

## Alumni Notes

### Class of 1983 (MOC)



Rosita Weilbacher-1983 MOC graduate with an AS degree in Food Service. 1984-present, she has worked as a Food Services Coordinator for the PCC Cafeteria. In

November of 2004, she launched her own food catering company called the Prince-of-Sites.

### Class of 1982 (MOC)



Henciano Basilio-1982 MOC graduate with an AS degree in General Electronics

Technology. He is employed by the Ministry of Education as an Audio/Video Specialist.

**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*.

## Celebrating Birthdays

Grace Merong	July 22
Rehabeam Madlutk	July 23
Akilina Maech	July 25
Ignacio Akiwo	July 25
Takemura Erungel	July 25

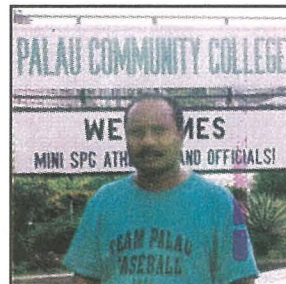
**Happy Birthday to You!!!**

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## PCC Alum Seeks Others

Rosita Weilbacher, an MOC alumnae working at the cafeteria needs help from her fellow classmates. It has been more than 22 years since she graduated from MOC, and she believes that a class reunion is long overdue. All members of the MOC Class of 1983 interested in helping Weilbacher plan for the reunion may call her at telephone number 488-2357 or 488-1557, 779-3781.

## PCC Faces at the 7th South Pacific Mini Games



Todd Ngiramengior, Executive Assistant to PCC President. Baseball Coach for Team Palau.



Presley Etibek, Dean of Students. Tournament Director for Tennis.



Keith Ignacio, Admin. Asst. Tennis Team member.



Hulda Lukas, Secretary. Canoe Team member.



Dilubch Samil, Admin. Asst. Canoe Team member.



Renette Meyar, Clerk. Women's Fast Pitch Team member.



Rodney Kazuma, Maintenance staff. Baseball Team member.



Cleophas Iyar, Maintenance staff. Baseball Team member.

## Upward Bound Work-study Students Receive Commendation from their Mentors



Upward Bound Work-study students with their mentor Hazime Tellei (seated), Director of Bureau of Public Safety. The students received Certificates of Commendation.



Upward Bound Work-study students who worked at the Palau Post Office this summer receive Certificate of Commendation from their mentor, Tomothy Kib (l).

The certificates were signed by the US Postmaster General.

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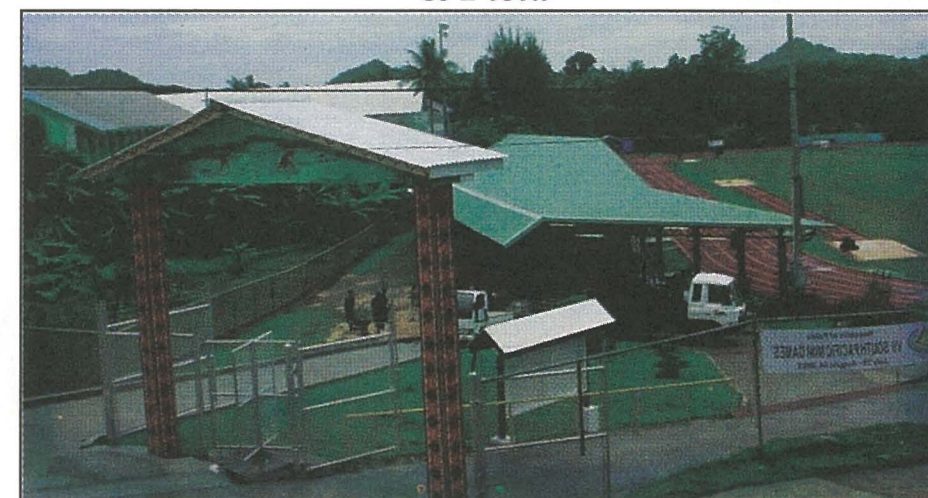


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## PCC is Main Venue for the SPMG, Housing, Cafeteria, Media Center, Security, and Track & Field



The Palau National Track & Field (r) located on the campus of Palau Community College is sure to attract thousands of spectators especially to witness the race that will decide the fastest man in the Pacific region- 100 meter sprint. In the background-left are the PCC dormitories that will house officials and athletes of the 7th South Pacific Mini Games.

PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei who is the chairman of the organizing committee for the 7th South Pacific Mini Games (SPMG), and the SPMG organizing committee have designated Palau Community College as the main venue for for many of the activities and events of the 7th South Pacific Mini-Games, which will begin on Monday, July 25 and run until August 4, 2005.

