

## Alumni Notes

### Class of 1982 (MOC)

Patrick Aribuk



1982 MOC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in General Electronics Technology (GET). Aribuk has been working at the Ministry of Health-Behavioral Health as a Inpatient/ Outpatient Nurse Supervisor. He has been working at the hospital for over 15 years.

### Class of 1996 (PCC)

Prince Idelkei -



1996 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in General Electronics Technology (GE). Idelkei is a law enforcement officer with the Palau's Ministry of Justice.

### Class of 2001 (PCC)

Dudley Ililau -



2001 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in General Electronics Technology (GE). Ililau works at the Palau National Communications Corporation (PNCC) as a Technician. Ililau, like many of his colleagues at PNCC donates on a bi-weekly basis to the PCC Endowment Fund.

**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*.

**Mesekiu's News**  
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## Celebrating Birthdays

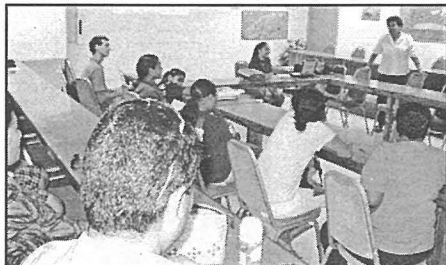
Ignacio Akiwo July 25  
Akilina Maech July 25

Happy Birthday To You!

## Fall 2010 Academic Calendar Modified

August 9 – 13 (M - F) .....	Placement Testing
August 16 (M) .....	Freshmen Orientation
August 17 – 19 (T - TH) .....	Academic Advising & Registration
August 23 (M) .....	First Day of Instruction
August 23 – 25 (M - W) .....	Credit by Examination Period
August 23 – 27 (M - F) .....	Late Registration/Drop & Add Period
August 27 (F) .....	Last Day of Admission
	Last Day to change to CR/NC and Audit grading options
September 6 (M) .....	Holiday: Labor Day
September 30 (TH) .....	Last Day to Remove Incomplete grades for summer
October 1 (F) .....	Holiday: Independence Day
October 11 – 15 (M - F) .....	Mid-Term Period
October 22 (F) .....	Last Day for All Withdrawals
October 25 (M) .....	UN Day
November 25 (TH) .....	Holiday: Thanksgiving Day
November 25 – 26 (TH - F) .....	Students' Thanksgiving Break
December 10 (F) .....	Last Day of Instruction
December 13 – 15 (M - W) .....	Final Examination Period
December 20 (M) .....	Grades Due
December 24 (F) .....	Holiday: Christmas Day which falls on Saturday, Dec. 25
December 27 (M) .....	Last Day for change of Grades

## EMS Science Symposium Held



Dean of Academic Affairs Alvina Timarong (standing right) praised Adachi (seated center) after her presentation during the EMS Science Symposium.

The Environmental/Marine Science (EMS) program held a Science Symposium on Monday at the CE Training Room. The gathering was convened to witness EMS student Nikita Adachi present result of a study she conducted over the summer. Working with mentor Jerome Sakurai of the Palau Environmental Quality Protection Board (EQPB), Adachi carried out a comparative study on the water

quality of Ngerikiil River in which she compared the result of her survey against a similar study conducted by the PCC Cooperative Research & Extension department over five years ago.

Detailed information about Adachi's study can be obtained by contacting the PCC EMS program instructors Vernice Yuzi, Sherry Ngirmeriil or Mike Fedison at 488-2471, ext. 240.

## OPEN Season for Endowment Fund

This week we welcome new member **Melwis Ngirmechaet** from ARFF office and **Lucius Beketaut** from the Ministry of Health. To find out how you can join the hundreds who are already giving to the Endowment Fund, contact PCC Development Office at 488-2471, ext. 253. If you can't come to the office, we'll send someone to find you.

## Vacancy Announcement

- (1) Dean, Academic Affairs  
Salary range: \$21,000-\$33,730 per annum
  - (1) Accountant/Supervisor, Business Office  
Salary range: \$12,049-\$30,000 per annum
  - (1) Student Activities Supervisor  
Salary range: \$13,284-\$22,719 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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# Palau Community College



# MESEKIU'S NEWS



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## Multi-Species Hatchery Opens

After years of co-sharing space with the Palau government's Bureau of Marine Resources, the Palau Community College Cooperative Research & Extension department now has a place it can call its own. Last Friday, a Ribbon-Cutting ceremony officially opened the PCC-Cooperative Research & Extension Multi Species Hatchery.



PCC board members and officials join Ngaremlengui State Governor Wilson Ongos (c) and State Legislature representatives in the ribbon-cutting ceremony last Friday for the Aquaculture Multi-Species Hatchery.

aquaculture species such as rabbit fish, groupers, milkfish, shrimps, crabs, and even mollusks. As the techniques are perfected, they are shared with local farmers so that they may enhance their operations. The new hatchery will serve as a source of fish stocks for local farms.

