

## Alumni Notes

### Class of 1998 (PCC)

Osamu Ngirchechol -



1998 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Business Accounting (BEA). Ngirchechol taught at George B. Havris Elementary School for 7 years until March of this year when he transferred to Koror Elementary School to teach and has been there since.

### Class of 1998 (PCC)

Jackline Immanuel -



1998 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Business Accounting (BEA). Immanuel works at the Business Office at Palau Community College.

### Class of 1976 (MOC)

Joshua Sokau -



1976 MOC graduate with a Vocational Certificate of Achievement (VCA) in Carpentry (CARP). Sokau works at Palau High School as a Carpentry Teacher and has been working there for the past 5 years.

**Alumni Notes** showcases MOC&PCC alumni who contribute to the quality of life in their local communities 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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## Latics Wins Intramural Basketball

Yes, you read it correctly! Latics is the name of the team that took the championship crown during the recently concluded four-on-four intramural basketball tournament sponsored by the Recreation department.

Asked about his team's distinctive label, winning coach/player David Salapwa of Yap said that his teammates were big fans of the Los Angeles Lakers and the Boston

Celtics so they combined the two names and came up with theirs.

Latics beat Team 7 Degrees North in the championship. Third place went to Team NTN coached by local boy Masao Aderkeroi. Congratulations to the champions!

## 2010 ROC Summer Youth Ambassador Program



### Our Condolences

The PCC Family expresses deepest sympathies to Master Navigator Sesario Sewralur and his family on the loss of his father Grand Master Dr. Pius Mau Pialug. Also to staff Lourdes Reksid on the loss of her brother Yaochi Reksid.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time of sorrow and grief.

### Message of Thanks

I want to express my sincere gratitude for the kind words, your generous gifts, and most of all, your prayers. Your kindness and sympathy at this time are more appreciated than any words can ever express. God bless all of you.  
Margeline Valencia Buban

### Celebrating Birthdays

Don Hanser July 17  
Husto Ulengchong July 20  
Jalavenda Oshima July 20  
Grace Merong July 22

Happy Birthday To You!

### Vacancy Announcement

- (1) Dean, Academic Affairs  
Salary range: \$21,000-\$33,730 per annum
- (1) Asst. Director, Educational Talent Search  
Salary range: \$18,000-\$22,000 per annum
- (1) Accountant/Supervisor, Business Office  
Salary range: \$12,049-\$25,633 per annum
- (1) Student Activities Supervisor  
Salary range: \$13,284-\$22,719 per annum
- (1) Registration & Records Specialist  
Salary range: \$12,049-\$20,607 per annum

For application forms and information, please contact Karen Mobil at the PCC Human Resources Office at 488-2470/71, ext. 227.

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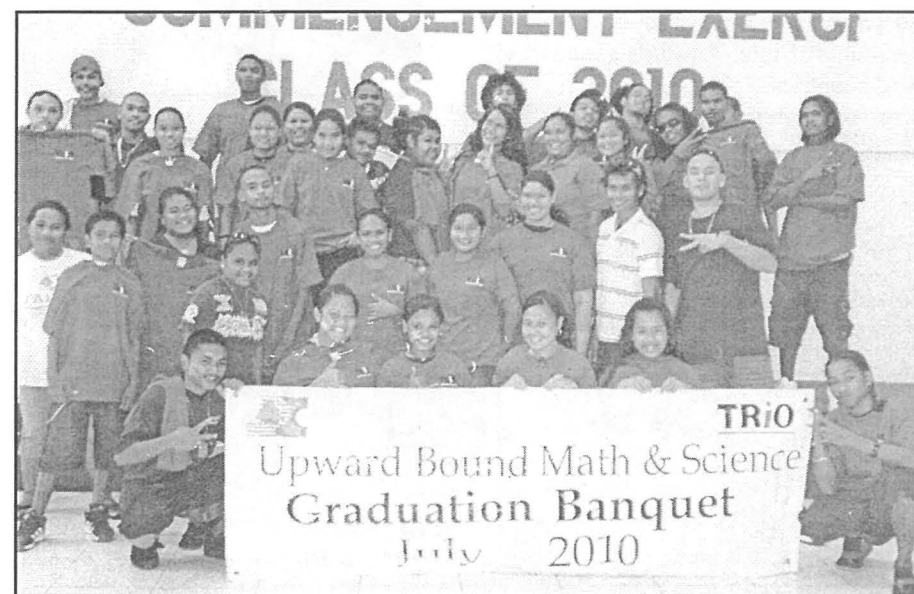


