Learning (PREL) and PCC, the college campus will serve as the main site for the conference, thus the pressing need for the facility upkeep.



Worker keeps cool with towel on head while water blasting clean the sidewalks.

PCC Physical Plant director Clement Kazuma who is overseeing the repairs and maintenance work says that most of their indoor work is on repairing desks and scarred chalkboards and also replacing defective lights and air-conditioning units. Touch-up paints jobs are also required on some of the classroom. Outside is where the heavy work is needed with the arduous and heavy landscaping and beautification work. The

sidewalks and roofs are water blasted and outside of classrooms water blasted and repainted.

"It is a lot of manual work and we are very lucky to have secured student workers from the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), Summer Work Experience Program (SWEP), and Upward Bound programs. With the additional hands, I am happy to say that everything is progressing as scheduled and we will have everything in place and on time for the opening of the conference," Kazuma said, praising the student workers.



WIA, SWEP, and Upward Bound student workers are being tapped to help with the campus beautification effort ahead of the 2006 PEC Conference.

In addition to their maintenance and preparation work, Kazuma also said that his workers also pitched in to help with the construction work of the recently-finished classroom facility for drafting and auto CAD classes. They are now helping in the construction work of the new Adult High School building. After which they will assist contractors in beginning the foundation work for the new PCC Library. Thank you Kazuma and staff for all of your hard work.



### Summer 2006 Enrollment Stats

PCC students	Other programs
Palau-274	UBMS- 55
Kosrae-12	Upward Bound- 110
Pohnpei-4	CE Summer Kids- 91
Yap-47	OMIP trainees- 55
Marshalls-6	
Chuuk- 12	
Saipan-1	
USA- 7	
Japan-1	
Philippines-4	
China-1	

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## 18 Graduate from CRE Food Tech. Class



Financial Aid Coordinator Ellenita Brel (r) receives her certificate of completion in the Food Tech. class from President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei. Also in the photo are Vice President Thomas Taro and CRE Researcher Lydia Marero.

Eighteen (18) participants have successfully finished a three-week Food Technology Class offered by the Palau Community College-Cooperative Research and Extension (PCC-CRE) on July 26, 2006. The class was held at the PCC Snack Bar from July 5 to 22, 2006, Mondays to Thursdays 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

The graduation ceremony was held at the PCC Cafeteria and was graced by the presence of PCC President Dr. Patrick Tellei and CRE Vice President Thomas Taro. Bennie Brel, the class president, gave a response after the awarding of certificates to the participants.

The successful graduates were the following: Ille Joy Balayo, Bennie Brel, Florinda Gabriel, Jeralda Koshiba, Marlina Lacambra, Mary Jane de Lina, Tasha Kay Llecholch, Clarissa Mercado, Emily T. Misajon, Cindy Rivera, Leonora Rivera, Hilaria Sbal, Marjorie Towai, Jose Villafior, Susannie Villafior, Elisha May Villegas, Nenita Villegas and Mindy Ubedei. The class was handled by Dr. Lydia Marero, CRE Researcher.

About fifty food products were prepared from taro, tapioca, fish, coconut, and bananas. The objective of the class was to train budding entrepreneurs on food processing in order for people to create their own food micro-enterprises. This activity is in support of the tourism industry, for preparing local foods to cater to the tourists.

## Grand Valley Alum Carries on a Rich Tradition

*Seidman's Vision, Spring 2006*

Grand Valley Alum Carries on a Rich Tradition in 1979, student Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr. received his degree from Grand Valley State University. He subsequently returned to his native country of Palau, eventually to become its President, a position he still holds. In April of 2006, Laureen Joseph, also from the country of Palau, was able to carry on the tradition set by President Remengesau. She too graduated from GVSU, receiving her B.B.A. in Accounting. She is now headed to Ohio State University to pursue her studies in their Master of Science in Accounting program, as a recipient of a full-ride competitive University Fellowship. Laureen was the sole undergraduate Michigan student receiving the merit-based and competitive American Institute of CPAs Minority Accounting Scholarship in the 2005-2006 academic year. Congratulations, Laureen!

Before attending Grand Valley State University for her B.B.A. degree program in Accounting, Laureen completed her two years of education here at PCC. She graduated in year 2003 with an Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts. Earning a highest GPA from her overall classes, Ms. Joseph was selected a Valedictorian of her graduating class. Laureen is a daughter of Lorenza Joseph who works for PCC as a Business Office Accountant/Supervisor.