The hatchery located in a spacious waterfront area in Ngaremlengui state is complete with a state of the art laboratory

and spawning tanks used to sustain the PCC-CRE aquaculture development program. The aquaculture program focuses on breeding economically important

## PCC Accepts Accrediting Commission Warning Ready & Prepared to Address Recommendations



President Tellei (top-right) convenes a meeting of the PCC Executive Committee to address the four ACCJC-WASC recommendations which have placed the College's accreditation on warning status.

The Palau Community College Board of Trustees, administration, faculty and staff would like to assure the general public that it stands ready to accept the recommendations

as set forth in the accrediting commission's letter dated June 30, 2010. Based on the institutional Self Study Report and the evaluation team visit report of March

2010, the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) of the Western Association of States and Colleges (WASC) opted to **issue Warning** to Palau Community College at its June 9-11 meeting. During the Warning period, the accredited status of Palau Community College **continues** while it addresses the noted recommendations no later than June 2012. A Follow-Up Report must be submitted by March 15, 2011, to be followed by a visit of commission representatives.

### Recommendation #1 (2010)

Improving Institutional Effectiveness  
To improve institutional effectiveness, the college must develop and implement a systematic cycle of integrated planning and evaluation linked to resource development and allocation through clearly defined written policies, procedures, processes, including the roles and responsibilities of college planning groups, to support and improve the flow of human, facilities, technology, financial and budgeting planning protocols. It must effectively communicate all assessment results to its constituents, ensures appropriate feedback and dialogue, and establishes and

(See Warning on Page 2)

**PCC Welcomes All Athletes, Coaches, Officials, Volunteers, Families, and All Participants to the 7th Micronesian Games! Go for GOLD Everyone!**

**(Warning, from Front Page)**

implements a method of systematic review to assess the effectiveness of assessment mechanisms of programs and services.

**Recommendation #2 (2010)**

Library and Learning Support Services

To ensure effective library services support for student learning and appropriate library resources to support educational offerings, the college must provide appropriate staffing and resources, develop and assess the student learning outcomes for library programs and services through a continuous program review process.

**Recommendation #3 (2010)**

Human Resources

To ensure the effective use of human resources and assure an equitable application process of policies and procedures, the college must develop, implement, and review all policies and procedures in communication, collaboration, and transparency in order to meet its administrative needs.

**Recommendation #4 (2010)**

Leadership and Governance

To guarantee improvement and full implementation of the governance process, the college must formalize the structure of the Executive Committee, communicate and implement all governance processes for faculty, staff, students, and administration, and assess the effectiveness of those processes.

President Dr. Tellei informed the Board of Trustees, his cabinet, and the executive committee that he is committed to address the four recommendations within a systematic and collaborative process of planning and assessment in a college-wide effort of improvement measures.

As an institution of higher learning, PCC is required under ACCJC to continuously demonstrate that it meets its eligibility requirements to deliver institutional effectiveness and quality assurance in programs and services as reported in self study reports, midterm reports, team visit reports, and commission meetings. To date, the college has met all twenty-one (21) eligibility requirements and has long since enjoyed the benefit of reaffirming its accreditation status every six years as a member institution under ACCJC since 1977. The last accreditation reaffirmation

status occurred in 2004.

To explain the role of ACCJC, it is one of the three accrediting bodies in the United States that conducts a comprehensive evaluation of associate degree granting institutions on a six-year cycle to validate institutional effectiveness and quality assurance of programs and services to ensure public confidence in higher education institutions. Thus, PCC must be accredited by ACCJC—WASC. Accreditation is also required in order for students to be eligible for financial assistance such as Title IV funds, Pell Grants, College Work Study, etc.

As we all know, from a humble beginning that has dared to take risks amid challenging times, PCC has definitely moved forward guided by passionate visions to reach out, cultivate, and create the blending of yesterday, today, and tomorrow for a better future for the people of Palau and Micronesia. It is worthy to note that PCC was also commended for its contributions.

- a) Its responsiveness to diverse educational and vocational needs of the community and its initiative to create programs to serve those needs
- b) Its efforts to bring diverse students to the campus, provide student assistance and engage these students through varied educational programs and activities geared toward career & leadership development and community service
- c) The commitment of the college administration, faculty & staff, and students to cultivate respect and a broad range of talents, knowledge and diversity to the people of Palau and the Micronesian region
- d) Its partnership with San Diego State University which allows staff access to obtain bachelors and masters degrees in the field of education and leadership and find multiple ways to bring outside resources to benefit the people of Palau
- e) Its ability to obtain federal grants that have enabled administrators, staff, faculty, and students to participate in professional development training
- f) Its renovations to existing facilities and new construction that have occurred over the last few years such as the new library, and Palau Tourism & Hospitality School of Excellence as well as donations to improve the environment of Palau

g) The determination of its president to work in collaboration with external agencies in responsive efforts to meet community needs

Given the warning status, the college continues to provide programs and services to its full capacity. It reassures its stakeholders, constituents, and supporters that a plan of action is in progress to address the recommendations within a two year period. This window of opportunity affords the college a steppingstone to renew its commitment to be the best institution it can be.