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## UBMS Holds Award Ceremony to Mark End of Summer



UBMS students gather for class photo during a farewell luncheon held on Wednesday.

On July 14, 2010 Palau Community College Upward Bound Math and Science hosted a luncheon for its students at the

PCC Cafeteria. Director Tchuzie Tadao opened the ceremony by congratulating students for completing the summer

## PCC Mourns the Death of Dr. Pius Mau Pialug Grand Master Navigator, Master Teacher

contributed by: T. Ngiramengior

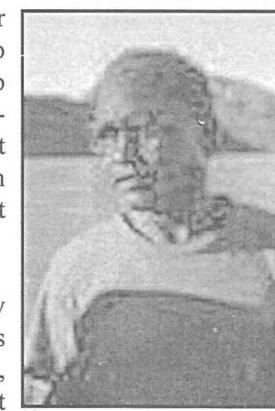
The entire PCC family joins the family, friends and the people of Satawal and Yap in mourning the loss of the non-instrument navigation Grand Master Dr. Mau Pialug.

Born in 1932 and raised in the island of Satawal, the Grand Master passed away on Monday, July 12, 2010 and funeral services were held this Wednesday, July 14, 2010.

He was the Grand Master (teacher) of the last master navigators remaining in Micronesia, one of whom is his son, Master

Navigator Sesario Sewralur who heads the non-instrument navigation program at PCC.

Popularly known by his first name, Mau, he first



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program. He challenged the students to continue to refine their academic skills as well as maintaining their commitment in their studies. He further encouraged the seniors who graduated this spring to continue on to college so that they can be successful people in the future.

Forty-two students from Palau, Mindszenty, and Belau Modengkei high schools attended the six weeks summer program. The program consisted of academic classes in Math, English, Japanese, Computer, and Science. Some students who performed exceptionally well were awarded Certificate of Excellence and Certificate for Best Effort. Special awards and recognition were also given to all the graduating seniors this year.

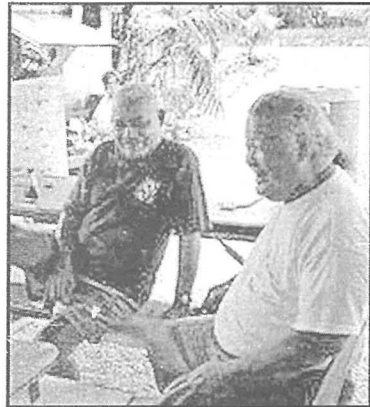
After the awarding ceremony, the students were treated to a special luncheon. PCC UBMS would like to thank all the teachers, tutors, and presenters for making this summer a success. Congratulations to all students and see you all in September!

## Cafeteria Prepares for Busy August

"When the 7th Micronesian Games kick off on August 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be preparing an additional 1,200 meals on a daily basis." That's what cafeteria supervisor Ezra Takeo said about the preparation he is undertaking with his staff to take on the additional task of preparing food for the hordes of athletes, officials, and volunteers expected to take part in Micronesian Games only two weeks away.

