

## "Omereng el Saul"

*Ng kmal soak el nguu tial techall, e mereng a suli el rokui el ngilsukak er a taem er a klengit el reng er ngak me a telungalek er ngak. A suli akmal di ngara rengmam ngak me a telungalk er ngak el kmal diak kimobes.*

*Kom kmal mlo mesaul*

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for helping out during the time of my sorrow. My family and I will cherish such kindness and will keep it in our hearts forever.*

*Janice Termeteet*

## Celebrating Birthdays



Lesley B. Adachi	July 15, 2002
Marensia Edward	July 15, 2002
Don S. Hanser	July 17, 2002

**Happy Birthday To You!**

## PCC's Proud Athletes & Coaches join the 5<sup>th</sup> Micro-Olympics

For the past several months, several staff, faculty, and students of PCC have been training hard to prepare themselves for the upcoming Micronesia Games which will be held in Pohnpei. Palau Community College is proud to present PCC's Athlete's, Coaches, and Officials:

Rodney Kazuma	staff (player)
Radley Kazuma	student (official)
Boaz Etpison	student (player)
Norma Adelbai	staff (player)
Derbei Meyar	staff (player)
Carlee Soaladaob	student (player)
Ephraim Ngirachitei	staff (coach)
Marc Renguil	student (coach)
Alins Kyota	student (player)
Houston Mad	student (player)
Calvin Johanes	student (player)
Gabriel Gilwuron	student (player)
Dehaan Yobech	student (player)
Delon Trolii	student (player)
Carrissa Subris	student (player)
Lisa Marie Masami	student (player)
Lina Kintoki	student (player)
Jayliavin Adelbai	student (player)
Kurt Erwin	student (player)
Delma Gideon	student (player)
Larry Wakakoro	staff (coach)
Armstrong Debelbot	staff (player)
Presley Etibek	staff (coach)
Ngerak Florencio	student (player)
Ashley Kazuma	student (player)
Moikeha Keogh	student (player)
Kelulau Olgeriil	student (player)
Eric Carlson	staff (official)
Laura Mangham	staff (coach)
Keith Ignacio	staff (player)



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## OMIP Program is Successful

### OMIP's Summer Bus Training

From the 3rd to the 21st of June, PCC's Operations and Maintenance Improvement Program (OMIP) conducted a Summer Bus Training program for bus drivers. The trainer was PCC instructor Eugene Uehara and classes took place at the PCC Automechanics classroom. The more experienced bus drivers only took the class for two weeks while the new drivers took classes for three weeks.

The training focused on several key areas including preventive maintenance, minor tune up, and various repair techniques such as a broken window, blinkers, tires, horns, signals, air condition, doors, steering, and most importantly, brakes. The drivers cleaned the buses, as each brought his own bus to clean and make repairs on.

Another important thing that was learned by the bus drivers was learning how to keep records of the bus check ups. In line with the training, there are certain things that must be done every week, every month, and every 3 months as stated in the bus owner's manual. At the end of the program, each trainee was given a certificate that shows what was accomplished, how many hours they worked, etc. The trainees who participated in this summer program are as follows:

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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Alfonso Samil        | 2. Atanacio Tadao    |
| 3. Mitsuhide Subris     | 4. John G. Ngitung   |
| 5. Baules Sambal        | 6. Nam K. Ngitung    |
| 7. Lorenze Mekreos      | 8. Randy Asanuma     |
| 9. Ngeyus Ngirachelsau  | 10. Ignacio Franz    |
| 11. Mike Meyar          | 12. Oscar Heinrich   |
| 13. Stephanus Gabriel   | 14. Caleb Rechelbang |
| 15. Ulysses Kuniuro     | 16. Saburo Remoket   |
| 17. Rechesengel Iyechad |                      |

### Peleliu Lineshaft Turbine Hands on Training



On the 7th and 8th of June, 12 water operators from across Babeldaob went to Peleliu for a hands on training with the water pump. With trainers Takemura Erungel (Electrical instructor), Eugene Uehara (Automechanics instructor), and Rod Gunson (pump expert), the trainees spent the morning of the 7th strategizing and organizing everything that was to take place for the duration of the training.

When they arrived on site at around 3pm in the afternoon of the 7th, the first order of business was to locate and pull out the pump for repair. This work lasted until about 1am the next day. At 7am, after some hours of rest, work on pulling out the pump continued.

Once the pump was out of the ground, the trainees, with guidance from the instructors, disassembled and cleaned it while also making the needed repairs. During this stage of the training, they learned the skill of routine maintenance and minor repairs procedures as well. Because they had to turn off the water systems to the villages, they worked as quickly as possible. The people of Peleliu fixed food for the workers for which they were grateful.

