

Alumni Notes

Class of 2007 (PCC)

Charity Wachi -



2007 graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Tourism & Hospitality- Tour Services (THTS). Wachi works at Palau Community Action Agency/Head Start

Office as a Family Service Worker. She has been working there for the past 4 months.

Class of 1994 (PCC)

Stephania G. Carlos -

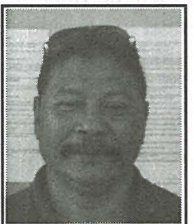


1994 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Completion (CC) in Occupational Home Economics (OHEE). Carlos works at the Palau Community Action Agency (PCAA) Head Start Office as a Family

Service Worker. She has been working there for the past 16 years.

Class of 1977 (MOC)

Ronny Ngirachereang -



1977 MOC graduate with a Vocational Certificate of Achievement (VCA) in Heavy Equipment & Diesel Mechanics (HEDM). Ngirachereang works at the Ministry of Justice-

Bureau of Public Safety as an Assistant Fire Chief. He has been working there for the past 25 years.

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

Arbedul Koshiba	January	22
Byron Tellei	January	23
Huan Hosei	January	24

Happy Birthday To You!

More Show Support to Endowment Fund



Darek Olkeriil



Ashley Oiterong



Stephanian G. Carlos



Charity Wachi



(l-r): Christine Trolii, Dalio Gabriel, Bolton Tengoll, and Dean Renguul.

Darek Olkeriil of the Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs- Sports Facilities; Ashely Oiterong of the Ministry of Justice-Bureau of Public Safety; Stephanian G. Carlos and Charity Wachi of PCAA/Head Start Office; and Christine Trolii, Dalio Gabriel, Bolton Tengoll, and Dean Renguul of the Ministry of Justice- Bureau of Immigration are the newest members of the Endowment Fund. PCC welcomes the new supporters of the Endowment Fund and invites others who have not signed up to show their support as well. The College also thanks Tudong for his continued support and encourages others who may want to help more. For more information about the PCC Endowment Fund, please contact Hulda, Dilubch, or Koyungil at the Development office at 488- 2470 ext. 253.

15 Students Join Mesekiu Basketball Team

The following students made the PCC Basketball team to participate in the 2008 NBL Season:

1. Arke Anrube Tolenoa
2. Bradley Wichep
3. Christopher Carlos
4. Christopher Chiba
5. Duffy Tulensru
6. Edison Anjerok
7. Joas Suda
8. Joey Matthew
9. Joseph Joseph
10. Juni Nimoto
11. Kun Renton
12. Patrick Nena
13. Paulson Laiden
14. Sherwin Matam
15. Spencer Sowad

These students were accepted to the team based on effort, skills, knowledge, attendance during tryouts/practices, commitment to the team, and most importantly, good academic standings. Congratulations and best of luck this season!



Attention: All PCC Students

There will be an Intramural Co-Ed Softball Tournament that will begin on February 04, 2008. Interested students may register their teams at Recreation office. Deadline to register your team will be on January 25th at 4:30 p.m. A team will compose of at least 7 males and 3 females. Games will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at Meyuns Ballfield beginning at 7:00 p.m. Cash prizes will be provided to the top-three finishers. For more information, please call Recreation office at 488-3885/3074.

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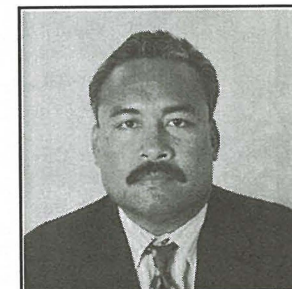


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Weekly Newsletter

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PRESIDENT TELLEI WELCOMES ALL STUDENTS



PCC President, Dr. Patrick U. Tellei

On behalf of the PCC Board of Trustees, Administration, faculty and staff, I would like to express a warm welcome to all the new, returning, and transfer students to PCC. For the next few months, we look forward to providing you the quality instruction and learning resources you need to succeed with your educational goals.

Here at PCC, our warm and friendly staff are committed to providing a positive,

community-oriented and caring learning environment for you, our students. PCC is more than a College, we are your family and we are with you every step of the way to ensure that you succeed with your educational dreams and aspirations.

You are the building blocks of the future of our nation and our region, and when you fulfill your education goals, you build a better and brighter future for all of us, one student at a time.

Again, I welcome all of you to the PCC family and wish everyone a successful and productive Spring semester.

Sincerely,
Patrick U. Tellei
President, Palau Community College

500+ Students Register for Spring Semester

According to Dean Marensia Edward, five hundred students have registered since the opening day of registration. However, we anticipate a total of six hundred students to enroll this Spring Semester as the late registration and the add & drop period draws to an end today.