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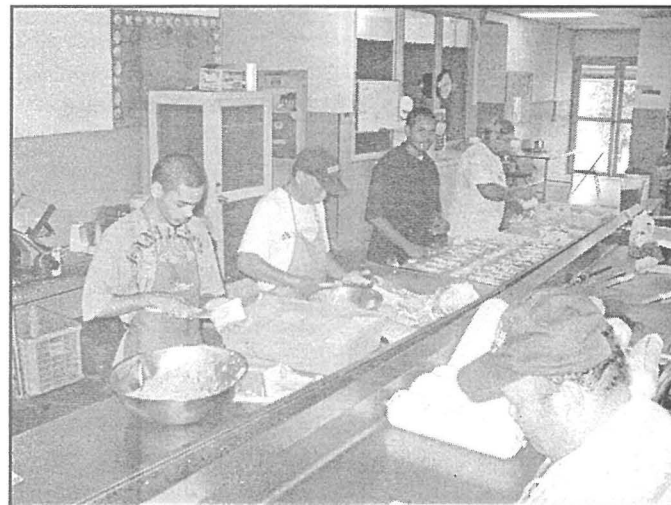
(Grand Master, from Front Page)



Mau (l) spent his final years on his home island of Satawal.

gained world wide exposure in 1976 when he navigated the Hawaiian voyaging canoe Hokule'a on a 2,300 mile ocean voyage from the Hawaiian Islands to Tahiti in French Polynesia, retracing the route of earlier Pacific Island navigators some 600 years before. The success of his voyage which was done without the use of modern navigation instruments (sextants, compasses, GPS) sparked pride in the Pacific culture and the renaissance of traditional voyaging, canoe building, and non-instrument navigation. Such resurgence has continued to grow in momentum, spreading across the entire Pacific, and with it, the successful establishment of the non-instrument navigation program at PCC. Sail on Grand Master, sail forever!

(Cafeteria, from Front Page)



All hands on deck. Cooks and cook helpers pack a special lunch order to go. Takeo said that his orders on food supplies and needed materials continue to come in and he expects to have everything completely stocked and ready by the end of next week. He also said that work

## ROC Summer Youth Ambassador Program

by: Mark Alex, staff writer

The second annual Republic of China-Taiwan Summer Youth Ambassador program kicked off earlier this month. Eight students and one staff from National Central University in Taiwan are on campus for three weeks to participate in academic as well as cultural programs with students from local high schools (Palau High, Mindszenty High, Emmaus High, and Palau Mission Academy).

The summer youth program is sponsored by the Taiwan Embassy and the Taiwan Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Its purpose is to utilize outstanding Taiwanese students and teachers as ambassadors to spread Republic of China-Taiwan's goodwill to allied countries.



Visit to the Capitol in Ngerukud, Melekeok



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continues in securing cooks from the Ministry of Education to serve as volunteer cooks to assist him in the massive food preparation as the games get underway. "We expect the first group to begin arriving by month's end and that's when we plan to officially begin meal services. We will hit full capacity after the opening ceremony

on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Given the additional tasks, Takeo remains confident that PCC student meals remain his first priority.

In addition to the daily student meals he prepares, he said he also entertains food orders from individuals and groups in the community.

He received a special request this week to prepare two hundred fifty (250) breakfasts, lunch, and dinners for the participants of the Ministry of Health's Youth Summer Camp.



Workstudy students serve meals to PCC dormitory residents.

## BITS AND PIECES...

### CE PROGRAM

#### CE Summer Youth Program...

The Continuing Education Summer Youth Program will conclude next Friday. Participants who have been learning traditional Palauan arts of Chanting, Spearmaking, Storyboard Carving, and Basket Weaving will showcase their crafts during a ceremony at the Continuing Education Training Room.

### LIBRARY

#### Summer Activities...

- ✓ Internet Searching/EBSCO Training
- ✓ Online Catalog Training
- ✓ Gmail/Email Set-Up

Training begins June 16 - End of July on every Wednesday & Friday from 1:00-4:00 pm. Training is for ages 12 & Up. Call 488-3540 and talk to Tanya Ngirkuteling or Jolene Uleghchong for more details.

