

## Alumni Notes

### Class of 2003 & 2002 (PCC)

Esther Rengulbai -



2003 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Education- Special Education and a 2002 graduate with an AS degree in Education- Elementary Education.

Rengulbai works as a Resource Teacher at Palau High School. She has been working there for the past 3 years.

### Class of 1996 (PCC)

Rachel Omisong -



1996 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Business Accounting (BA). Omisong works at George B. Harris Elem. School as a Teacher. She has been working there for 5 years.

### Class of 1977 (MOC)

Peggy T. Hanser -



1977 MOC graduate with a Vocational Certificate of Achievement (VCA) in General Office Clerk (GOC). She works at Ngardmau State Government as an Executive Secretary and

has been working there for the past 9 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

Byron Tellei January 23  
Huan Hosei January 24

**Happy Birthday To You!**

## More Show Support to PCC Endowment Fund



Umang Kesolei



Alfred Twelbang



Persilla Rengiil



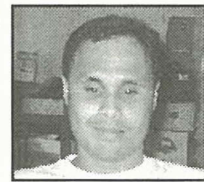
Joren Inglong



Teory E. Ngiraingas



Evangeline R. Andrew



Keraskes Masaharu

Palau Community College Security Guard, Umang Kesolei, Palau Community College Human Resource Office Employee, Harline Haruo (not pictured), Public Works Employee, Alfred Twelbang, Probation Office Employee, Persilla Rengiil, Clerk of Courts Employees, Joren Inglong, Teory E. Ngiraingas, and Hasinta Tabelual (not pictured), Palau High School Teacher, Evangeline R. Andrew, and Eco-Paradise Announcer, Keraskes Masaharu 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. For more information about the PCC Endowment Fund, please contact Hulda, Dilubch, Charlene, or Koyungil at the Development office at 488-2470 ext. 253.

Visit PCC website: [www.palau.edu](http://www.palau.edu) and learn all about Palau's only institution of higher education. While there, check out the PCC weekly newsletter, *Mesekiu's News*, including back issues!

## Endowment Donors Fill Your Forms

All bi-weekly donors to the PCC Endowment Fund are reminded to come to PCC Development Office and complete their application packets, enabling them to get refunds for their donations. This reminder is for those who have not completed their packets. When your refund has been released, PCC will contact you and your refund may be picked up at the College. Refund checks will take approximately two weeks to be processed. Remember, the sooner we file your application, the sooner you receive your refund! If you are not sure whether or not your application packet is complete, please feel free to contact Hulda, Dilubch, Charlene, or Koyungil at PCC's Development Office.

## 2007 Shell NBL Division II-Round 1

### JANUARY SCHEDULE

| Date    | Time    | Teams               |
|---------|---------|---------------------|
| Jan. 20 | 9:00 pm | Mesekiu vs. Kabong  |
| Jan. 27 | 7:30pm  | Mesekiu vs. On Fire |

\* All games are being played at the Palau National Gym.

## Beach Volleyball Tournament Starts Soon!

Ready for some two on two beach action? Join this month's Beach Volleyball Tournament and win great prizes! Games are at Long Island Beach Park and other venues. First Technical meeting is January 26, 2007 and the games will begin on January 28, 2007. Registration fee is \$50. For more information regarding the tournament or for registration, please call Marcy or Jubilee at 488-4491 or Eloisa or Sera at 488-6562.



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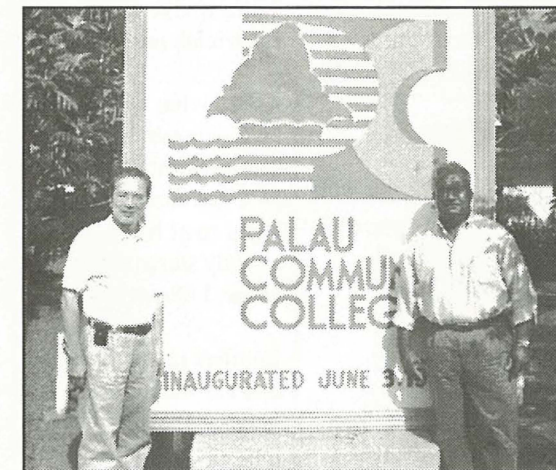


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## New Taiwan Envoy Meets President Tellei



(l-r): Taiwan Ambassador Matthew S. Lee and President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei

PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei met last Thursday in the boardroom with the Honorable Matthew S. Lee, the new Republic of China- Taiwan ambassador to the Republic of Palau. The meeting which was a first between the two since Ambassador Lee took over the head role at the embassy in late December of last year, focused on further bolstering the long-established cordial working relationship between the Embassy of the ROC-Taiwan and Palau Community College.

