

Alumni Notes

Class of 2000

Eudora Lucio



Earned her Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Criminal Justice in 2000. She is working for the Bureau of Revenue, Customs & Taxation as an Officer II. *Message: Keep studying and complete your education. It's a means to your success.*

Class of 2008

Zilah Oiterong



Earned her Associate of Science (AS) degree in Environmental/Marine Science in 2008. After completion, she went to work at Marine Resource in the Oceanic Fisheries section. She is completing her Liberal Arts major at PCC, so she can continue on to get her undergrad degree through San Diego State Univ. online program. *Message: Don't ever stop learning.*

Class of 2009

Marvin Mathew



Earned his Associate of Arts (AA) degree in Liberal Arts in 2009. He transferred to University of Hawaii-Hilo where he is pursuing a major in Political Science with minors in Economics and Philosophy. He is doing his internship at the Attorney General's office for 6 credits. He will continue his education for two semesters and then hopes to get into law school.

Alumni Notes showcases MOC & PCC alumni who are positive role models and contribute to the quality of life in their local communities. If you are that alumnus/alumna 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

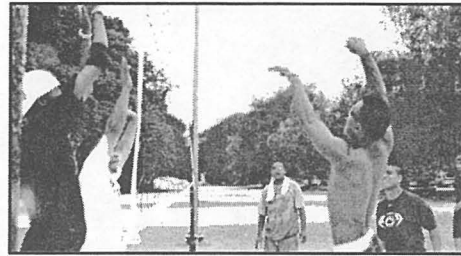
Jalavenda Osima Jul 20
Husto Ulengchong Jul 20
Grace Merong Jul 22

Happy Birthday To You!

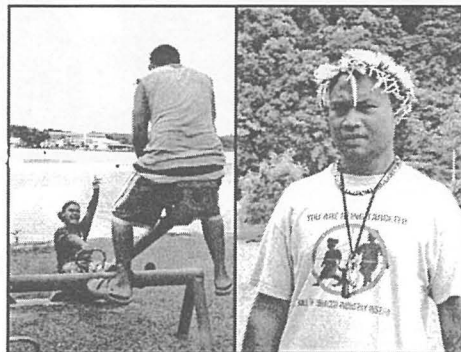
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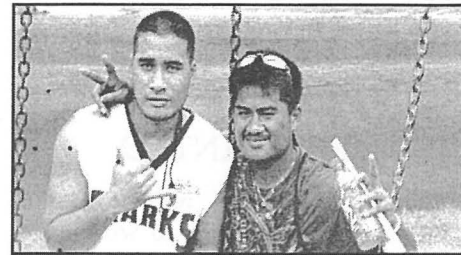
Friends and students just hanging out.



Pick up game of volleyball getting intense.



Residents enjoying the teeter totter; Salapwa modeling the island style with mamar.



Camera shy students striking a pose.

Energy Saving Tips

by PPUC - Tmetuchl Baules

Lighting: If planning to leave the room for two hours, turn off the lights. Reduce the number of lights for over-lit areas. Use fluorescent lights. They produce less heat and will help save money.

Stoves: If you have more than two dishes to cook in the oven at different temperatures, pick the average temperature to cook all dishes. Use pots and pans that fit burners. Pans that fit a burner absorb more of the energy, reducing the amount of heat lost. Keep oven and burners clean. Use broiler when possible, it uses less energy than oven. Use the kitchen exhaust fan when cooking. Don't peak. Every time you open the oven, the oven temperature is lowered.

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Participants observing ROC youth demonstrate crocheting.



Masks painted and designed by ROC/Palau participants.

Vacancy Announcement

- (1) English Instructor, Learning Resource Center
Salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum
- (2) Math Instructor, Learning Resource Center
Salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum
- (3) Financial Aid Counselor, Adm. & Financial Aid
Salary range: \$12,049.0 - \$20,607 per annum
- (4) Director, Finance
Salary range: \$18,730 - \$28,833 per annum

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First Annual Taro Festival Well Attended



Participants at the first annual Taro Festival "A Mesei a Delal a Telid."