The trainees and their instructors arrived back on the 8th, but returned again on the 12th for a follow up and ended up fixing a few more problems. Pulling the whole pump out of the ground has never been done before and the trainees who did it were proud to see a job well done. The trainees who went to Peleliu are as follows:

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Aderiano Noah (Ngarchelong)   | 7. Hidencio Kintaro (Melekeok) |
| 2. Skeras Hideos (Ngaraard)      | 8. Ephraim Lewis (Angaur)      |
| 3. Jeremiah Merep (Ngiwal)       | 9. Dalter Takawo (Peleliu)     |
| 4. Orlando Ngirameketii (Ngiwal) | 10. Hensley Smau (Peleliu)     |
| 5. Gregorio Ngiraiwet (Ngardmau) | 11. Don Haruzi (Peleliu)       |
| 6. Jameson Techitong (Ngatpang)  | 12. Dave Ngiraked (Peleliu)    |



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## PBILC to be held at PCC Campus

From March 17-21, 2003 there will be a PBILC (Pacific Basin Inter-agency Leadership Conference) held at PCC. The islands participating in this conference are Hawai'i, American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Saipan, Kiribati, and the Republic of Palau. The conference initially started as a partnership of the Pacific islands with the goal of improving the lives of people who have "special needs".

ROP Vice President and Minister of Health Sandra S. Peirantozzi has been selected as the Conference Chairperson while PCC President Patrick U. Tellei has been selected as Vice Chairman. Working with them, among others, is Nimitz Iyar who will be serving as Chairman of Transportation Subcommittee for the conference. When interviewed, Iyar expressed his thoughts towards his temporary colleagues, "I'm really glad to be working with them. We can start to plan this quickly because there is a lot of work to do".

The people who will be conducting this conference will be selecting chosen speakers from different fields. Although at the present, the conference program is yet to be finalized, there will be a meeting held on August 1, 2002 to produce tentative program that will guide in the conference preparation and planning. For now, conference speakers may include include lawyers, doctors, senators, and other professionals from both the public and private sectors.

Several government agencies, such as the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Justice, etc. will take part in this conference. Moreover, the public is invited as well as encouraged to sit in and observe.

This conference will be beneficial to Palau in two main ways. First and foremost, to maintain the partnership between the Pacific islands to make life for the people with special needs as comfortable as the lives of people without them. Special needs meaning people with a physical or mental disability. The partnership is working to make life better and to preserve the rights these people have. Another benefit it has for Palau is strictly economic, such as the booking of hotels and rental cars, as well as opportunity for locals to sell local products. For information about the 2003 PBILC conference, contact Ermang Ngual at the Palau Parents' Center at tel. (680) 488-1793.

## Adult High School Students Give Their Opinions on the Program

Adult High School (AHS), a newly founded program located at PCC designed to help high school drop-outs and undergraduates earn their high school diploma, has been serving clients since September, 2000. Currently, there are 158 students in the program.

The requirements that must be met are as follows: potential student must be Palauan, over 18 years of age, and a high school undergraduate. The program offers 10 courses as well as 480 hours on OJT (On the Job Training).

Recently, the AHS has increased its client base that there are now two extension sites located in Babeldaob, with one in Melekeok and one in Ngardmau. Each of these two sites has about 20 students in it. The program usually lasts 2 years for a full time student, but more for part time students.

In a recent interview, Dana Antipas, a former AHS student who has completed all 10 courses as well as the hours required for the OJT, gave her personal opinion about the program, "It's a good program that has really changed my life". Dana says she heard of the program when she had arrived in Palau from Guam in August of 2000. She had heard about the program over the radio and immediately became interested. When asked how she felt when she first began the program, she said, "I was very excited and I couldn't wait to finish the courses." Dana graduated this spring semester and is presently working at the Adult High School office.

JB, another student who presently takes AHS courses was also interviewed. He himself has been in the program since last semester which had started in January of this year. Although he hasn't finished the courses and is yet to start on the OJT, he says he expects to graduate next year. He heard of this program from his friends. JB plans to go to the states after the program although whether he's going for college or not remains undecided.

PCC's AHS helps to give students a second chance to get their diploma and is a rewarding experience and makes the graduates proud when they finish the program. If you wish to know more about this program, please contact Laura Mangham at 488-2470/2471 extension 267.

## PCC Instructors WIN Special Grant From Spain

Last September, PCC instructor Ms. Juliana Anastacio applied for a grant under a program called "Cultural Cooperation with Spain," and her proposal was granted. The Program was initiated during Etpison administration, when Mr. Santos Olikong was then Minister of State. The first project began when the Belau National Museum (BNM), organized a traveling exhibit titled "The Pacific Islands: Spanish Legacy", which was hosted by the Palau Community College and attracted local residents, students, and visitors. Following this exhibit, a meeting took place in Madrid, Spain where this program was further strengthened.

Ms. Juliana Anastacio and Mr. Joe Chilton, who are both Social Science Instructors at PCC, are the leadpersons for the project. Their proposal: "Spain: The Nation that brought Formal Education to these Islands" falls under category 4 - Conferences, Symposia, and Interdisciplinary Research.

Palau is now part of a grant titled: "Toward a Common Future", between Spain, the Philippines, and the Pacific Islands. This grant includes colleges and universities from places, that at one time were under the rule of the government of Spain. The purpose of this grant is to collect resources for classroom use. The grant was received on March 8th, 2002.