See Mesekiu's News next week for a more detailed report of the Spring 2008 enrollment status.



Students finalizing their registration process.

Tellei Appoints Committee to Plan Vocational Education Week

Since 2005, the College has held a vocational/technical education awareness week every March to showcase the programs available at PCC to elementary and high school students as well as the community members. In preparation for this annual awareness week, President Tellei has appointed the following to serve on the planning/organizing committee:

1. Sherman Daniel (Chair)
2. Ephraim Ngirachitei
3. Vincent Ito
4. Armstrong Debelbot
5. Lisa Abraham
6. Josephine Ulengchong
7. Clement Kazuma
8. Keiden Skilang
9. Vicky Maui
10. Ezra Takeo
11. Jemmy Blelai
12. Don Hanser

The planning/organizing committee, chaired by Associate Dean Sherman Daniel, will hold its first meeting today, at 1:00 p.m. at Baderirt Conference room.

Happy 7th Anniversary PICRC!

Tonight, Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC) will be holding its 7th Anniversary Gala & Fundraiser dinner at Palau Pacific Resort. President Tellei who is also the Chairman of the PICRC Board will address the gathering.

PCC congratulates PICRC on the occasion of its 7th Anniversary.

Welcome All Students!

(Please feel free to clip this page and post it on your wall or desk for easy reference)

The Palau Community College administration, faculty, and staff welcome all students back from the fall recess and extends a warm welcome to all the returning, readmitted, and new students who enrolled this 2008 spring semester. Best wishes for a successful semester!

Stay tuned to These Networks. School can be a frightening place for new students. People of diverse cultures, older students, commuters, and people with special needs can feel excluded. Some people attend classes for years and still feel they are standing alone on the outside, looking in.

You don't have to be a stranger to school life. Networking is one way to break through the barriers that keep students isolated.

Students who overcome feelings of isolation increase their chances of staying in school and succeeding. Networks can also prepare students for the world of work, where most projects involve teamwork. You can begin networking immediately. Here are some techniques you can use:

Introduce yourself to classmates. Get to class early and break the ice by discussing the holidays.

Plan to meet people. Write an Intention Statement promising to meet three new people each week. Plan who these people will be and how and when you intend to meet them.

See your instructor. If you feel lost in a class, make an appointment to see your instructor outside class. You might discover a human being who wants you to succeed.

Join a Club. A Builders club, Tourism & Hospitality club, Agriculture club, and Environmental club can put you in touch with potential friends.

Form a study group. Peer pressure can be positive. Study with students who excel and also look for partners from different racial, ethnic, or religious

backgrounds. Diversity will add depth to your group and stimulate everyone's thinking.

Play ball!! You don't have to be a world-class athlete to play sports. As a matter of fact, keeping fit is one of the marks of a master student. Most schools have intramural leagues, and PCC definitely has intramural sports for you to take advantage of!

Use school media. School newspapers can alert you to interesting activities and people. Bulletin boards can be sources of information about clubs and social activities. Also, check the school catalog.

Study at the library. It's quiet, it's comfortable, and it's a place to meet other serious students.

Use Student Services. These include career planning, testing services, counseling services, student health services, financial aid, student body association, student organizations and student activities. These services are free to students. Going to school puts you in contact with an extraordinary network of services. All that remains is for you to use them.

SPRING SEMESTER 2008

Jan. 14-18 (M-F)	Late Registration/ Drop & Add Period
Feb. 22 (F)	Last Day to Remove Incomplete Grades for Fall 2007
Mar. 3-7 (M-F)	Mid-term Period
Mar. 10-14 (M-F)	Students' Spring Break
March 14 (F)	Holiday: Youth Day
Mar. 21 (F)	Last Day for All Withdrawals
Apr. 2 (W)	PCC Charter Day
Apr. 4 (F)	PCC Charter Day Celebration
May 5 (M)	Holiday: Senior Citizens' Day
May 9 (F)	Last Day of Instruction
May 12-14 (M-W)	Final Examination Period
May 14 (W)	Graduates' Grades Due
May 19 (M) (by 11:00 a.m.)	Grades Due
May 23 (F)	Commencement Exercises End of Spring Semester Students' Spring Recess

