

Alumni Notes

Class of 2004 (PCC)

Jorang Kenty -



2004 PCC graduate with an Associate of Arts (AA) degree in Liberal Arts (LA). Kenty works at Micronesian Legal Services as a Secretary/Clerk and has been working there for the past 2 years.

Class of 1999 (PCC)

Garth Sokau -



1999 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Small Engine & Outboard Motor Technology (SET). Sokau works at the Bureau of Land & Survey as a Survey

Technician 1. He has been working there for the past 4 years.

Class of 1985 (MOC)

Ricky Ngiraked -



1989 MOC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Masonry (MAS). Ngiraked works at the Bureau of Public Safety as a Sergeant and has been working there for a total of 20 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*.

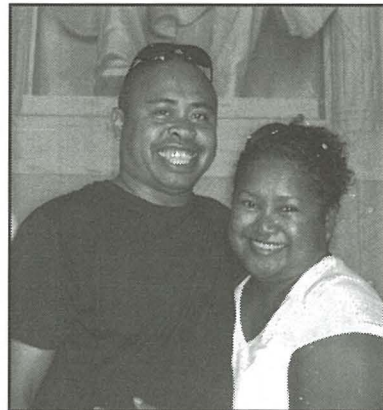
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Celebrating Birthdays

Robert Ramarui	July	31
Sunshine Garcia	July	31
Merelyne Omelau	August	03
Allan Ziegler	August	03
Jolene Joseph	August	04

Happy Birthday To You!

More Show Support to PCC Endowment Fund



A former PCC Public Relations Manager and now a Ministry of State employee working at the UN-Palau Mission, Temmy Temengil and his wife Everlynn Joy Temengil.

Ministry of State Employee, Temmy Temengil and Ministry of Health- Behavioral Health Employee, Everlynn Joy Temengil 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, or Koyu at the Development office at 488-2470/2471 ext. 253.

Enter PNCC Photo Contest

Do you have a great photo? You could win a great prize! This August, PNCC celebrates 25 years of connecting Palau to the world. Submit a photo that shows people using any PNCC services and you can stand to win great prizes including cell phones, airtime cards, sim cards, debusch cards & more. Entry deadline for PNCC 25th Anniversary Photo Contest is August 6, 2007, entry forms can be picked up at PNCC Customer Service in Koror & Airai. For more information call telephone number 587-9000 or email

pnccphotos@palaunet.com.

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and certificates commenced after Tellei's address. In addition to the certificates and awards, UB scholarships were given to the graduating seniors who maintained a GPA of 3.7 throughout their time as UB students. Another scholarship for the graduating seniors was the "most improved", which was awarded to those who showed academic improvement. Academic awards were also given to underclassmen for high achievements in each subject.

The ceremony concluded with Director, Kuye Belelai giving the closing remarks. She thanked the President Tellei for his help and support to the Program. She also extended appreciation to the parents and mentors for their tireless support, especially during the summer component of the program. After the ceremony, a local band entertained the crowd as they were served a sumptuous dinner.

Senior Recipients of "Academic Excellence":

1. Adachi, Nikita
2. Bandarii, Nashi
3. Herman, Herson
4. Ikeda, Elway
5. Mathew, Marvin
6. Ngirmang, Komtil
7. Ngirengkoi, Alura Dee
8. Simer, Keremius
9. Tellei, Diliaur

Senior Recipients of "Academic Improvement":

1. Gibson, Duke
2. Kyota, Lalii
3. Temol, Tiffany
4. Termeteet, Krislyn



UB graduating seniors on stage at the cafeteria during their graduation banquet Wednesday night.



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Upward Bound Celebrates 24th Annual Banquet

By: Usong Telei, PCC Work-Study student and Elway Ikeda, Upward Bound Work-Study student.



UB Director, Kuye Belelai (front right) with parents and guests at the 24th UB Banquet.

Summer is coming to a conclusion and so are many of the summer programs at the College. This was evident this Wednesday night, when the Upward Bound (UB) Program held its 24th Annual Graduation Banquet, officially marking the end of school year 2006-2007. Students of the UB program were joined by special guests, and their parents in exercising the 24th Annual UB Graduation Banquet. The Graduation Banquet is the culmination of years of hard work for the seniors who come from high schools throughout Palau. The banquet also celebrated the accomplishments of the program's underclassmen, through a number of recognition awards.