Laureen Joseph (c) with friends at Grand Valley State University

## Happy 26th Constitution Day!

*This week we celebrate a milestone in the development of the people of Palau and our young nation.*

*We honor and remember the perseverance, dedication, courage and wisdom of our past and current Leaders, and the Framers and Reviewers of our Constitution.*

## Welcome to the 23rd PEC Conference

*The PCC Family of Trustees, Administration, Faculty, Staff and most especially the PCC students, welcome all the participants of the 23rd Pacific Educational Conference.*

## BITS AND PIECES...

### Library Technician to Receive Scholarship.....



Pioria Faungy, a Library Technician was awarded a \$500 scholarship from the Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL) Board of Directors and the Teacher Scholarship Fund.

Faungy who is pursuing a degree in Library and Information Services will receive her \$500 scholarship award along with other recipients during the Pacific Educational Conference to be held next week. Congratulations!

### UBMS 3rd Annual Banquet .....

The UBMS program will be holding their 3rd Annual Banquet on Wednesday, July 12, 2006 at the Ngarachamayong Cultural Center from 7-9 pm. The program is serving 55 students this summer.

### July 9th (Sunday) is a National Holiday .....

Sunday, July 9, 2006 is a Constitution Day and a National Holiday in Palau observed by all public offices including PCC. Because it falls on a weekend, Monday, July 10, 2006 will be observed as a Holiday. As such, all PCC offices will be closed an only essential services will be provided during that day.

## Choose a Career in Library Services

If you enjoy working with people, get pleasure from researching topics and making information accessible to others, think about joining the library profession. There are good career opportunities within schools, government, academic and public libraries.

PCC offers two associate degrees for those interested in a library career; the Applied Science program, aimed at people working in school libraries, or the Science program, targeting those working in public, academic or government libraries.

You can study full or part time, and our programs suit anyone already working in a library, or if you want to work in libraries in the future. Our courses give you the skills you'll need to advance in the library profession. Students study; resource selection, understanding information resources and research methods, library management and funding.

The program's new instructor, Pam Bidwell has had ten years of teaching experience in New Zealand library studies programs, and looks forward to working with students in the Fall semester. Pam is presenting a workshop;

"Libraries in education: making a difference" at the PEC conference this week (Session 5-6: Thursday 13 July 8-11 am, Batches 65).

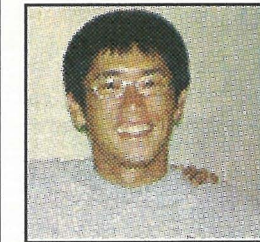
For anyone who would like to know more about our library service programs, and information evening will be held at PCC Library that Thursday at 6:00 pm. Please contact the Student Life Office at telephone 488-3036 for details or to request a brochure.

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Several tourists had the chance to taste about fifteen food products from taro and tapioca during the Taste of Palau event in March, 2006. This consumer taste test showed that the products were excellently accepted by about 260 tourists and guests who have signed up at the PCC-CRE booth.

The CRE Food Technology Class is one of the many programs that are offered to the public free of charge as an extension service. Most of the results of researches conducted at the R & D Station located in Ngaremlengui State are transferred to interested parties through these extension programs. To avail of such services, requests may be sent to VP Thomas Taro at telephone number 488-2746, fax number 488-3307 or e-mail address at tarothomas@yahoo.com.

## Matsuoka Bids Farewell



Yoji Matsuoka, a JICA volunteer who has been with the family of Palau Community College for the last two years is now getting

ready to leave for Japan. Matsuoka joined the faculty of the college in the Fall Semester of 2004. Since then, he has been teaching agriculture courses, specifically animal husbandry. He has helped a number of students and staff of the college, and his help has been greatly appreciated. But even with the many duties of his work as an instructor, Matsuoka still found time to help the detainees of Subelek Farm with agricultural advice,

particularly in livestock raising. On behalf of the detainees of Subelek Farm, the Academic Affairs Office would like to thank Matsuoka for his assistance with the upholding of the farm. When asked about how he feels about leaving, Matsuoka gave a slight sigh and replied, "I'm not so excited about going back home but I know I have to; I really like it here and would really want to stay." Matsuoka has enjoyed his time greatly here at the college and says he will leave with the best memories at heart. He expressed greatly how he surely will miss a lot of things, but most especially his students, the staff of the college, and the BABII! The college is sponsoring a farewell luncheon for Matsuoka on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July 2006, a week before he departs for Japan on the 10<sup>th</sup>.