Phone Numbers to Keep Handy

- * Academic Affairs Office-488-2470/2471, extension 245, 246, 269, and 270
- * Admissions & Financial Aid -488-2470/2471, extension 233-235, 265, and 273
- * Associated Students of Palau Community College -488-2461
- * Bookstore -488-2470/2471, extension 236 and 275
- * Business Office -488-2470/2471, extension 231, 263-264, and 268
- * Cafeteria -488-2357/6504
- * Dorm Office -488-3074
- * Health Resource Center-488-8618
- * Library -488-2470/2471, extension 230, 243 and 261 or 488-3540
- * PCC Directory Assistance -488-2470/2471, extension 221 and 223
- * Project Beacon -488-3073 or 488-5654
- * Recreation Office -488-3885
- * Registrar and Records -488-2470/2471, extension 247, 257, 274
- * Student Accounts -488-2470/2471, extension 262
- * Student Life and Housing -488-3036, extension 266
- * Student Services -488-2470/2471, extension 229 and 249



BITS AND PIECES...

CONGRATULATIONS

PCC Congratulates CSUCI...

The Palau Community College Board of Trustees, President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, Administration, Faculty, Staff, and most especially the students would like to congratulate the California State University Channel Islands (CSUCI) as it has earned initial accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

PCC is pleased with CSUCI's accomplishment and welcomes CSUCI in joining the rest of the outstanding colleges and universities throughout the world.

THANKS

Yano & Sons Market Donates...

PCC dorm residents and cafeteria staff would like to extend their appreciation to Yano & Sons Market for their kind donation. Yano & Sons Market donated 98 pounds of pumpkin to PCC Cafeteria.

ANNOUNCEMENT

CE Offers Mandarin Courses...

The Continuing Education (CE) office is now offering FREE Basic I and II Mandarin classes. Basic Mandarin I will be on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning on January 28th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Continuing Education (CE) Training room. Basic Mandarin II classes will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning on January 29th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at CE training room. To register or for more information, please do not hesitate to contact Taruu Nakamura or Leona Blaluk at 488-6223.

PCC Welcomes Five New Faces to the College Faculty!



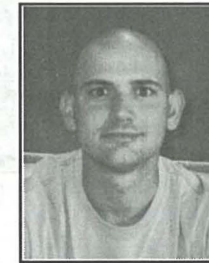
Bernadette Kelderman



Danka Ledgerwood



Elicita Morei



Captain Matthew Caudell



Uroi Sali

As we enter the New Year and a new Spring Semester, there are new beginnings, new changes, and new faces.

Therefore, the College would like to first welcome and introduce Bernadette Kelderman, our new Science instructor. Kelderman taught at the College in previous years and has once again committed herself to teach this semester. Another new instructor is Danka Ledgerwood, an Office Administration and Computer Science instructor. Ledgerwood, a native of Slovakia, is no stranger to the islands as she lived in Yap State, FSM before moving to Palau. Elicita Morei, another familiar face, is returning to teach English. The Civic Action Team Officer-In-Charge, Captain Matthew Caudell is helping this semester as a Math instructor. Uroi Sali, an assistant instructor last semester, is now one of the Business instructors.

In order for PCC to maintain its quality of excellence, the College prides itself in hiring the best talent Palau has to offer. We are confident that our new instructors exemplify this quality and will be valuable assets in the College's effort to provide the best services to our students. The College is proud to have these special individuals join the PCC team, and we are positive that they will make a significant contribution to the growth and development of our College for many years to come. Welcome aboard!

EMS Students Volunteer to Save the Corals

By: G. Sherry Ngirmeriil, SC Instructor/EMS Club Advisor

Work on the expansion of Palau Royal Resort (PRR) pool was expected to begin soon and concerned citizens wanted to save as much of the marine life in the area. The Environmental/Marine Science (EMS) students were invited by Anisa Hanser, an alumnus of the College employed at PRR, to help save the corals in the shallow waters near the beachside wall of the hotel on Wednesday (01/09/2008). Seven students gladly responded to the call to assist in saving some of the corals. The students worked hard to move some of the branching corals to a safe area, away from the area expected to be affected by the hotel's pool expansion. The EMS students who volunteered were Edenson Haruo, John Stills, Ngelulei Ililau, Renee Benardo, Shelley Remengesau, Zenaida Orak, and

Zilah Oiterong. The students commented that although they were not able to completely move everything, they were satisfied and very happy that they did something. They also would like to remind every reader of *Mesekiu's News* that doing little things like this for our small island is better than not doing anything at all. Not only did they save some of the corals, they had a chance during lunch break to reflect and make resolutions amongst themselves. The students are commended for their willingness to participate in such a worthy cause, and demonstrating their selflessness to conserve and protect the corals not for themselves, but for future generations. On a last note, the students would like to express their appreciation to the PRR management for the pizza, sandwiches, fries, and drinks.