On July 06, 2011 the Assembly Hall was crowded with people from the community attending the First Annual Taro Festival "A Mesei a Delal a Telid" that was organized

by many government and private organizations, including PCC-CRE. Spearheaded by the Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs, the symposium opened with

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Adult High School in Peleliu

Contributed by Adult High School

A meeting for Adult High School students in Peleliu was held on July 01, 2011, at the State Office in Peleliu. The turn-out was great with the majority of students in attendance showing their enthusiasm in con-

tinuing and taking more classes this coming session.

Despite the little rain showers, nineteen out

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Students, teachers and Adult High School staff in Peleliu.

Palau Community College is an accessible public educational institution helping to meet the technical, academic, cultural, social, and economic needs of students and communities by promoting learning opportunities and developing personal excellence.

ROC-Palau Youth Ambassadors

Eight students from National Dong-hwa University and two professors are here in Palau holding a Youth Ambassador summer camp for Palau's high school students at Palau Community College Campus. The program started in 2009, initiated by President Ma Yin-jeou. It aims at promoting understanding among the youths of the allied countries to the Republic of China (ROC). The camp is in its third year where ROC university students exchange cultural values, dancing, and music with Palau youths while teaching them about calligraphy, crafts, computer, science and more. This gives students from both countries the opportunity to interact and expand their knowledge about public diplomacy. The Palauan youths have learned about the indigenous cultures from the Amis, Atayal, Bunun, and Paiwan tribes, while the ROC youths have learned about Palauan culture.

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Students paying attention to instructions.

Randolph College Visits

On May 23, 2011, visiting officials from Randolph College, Dr. Kathy Schaefer and Michael Quinn including Executive Director of Haereticus Environmental Laboratory, Craig Downs and Interim Executive Director of Palau International Coral Reef Center, Yimnang Golbuu held a meeting

with PCC President, Dr. Patrick Tellei. This was an initial meeting to establish a relationship among the four institutions for students from Randolph College to have the opportunity to come to Palau and do their research at PICRC while staying at the PCC dormitories.

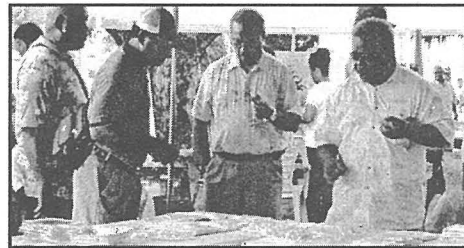


L-R: Dr. Kathy Schaefer, Associate Professor of Biology (Randolph College), Dr. Tellei; Michael Quinn, Vice President for Constituent Relations (Randolph College); Yimnang Golbuu, Interim CEO (PICRC); Dr. Robert Richmond, Professor (Univ. of Hawaii); Craig Downs, Executive Director (Haereticus Environmental Laboratory).

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an chesols by Camp Ebiil's Dirruchoh Kloulchad, National Anthem by Selaine Mowai Andreas, and His Excellency President Johnson Toribiong presenting the keynote address. Special remarks by Senator Kathy Kesolei had the assembly hall in fits of laughter. She shared the significant history and use of the mesei and the importance of the mesei as a source of food for health and survival for over 4000 years up until the present time. The event showcased the different taro plants in Palau. All the presenters reaffirmed the mesei as an important part of our culture and encouraged everyone to continue cultivating taro. Vice President Taro provided information about how climate change has become a factor to emerging issues with our island's food security. Those who participated in the Field Day on July 07, 2011 visited the

Llkul a Dui'l mesei, Taiwan Technical Mission, PCC-CRE, and Ngeruuchel, to see the different taro patches. On Friday, July 08, 2011, Bethlehem Park was full of displays of paintings, woven items, carvings, variety of taro plants, pottery, traditional food demonstrations, contemporary food display and demonstrations, dance performances and music performances.



Community members tasting the taro products at PCC-CRE booth at the festival.



Back(L-R): Rusky Remoket, Tyler Tellei, Dr. Tellei, Brandon Sawaichi, Governor Wilson Ongos, Maria Teruzi, VP Taro, Felix Sengebau, Leory Fritz. Front(L-R): Dr. Del Rosario, Chairwoman Sali, Ebil Rekkai Gracia Yalap, Senator Kathy Kesolei, Lydia Marero, Elit Sengebau,

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of twenty-one students showed up at the State office and participated in the meeting. They made sure that the director and staff knew that they wanted the classes to start as early as possible, and that they take more than two classes. Director Laura Mangham went on to refresh them on the two tracks that they will have to decide on and offered suggestions on which course might be available next. After some discussion, students and staff both decided on Consumer Economics, Health and Community Resources. AHS staff were on hand to disseminate information and were very helpful in assisting the students at the meeting.