During the meeting, President Tellei welcomed Ambassador Lee's willingness to continue supporting on-going programs such as the Mandarin Language Instructor Program where the Taiwan's Ministry of Education provides a volunteer language (Mandarin) instructor to PCC, and also the various human resources training opportunities in Taiwan extended to college employees every year. Tellei said that the College has benefited tremendously from a number of specialized training sponsored by the ROC- Taiwan government

and the embassy under former Ambassador Clark K. H. Chen, and is pleased that they will continue under the leadership of Ambassador Lee.

Tellei specifically asked that more training opportunities be made available in the field of Aqua-culture. Lee and Tellei also agreed that the Taiwan Technical Mission in Palau and the PCC Cooperative Research and Extension department can and should step up their combined effort, especially in the area of taro culture and cultivation to benefit local taro farmers. In addition to being a basic food staple, taro has become a leading cash crop for many growers.

Lee and Tellei concluded their meeting both in agreement that priority should be given to securing a Mandarin language instructor, and the strengthening of joint work between the Taiwan Technical Mission and the PCC-CRE.

## PRESIDENT'S WELCOMING MESSAGE TO PCC STUDENTS



President Tellei

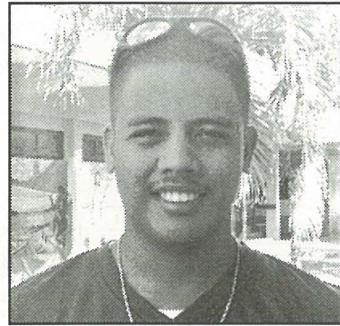
On behalf of the PCC Board of Trustees, Administration, faculty and staff, I would like to express a warm welcome to all the new, returning, and transfer students to PCC. For the next few months, we look forward to providing you the quality instruction and learning resources you need to succeed with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

## Ramirez Follows His Parents' Footsteps



Roger Ramirez

Patricio Ramirez, a Pohnpeian, and Mrs. Haraline Route Ramirez, a Kosraean-Pohnpeian, attended MOC in the late 70's.

As a matter of fact, MOC is where they met and got married. In addition, Patricio Ramirez was PCC President's carpentry classmate and both graduated in 1980. Patricio currently works at the College of Micronesia (COM) as a Student Services Assistant while Mrs. Ramirez works as a Secretary to Executive Director, Dr. Singeru Singeo of COM Land Grant Office. Now, their son, Roger Ramirez, is attending PCC.

To many who have worked and are still working at the College, the name Ramirez sounds familiar. This is because, Mr.

Other than the fact that his desired major, General Electronics Technology, was available here, Ramirez transferred from COM after his first semester because he wanted to follow his parents' footsteps and attend the same college.

Ramirez arrived last week and plans to stay at PCC until he receives his AS degree before furthering his education in Hawaii. He hopes to do well in his classes and take what he will learn here at PCC to wherever he is going and make the best out of it. He wants to become a good electrician and a good businessman.

Asked what he thinks about Palau and PCC campus, he commented, "Palau is beautiful and PCC campus is good. I like PCC because it has office and building signs so at least I won't get lost. I've already started my first week of class and so far, I like my classes and my teachers".

Ramirez is staying at the PCC dormitory and has made friends, mostly from the Federated States of Micronesia, but he hopes to make new friends from Palau and other countries as soon as he gets settled.

## BITS AND PIECES...

**THANKS**

### PCC Cafeteria Thanks Yano & Sons...

PCC dorm residents and cafeteria staff would like to extend their appreciation to Yano & Sons Market for their kind donation. Yano & Sons Market donated bulks of eggplants, cucumbers, and okras to PCC Cafeteria.

**THANKS**

### Jemmy Watanabe Donates to PCC...

Mr. Jemmy Watanabe, Palau National Olympic Committee Table Tennis Development Officer, donated a box of table tennis balls for PCC's Recreational Activities. PCC Recreation Office and students would like to thank Mr. Watanabe for his generous donation.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

### Video Production Training Offered...

PCC Continuing Education is offering a noncredit, short-term training on video production to anyone who is interested to learn. Registration is open until at least ten people sign up. Detailed schedule will be decided after enough participants sign up. The same course will be offered for credit this coming summer. For more information and registration regarding this opportunity, please contact Taruu or Leona at PCC CE at 488-6223.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

### Attention 5th to 8th Graders...

Koror State Government Youth & Cultural Affairs and PCC Continuing Education (CE) office will be offering an Art Class on Water Color for 5th to 8th graders starting on Saturday, February 3, 2007 at 8am-12 noon at CE Training Room. For more information, please contact Taruu Nakamura or Leona Blaluk at 488-6223.

## Grand Master Mibukawa and Students Hold Aikido Demonstration at PCC



Grand Master Gyoichi Mibukawa's students pose with PCC students after their aikido demonstration at PCC courtyard. Grand Master Mibukawa and his aikido students from Japan visited PCC campus earlier this week and held a very entertaining aikido demonstration. PCC President Tellei gave his welcoming remarks before the aikido demonstration began. Aikido techniques using a sword and stick and women self defense arts were demonstrated. Afterwards, PCC students as well as workers had the opportunity to interact with the students and learn some easy aikido moves.