The College will provide housing for a number of athletes as well as most of the off-island umpires and officials, numbering at over 250. The campus' dormitories will be residence to most of the off-island officials and tournament directors, while the classrooms will accommodate the hundreds of athletes from Kiribati, CNMI, and some from Palau. Palau High School and various elementary schools throughout Koror will house athletes from other participating countries.

The gargantuan task of preparing meals for the 2000 strong athletes and officials for the eleven-day olympic event will be the responsibility of the PCC cafeteria. Relying on their previous catering experiences from the 1998 Micronesian Games and the 2004 Festival of Pacific Arts, the cafeteria staff are convinced that they are capable and ready for such an undertaking. Additional cooks from other elementary schools throughout Palau and numerous volunteers have been enlisted to help with the effort.

Also on campus will be the media center that will serve as the clearing-house for all the news and media releases about the SPMG. The local media, especially the three main radio stations- WWFM, KRFM, and ECO-Paradise will be set up to locally provide live radio broadcasts of

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## Samoa & FSM Athletes First to Arrive

Delegations from Samoa and FSM were the first to arrive on island for the 7th South Pacific Mini Games. Arriving on Continental Airlines on Monday evening, July 18, 2005, the bulk of the delegation from Samoa included athletes who will participate in sporting discipline such as Canoeing, Tennis, Weightlifting, Wrestling, and Athletics. More weightlifters and track & field athletes are expected to arrive today.



Samoaan athletes pause for a photo-op before heading out to practice. They are staying at Koror Elm. School.

The Chef de Mission for FSM accompanied the delegation, arriving also with majority of the athletes.

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PCC President and Chairman of the 7th South Pacific Mini Games Organizing Committee,  
Dr. Patrick U. Tellei  
Extends a Warm Welcome to all of the Delegations to the 7th South Pacific Mini Games.

# CRE's EFNEP Shows Ngardmau Residents How to Cook the Right Way

by: CRE Office

Cooperative Research and Extension conducted Adult EFNEP (Expanded Food & Nutrition Education Program) in Ngardmau State from January 20 – July 7, 2005. A total of twenty (8 men & 12 women) participated in the program.

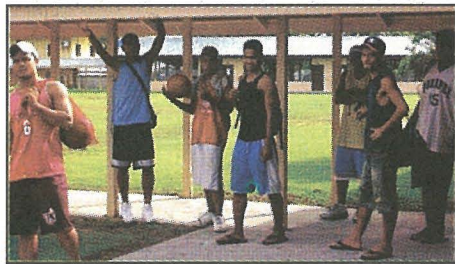
Participants learned the safe ways to handle and store food; functions, food sources, and deficiencies of essential vitamins and minerals; how to plan family menus using the three food groups; and to prepare and cook twenty-two selected healthy recipes. Locally grown vegetables such as kangkum, cucumber, and napa, fish, chicken and root crops such as taro and cassava were the main ingredients in recipes prepared. The main purpose of the program is to encourage participants to eat healthy foods by preparing additional recipes using locally grown foods and to include more fruits and vegetables in their meals to get required vitamins, minerals and micronutrients. A short ceremony was held on July 14, 2005 to award certificates of completion to the participants. Guests of the ceremony included Governor J. Schwartz Tudong, High Chief Beouch Sakaziro Demk, CRE-VP Thomas Taro, Missionary Albert Maldengesang, friends and families of the participants, and CRE staff.



PCC CRE Vice President Thomas Taro (seated-left) with Ngardmau Governor Schwartz Tudong (seated, 2nd-left), Ngardmau Chief Beouch Sakaziro Demk, and PCC-CRE EFNEP instructor Josepha Tutii (seated-right), pose for a picture with Ngardmau graduates of the EFNEP program.

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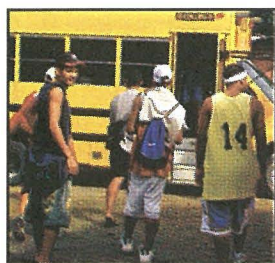
The FSM delegation was pre-assigned to stay at Harris Elementary School but asked to be relocated to Koror Elementary School so they could be closer to their practice venues. They joined the Samoan delegation which was originally designated to Koror Elementary School.



FSM Basketball Team

Delegations from Guam and RMI arrived on Tuesday. Most athletes from Guam are staying at local hotels with some rooming with the Marshallese athletes at Palau High School.

New Caledonia is the last delegation to arrive, anticipated on Sunday morning, July 24.



FSM Delegation relocating from Harris Elm. School to Koror Elm. School where they will be closer to their practice venue.

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popular sporting events such as baseball, basketball, and track & field events.