Once again, the college thanks its alumni, students, endowment donors, the Palau national government, business enterprises and non-governmental organizations in Palau, the Micronesian region, and all supporters around the world for the continued trust and commitment in the institutional value of Palau Community College.

“I am humbled by the commendations and encourage you by the recommendations because of you.” President Dr. Tellei, March 04, 2010

**SDSU Professor Mulholland Teaches MA Students**

*by: Mark Alex, staff writer*

Dr. Shaila Mulholland, an Assistant Professor for Post Secondary Education at San Diego University, arrived earlier this week in preparation for a course in the master’s level program with PCC. The course ARP-727, entitled “Emerging Issues in Education”, is the eighth class out of a total of ten classes in the program. Upon completion of the class, students will have two more courses to take and are expected to graduate in December of 2011.



SDSU master’s degree cohort.

**BITS AND PIECES...**

**TODAY**

**CE Summer Youth Program Graduation...**

The Continuing Education Summer Youth Program will conclude Today. Participants who have been learning traditional Palauan arts of Chanting, Spear-making, Story-board Carving, and Basket Weaving will showcase their crafts during a ceremony at the Koror State Government Assembly Hall at 3:00 pm.

**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 Ulelengchong for more details.

**SEMINAR**

**Summer Seminar for Teachers...**

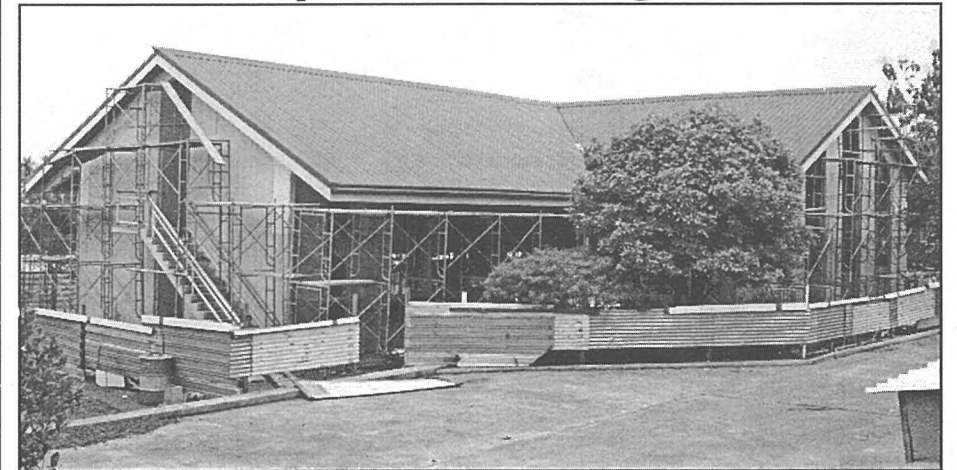
A seminar will be held in Hawaii from August 8 to August 13 entitled “Hawaii National Great Teachers Seminar”. For information, go the following website [www.greatteacher.hawaii.edu](http://www.greatteacher.hawaii.edu) The contact person is Ms. Cindy Martin at: [cindymar@hawaii.edu](mailto:cindymar@hawaii.edu).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

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

**FSA Scholarships Applications Now Available...**

Applications for the newly-established Faculty Senate Association (FSA) sponsored scholarship are now available at the Development Office. This scholarship is for 1st year incoming students who enroll on full-time status. Detailed information can be obtained with the application forms.

**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.

**Summer Youth Program to Showcase Crafts**

*by: Mark Alex, staff writer*

The Summer Youth Program concludes today with an awards ceremony scheduled for 3:00 pm at the Koror State Government Assembly Hall. Students will receive certificates for their participation in the program which taught them various traditional practices such as spear-making, storyboard carving, basket weaving, rake-making, and chants.



Students show rakes they’ve made with local bamboo materials and vines.

**TS Students Join Team Palau**

*by: Mark Alex, staff writer*



Eight students in the Talent Search program are confirmed members of Team Palau to

**OMUB Holds Rally on Campus for Needy**



A local nonprofit public health organization OMUB used the main campus parking lot adjacent to the main street to promote their cause and also to raise funds and collect in-kind donations for home-bound patients. Even though the event was only for one day, organizers say donations are still being accepted. Money, canned goods, DEPENDS diapers, hand sanitizers are among the most needed. You may drop your donations at the PCC Human Resources Office.

the 7th Micronesian Games scheduled for August 1-10, 2010. Brothers Merei and Wataru Ise will play baseball while gold medal prospect Stevick Patris will be in weight-lifting.

- Other students athletes are:
- Francis Tkel - Track & Field
  - Antonio Fritz - Volleyball
  - Quinn Sakuma - Canoeing
  - Olai Kumangai - Canoeing
  - Didbed Ulelengchong - Canoeing

Good luck Team Palau!