### SEMINAR

#### Summer Seminar for Teachers...

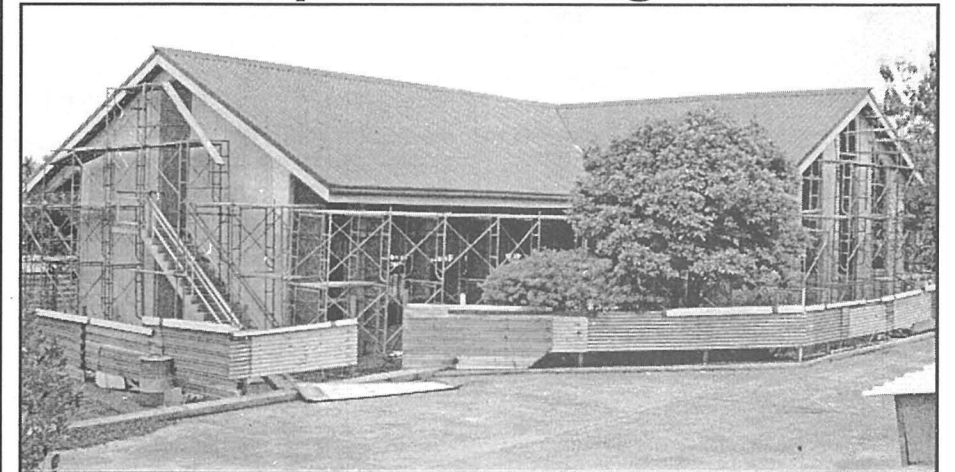
A seminar will be held in Hawaii from August 8 to August 13 entitled "Hawaii National Great Teachers Seminar". For information, go the following website [www.greatteacher.hawaii.edu](http://www.greatteacher.hawaii.edu). The contact person is Ms. Cindy Martin at: [cindymar@hawaii.edu](mailto:cindymar@hawaii.edu). Fliers also available at Faculty Senate Association mailboxes located in the Academic Affairs office.

### SCHOLARSHIPS & INTERNSHIPS

#### Scholarship & Internship Opportunities...

The office of the Micronesia Challenge is offering thousands of dollars in scholarships as well as internship opportunities for qualified students and individuals. For details, stop by the PCC Development Office or contact: The Micronesia Challenge Regional Office, P.O. Box 4040, Koror, Republic of Palau 96940. Telephone: 680-488-8008; Fax: 680-488-8003

## PTHSE Construction to be Completed in August 2010



Construction work continues on schedule for the Palau Tourism & Hospitality School of Excellence (PTHSE). According to project manager Mr. Shao, who recently returned from a shopping trip to the Philippines for materials, all needed supplies are on-hand now to ensure that construction continues unabated to meet the August time-line.

## FSA to Launch Scholarship in Fall

The Faculty Senate Association (FSA) will be launching a scholarship this fall semester. According to FSA President Joe Chilton, the \$1000 dollar scholarship will fund two incoming freshmen, with each getting \$500 dollars for the school year.

"The aim of the scholarship is to assist 1st year students with some financial support to help them transition to PCC. We do plan on working with them to make sure they succeed. Tutoring, advising, and counseling will be provided so recipients can be more successful on their own during their second year at PCC," wrote Chilton about the purpose of the scholarship. Detailed information about the FSA

scholarship can be obtained from the PCC Development Office.



FSA officers and members during a recent fundraising effort to raise funds for the scholarship.

## Alumni Returns for Internship

contributed by: Student Support Services office



Nestor with SSS staff Adora and Midori

Victor Nestor, a PCC-SSS alumni attending the University of Hawaii at Hilo, is currently on island. Through the Pacific

Internship Program for Exploring Science (PIPES), Victor came to Palau this summer to intern at the Forestry Office of the Bureau of Agriculture. Victor graduated from PCC in Spring 2007, with an AS Degree in Environmental/Marine Science, and transferred to the University of Hawaii at Hilo in Fall 2008. While at PCC, Victor was an active participant of the SSS Program, and worked as a Peer Tutor during his last semester at the college. We wish Victor a wonderful summer and much success as he continues his educational journey at UH-Hilo.