According to Senator Alfonso Diaz who is also the sole proprietor of WWFM Radio Station and Diaz Enterprises, WWFM which has the capacity to beam its signal internationally via the internet, will also provide up to the second global broadcasts of games and events of the SPMG to all participating countries and also to Palauans and other SPMG fans around the world.

In addition to being the main SPMG venue, PCC grounds is also host to the national track & field venue. The popularity of track events is sure to attract thousands of spectators, and security will be crucial to guarantee safety for both athletes and spectators, as well as ensure smooth flow of traffic in and out of the campus. To ensure safety and rapid response to emergencies, the main SPMG security station will be located at the Continuing Education Training Room located on the west end of the *Miich* building.

Centrally located in the heart of Koror, Palau Community College with all of its facilities, is an ideal choice for serving as the main staging area for big regional events that Palau hosts, such as this 7th South Pacific Mini Games.

For information about the 7th South Pacific Mini Games, please contact telephone number 488-6491/6492.



PCC President/Chairman, SPMG Organizing Committee Dr. Patrick U. Tellei (l) consults with PCC Vice President Jay Olegeril (r), PCC Director of Physical Plant Clement Kazuma (2nd-left), and maintenance staff Ignacio Akiwo on the status of campus preparation for the 7th South Pacific Mini Games.

## BITS AND PIECES...

### Over 2000 Athletes, Officials and Spectators Expected at 7th SPMG...

The 7th South Pacific Mini Games is expected to draw a crowd of over 2000 people. Athletes, officials, and spectators from 20 island countries across the Pacific. They will be in Palau from July 25 to August 4, 2005 to take part in the 11-day Pacific Olympic event. Athletes will participate in 12 different sporting disciplines which includes crowd favorites such as Athletics, Basketball, Baseball, and Canoeing.



### Former PCC Auto Mechanic Student now Repairs Humvees and Jumps off Airplane...



Len Francisco

Len Francisco, a former auto mechanic student, now a U.S. Army mechanic and paratrooper, fighting the war against terrorism in Iraq is in Palau for some R&R.

Francisco attended PCC from 2001 to 2003 and majored in auto mechanics technology. He stopped by on campus earlier this week to visit his former auto mechanic instructor Eugene Uehara. Sharing his account about his experience as a US Army combat soldier in Iraq, Francisco did not forget to thank his instructor for preparing him to better deal with and cope with the discipline and challenging life in the US Army.

## SSS-PROJECT BEACON GRADS FOR SPRING/SUMMER 2005

by: Procet Beacon Office

A total of forty-seven (47) SSS-Project Beacon participants graduated this Spring/Summer 2005. Thirteen (13) graduated with AA/AS degree and thirty-four (34) with Certificate of Achievement in various fields. The following is a breakdown of the program participants that graduated with degrees and certificates in the various areas of study:

### Degrees & Certificates

- Criminal Justice – 8
- Liberal Arts – 1
- Business Accounting – 9
- Office Administration – 17
- Tourism & Hospitality-Hospitality Management – 1
- Tourism & Hospitality- Tour Services – 1
- Tourism & Hospitality- Hotel Operations - 1
- Construction – 5
- Small Engine – 3
- General Electronics - 1

One of our major and challenging program objectives is to increase the number of program participants that transfer to 4yr.colleges/universities. This continues to be a challenge, and mainly because of financial reasons. We are optimistic though, that despite the challenge, we will continue to provide all the necessary support that will, hopefully in time, increase the number of program participants applying to four-year colleges and universities. For our graduates this year, future plans included transfer, the workforce, and re-enrollment at the college. The following is a breakdown of our graduates' plans after graduation:

### Graduation Plans:

- 4yr. college/University – 13 applied: 5 accepted & 8 pending
- CA graduates re-enrolling for AA/AS Degree – 20
- AS degree graduate re-enrolling in different program – 1
- Workforce - 13

Graduates whose applications to 4yr. college/universities are still pending are mainly due to incomplete forms, and/or application fees. A number of students that went into the workforce indicated interest in continuing higher education at a later date, due to financial reasons. Currently, the program has a Career/Transfer counselor that works with program participants to encourage and assist them to apply to 4yr. colleges/universities. Assistance include information workshops related to careers and transfer that are geared at educating and encouraging students to pursue four-year degrees and higher, as well as filling out school and financial aid/scholarship applications, and maintaining contact with other institutions on behalf of the students until an acceptance letter is received. SSS-Project Beacon would like to extend a deep congratulation to all graduated program participants, and remember, the higher the education, the better the opportunities and benefits one has.



(clockwise-top left), Crystal Madracheluib, Shelda Skang, John Bruce, Imekedong Techur, Scherryl Solang, Rsei Odang, Nazeline Ngirchokebai, and Angelynn Albert. These are some of the 47 Project Beacon participants who graduated from Palau Community College this year.