There were a total of 45 proposals, with 5 from Micronesia. Only 3 from Micronesia were accepted-1 from the FSM, and 2 from Palau. Ms. Anastacio and Mr. Chilton's project was the only one of all the proposals that dealt with convening a conference.

The conference title, "Spain: The Nation that brought Formal Education to these Islands", is said to be held between the end of September and the beginning of October 2002, so as to observe the Independence of Palau, giving an opportunity to acknowledge Spain and what it contributed to the development of education in Palau as well as its overall growth and development.

If you want full information regarding "Spain: The Nation that brought formal education to these islands", please contact Juliana Anastacio or Joe Chilton at 488-2470/71, ext. 245/248.

## Contract Teacher Helps Fill Gap

Mr. Jemmy Blelai (Rechediou) is a part-time instructor here at PCC. He graduated from Palau High School when most of us were still in pre-school. After graduating, he attended and graduated from the University of Guam. He later worked as a Special Educator under the Ministry of Education.



After retiring from government service, he opted to continue his worthy goal of providing education to Palau's students rather than selfishly enjoying the fruits of retirement. Thus, he now teaches at PCC and has been working at the college for the past two years. Currently, he teaches Education Course, SS 100, Introduction to College, and Psychology.

Mr. Blelai is currently trying to accomplish a Future Teacher Club at PCC. This club will educate students and interest them into becoming teachers. Mr. Blelai believes that the accomplishment of the Future Teacher Club, will help to produce more teachers to fill in the vacant teacher positions under the Ministry of Education. After he finishes his contract, he will avail himself if PCC continues to need his services; otherwise, he plans to open a small private business. Mr. Blelai, thank you for your continued support to help promote education for future generations.

## Parking Lots Paved Benefits Staff, Faculty and Students

For the past several weeks, PCC's parking lots' have been under construction to improve parking space. The paving of these parking lots also helps to keep soil erosion at a minimum as well as to prevent water puddles from forming. These projects are also part of PCC's overall beautification process that will also ultimately increase parking capacity. The College thanks everyone for their patience during this slight inconvenience; further, those who have been carpooling are commended for their efforts to minimize parking woes.



Batches parking lot under construction

## WIA Summer Trainees Placed at PCC

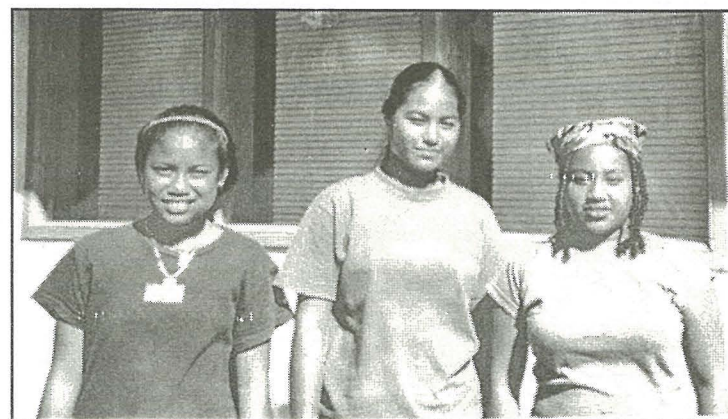
There are a number of elementary and high school students that have been placed at PCC through WIA, on different contracts, such as SYEP(Summer Youth Employment Program). The youth who have found work through this are as follows:

### SYEP

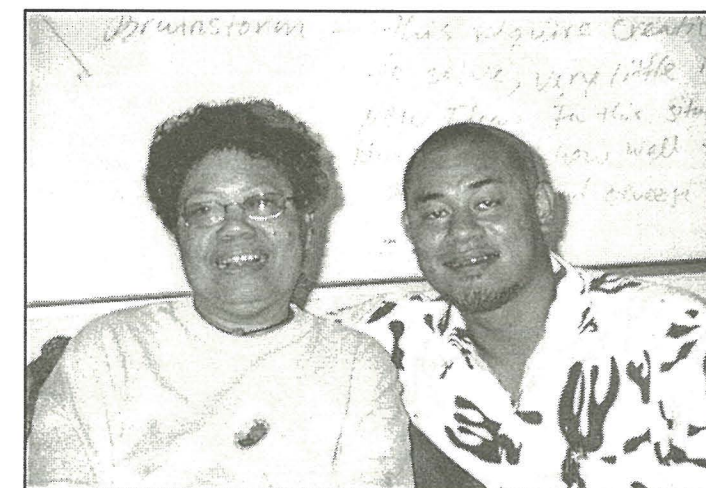
1. Myra Ann Heath
2. Dane Kloulubak
3. Chelilai Ngirmang
4. Goldie Merep
5. Dilkui Marino

### WIA/OCT:

1. Akira Miyasta
2. Despedall Ridpath
3. Arbedul Koshiba
4. Sidney Ongesel
5. Kei'ili Mikel
6. Ophilia Manabat
7. Evirl Dwight
8. Eldukl Uehara



(l-r) Myra Heath, Goldie Merep, and Trina Ngirmang placed at PCC Development Office through WIA Program.



Juliana Anastacio and Joe Chilton receive special grant