## AHS Recruiting New Students

The Palau Community College Adult High School (AHS) is continuing its 7th year this 2007 Spring Semester. Orientation for new and continuing students is January 26, 2007 at 5:00pm in the AHS Rriu Classroom #1. All students who have attended AHS at any time in the past, may call the office and find out information regarding all classes this 2007 Spring Semester.

Classes for this Spring 2007 Semester will begin on January 29, 2007. Students will have classes from Monday through Thursday and begin at 8:00am until 7:00pm. Also, Late Registration continues during that first week of instruction to February 2, 2007. Anyone interested in attending AHS classes may call Laura Mangham at 488-0826 or 488-1481 ext. 244.

### AHS SPRING SEMESTER 2007

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| January 2- 26 | Registration of Old & New Students            |
| January 24    | Teachers' Workshop                            |
| January 26    | Orientation of New & Returning Students       |
| January 26    | Pick Up Class Schedule & Books at AHS Office  |
| January 29    | First Day of Instruction                      |
| March 5-6     | Mid-Term Exams                                |
| March 7       | Teachers' Mid-Term Evaluation                 |
| March 8       | Teachers' Meeting                             |
|               | <i>Students' Mid-Term Progress Report Due</i> |
| March 12-16   | Mid-Term Break (No classes)                   |
| March 15      | HOLIDAY: Youth Day (No classes)               |
| April 2       | PCC Charter Day Celebration                   |
| April 19      | Last Day of Instruction                       |
| April 23-24   | Final Exams                                   |
| April 26      | Teachers' Meeting & Grades Due (Wed.)         |
| May 4         | HOLIDAY: Senior Citizen's Day (No classes)    |
| May 25        | Commencement Exercises                        |

### Graduates' Meeting Schedule (Fridays at 9:00am, Room #29)

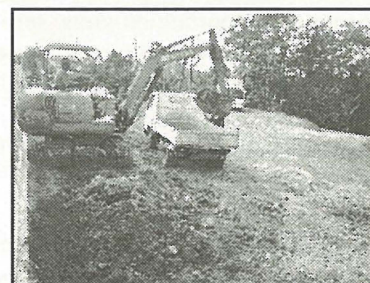
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| February 9, 23      | Graduation Costs  |
| March 9, 23, 30     | TOEFL & CELSA Preparation   |
| April 6, 13, 20, 27 | College Prep. Forms (Application & Financial Aid)<br>Test Preparation |
| May 18              | End of the Year Activity  |

## Congratulations PICRC!

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and Palau Community College President Patrick U. Tellei, PCC Administration, Faculty, Staff, and most especially the Students would like to congratulate Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC) on their 6th Year Anniversary.

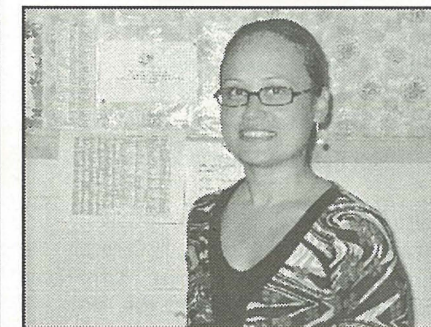
*Happy Anniversary PICRC!*

## PCC's New Library Under Construction



New library site near Blaches Building still under construction. Expected date of completion is early 2008.

## Neas is PCC Interim Librarian



Debra Neas, PCC Interim Librarian

Pursuant to the recently approved College organizational structure, the Interim Librarian will report directly to the Office of the President, through Assistant to the President, Mr. Todd Ngiramengior. Ms. Neas will work closely with Director Mangham to complete all duties related to Adult High School responsibilities, including a detailed exit report, whereas, Director Mangham will work with Ms. Neas in consultation with Mr. Ngiramengior until all Library Grant reports are done in a timely fashion. In addition, weekly meetings will be held between them to provide the needed support to Ms. Neas and to ensure smooth transition as she takes on this major responsibility. Ms. Neas worked as an Adult High School Learning Specialist and a Health, Science, and Consumer Economics Instructor for the past 3 1/2 years. Congratulations Ms. Neas and we are looking forward to working with you!

With the resignation and departure of Librarian Mrs. Gretchen Reynolds, Ms. Laura Mangham served as Acting Librarian. PCC thanks Mrs. Mangham for her services as Acting Librarian in addition to serving as Director of Learning Resources. As of late last year, Ms. Debra Neas was appointed by PCC President, Patrick U. Tellei, to serve as PCC Interim Librarian, effective beginning of this year. This appointment carries a term of up to one calendar year, or until a search for a new Librarian is concluded.