The meeting was a success and the students expressed renewed commitment to completing the program. The staff need to meet with the students more often to keep the students' and teachers' enthusiasm and commitment on track.

Retention Committee Meets

In its continuous efforts to improve student retention and success, the Retention Committee met on July 12, 2011, to review and recommend procedural changes to improve some of the processes/procedures related to course scheduling, book rental, class attendance, and registration schedule. This is to ensure that students receive the assistance needed in a timely manner. The committee also discussed the student financial aid eligibility requirements and other related information that are to be disseminated to the students.



L-R: Director Laura Mangham, Director Dahlia Katosang, Director Hilda Ngiralmu, Dean Sherman Daniel, Registrar Lesley Adachi, Dean Tutii Chilton, Director Vernice Rechebei, Coordinator Vincent Ito.

BITS AND PIECES...

ANNOUNCEMENT

HELP WANTED

Looking for mature, reliable, and punctual PCC students to work as lab assistants for the Online and the Open computer labs starting this summer 2011. You must be able to work responsibly without constant supervision. If you have these characteristics and are interested, please contact Johvanna Yaoch at 488-2470 / 2471 (PCC) ext. 256.

CORRECTIONS

Mesekiu News is correcting information regarding "Our Reading Toolbox" and apologizes to Mrs. Sylvia Garcia-Navarrete for printing wrong information. Mesekiu News stated in Vol. 13 Issue 26 & 27, that Mrs. Garcia-Navarrete was the creator of "Our Reading Toolbox" when in fact it was created/ designed by Dr. Joel Levine, Dean at Southwestern College. Garcia-Navarrete has implemented the toolbox in her reading classes and modified/ designed lessons for developmental reading and writing English classes based on this toolbox. Currently, she is evaluating the effectiveness of "Our Reading Toolbox" for her doctoral dissertation.

News/Stories Wanted

MESEKIU'S NEWS welcomes stories/ articles/ announcements from students, faculty, and staff. Submission deadline is Monday at 4:30 p.m. in hard and electronic copies to adoraa@palau.edu, dilubchs@palau.edu, and alvinam@palau.edu.

Please call ext. 250/252/253 if you intend to submit your article after Monday or for more information.

Dorm Residents Enjoy a Picnic

On July 08, 2011 the dorm residents with dorm managers and some friends went to Long Island for a picnic. The cafeteria provided a delicious lunch: barbecue, salad, rice and yummy dessert. Residents enjoyed the day listening to blaring music and dancing, swimming around, playing a

pick up game of volleyball while many sat around and relaxed under the trees, watching the activities around them. All in all, they had a great time eating and spending time together away from the dorm on a sunny Friday afternoon.

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Dorm residents and friends excited to have their picture taken.

Omengesols

This is the final piece written on the different cultural summer activity that Koror State is holding for the youths this summer.

Omengesols class had one young man and six young ladies paying attention to instructor Dembert Obak. Chesols is the telling of a story in a chant with different types of chants. Olachitner is a song that has a moral teaching; rebetii, songs for the older ladies to dance to; and boid, where one does the olekam to begin, the leader starts the singing with the omelikes, and others enter with the omengeseb. Three voices are needed for the boid, and these kids were doing their best to learn each of the different techniques that instructor Obak was giving them. Two courageous students (boy and girl) performed their chesols on

the spur of the moment on August 29, 2011. Determined to learn, they memorized their chants and chanted without missing a beat. When asked about why they took this class, they said that they wanted to learn the chesols to keep in touch with the culture. Instructor Obak reiterated that once they learn the chesols, they will not forget them. She began her lessons at age 13, and she still remembers those chesols she learned many years ago. Obak encourages students to learn the chesols to the best they can, so they can do transitions and changes, creating their own history/story or chanting for any occasion that they perform at.



Omengesols students with chesols instructor, Dembert Obak.