The ceremony which was held at the College Cafeteria kicked off with the freshman class singing the national anthem. Nashi Bandarii, a graduating

senior gave the invocation while another senior, Mr. Elway Ikeda, work-study reporter for this newsletter-Mesekiu's News, delivered the welcoming remarks before a crowd of honored guests, parents, teachers, and fellow students. PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei who graced the ceremony with a number of other College officials addressed the graduating seniors. In his message, Dr. Tellei congratulated the seniors and encouraged them to continue the hard work well into College as Palau needs them. He also praised Program Director Kuye Belelai and staff for a job well done. Noting Belelai's 24 successful years as head of the program, Tellei said that Belelai and her staff's achievement amount to nearly a quarter of a century of continuous academic support and outreach programs to students, a feat unmatched. The awarding of awards

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Mellil Completes Thomson Education Direct

Last Friday, government officials, including PCC officials, and family members of Rollins E. Mellil witnessed the Diploma Awarding Ceremony of Mellil, who received his diploma in Artistry under the Thomson Education Direct- Career Programs offered through PCC. This was a special ceremony as Mellil, despite his disability, persevered through numerous courses, eighteen (18) to be exact, finally receiving his diploma. Mellil is a great example of someone who does not give up. Despite his disability, he was not deterred and instead, diligently worked to accomplish his goal.

During the ceremony, President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, Delegate Noah Idechong, Senator Alfonso Diaz, and Mellil himself all gave brief remarks. But the most joyous and memorable part of the ceremony was when Mellil received his diploma presented by Minister of Education Mario Katosang.

For more information about Thomson Education Direct, please contact Sherman Daniel at 488-2470/2471 ext. 254 or email him at shermamd1961@yahoo.com



National and State government officials, including President Tellei (center-back) join Rollins E. Mellil (center) for a photo after his awarding ceremony in Ngijwal.

College Officials to Attend CCLDI Workshop

College officials, comprised of Trustee Masa-Aki Emesiochl, President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, Dean Alvina Timarong, Associate Professor Wilma Sukrad, Director Deikola Olikong, Classified Staff Organization President, Ephraim Ngirachitei, and Project Director Tchuzie Tadao left last night to attend the Fifth Community College Leadership Development Initiative (CCLDI) Leadership Academy at the University of San Diego from July 29th-August 2nd.

The CCLDI leadership academy prepares and trains classified staff, faculty members, and administrative leaders as well as governance leaders from higher education in the western region to better understand how to improve Student Learning Outcome (SLO) at their respective institutions. The week-long academy will focus on leadership skills and group work that positively affect SLO.

Summer 2007 Teachers' Academy Concludes Today



Bernie Keldermans shown above conducting the last of the five course series, *Lesson Planning & Presentation*, to the 28 participants of the Summer 2007 Teachers' Academy.



Participants from attending their fifth and final week of class, which ends today, at Baderirt Building.

Taiwanese Professors Visit Campus



Dr. Shih-Chang Hsin (l), President Dr. Tellei, Dr. Li-Na Fang, Mandarin instructor Su Wenling, and Isabel Lo of Taiwan Embassy pose for a photo in front of the President's office on Wednesday.

The College was fortunate this week to have had Director/Professor Dr. Li-Na Fang of the National Kaohsiung Normal University and Dr. Shih-Chang Hsin, Director/Associate Professor of the National Taiwan Normal University visit the campus. Both professors met with President Tellei to see the progress of the Mandarin language program. Discussions centered on the introduction of an intermediate level Mandarin class to complement the basic Mandarin class currently being offered. New Mandarin instructor, Su Wenling arrived two weeks and has begun teaching the

basic Mandarin class this week. There are over twenty (20) participants who are taking the class. Employees of Bank of Hawaii, Island Times Newspaper, Ministry of State, Koror State Government, EQPB, Ministry of Justice- Fire & Rescue, and even College staff are taking the class-learning basic conversational skills.

Twenty-four Enlist in U.S. Military, Six From PCC

By: Glowly Demei, Upward Bound Work-Study student.



Pictured above are five of the six PCC students who enlisted in the U.S. Military.

The College would like to take this opportunity and congratulate the new recruits to the U.S. Military: Idechiil Augusto; Gladys Blesam; Silverio Tumechub; Camellia Wasisang; Charles Besebes; Darrel Derbai; Sidney Itelmong; Gerda Remekel; Dilmeringel Ngirmechaet; Justine Worswick; Lannie Garayol; Serah Sor; Alyssia Turow; Masako Azuma; John Managafir; John Yuguffel; Terry Mirmed; Seth Carlson; Melaos Tmetuchl, and most especially Gilbert Gilbert; Omtilou Tellei; Efrin Tellei; Jerilyn Ngirdimau; and Jase Tsuneo who attended PCC.

The brave young men and women were sworn in during a ceremony held at the Kalau Gym yesterday, July 26th.

BITS AND PIECES...

ANNOUNCEMENT

CE Offers Basic and Intermediate Mandarin...

Registration for the Basic and Intermediate Mandarin classes is now open. Classes will begin in September. However, in order to ensure your spot, it is best to register now as space is limited.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Summer Cultural Class Students Invites Everyone...



Students practicing traditional dance with their instructor (right) at Mesekiu Bai.

Koror State Government and CE office is inviting the public to witness the display of weaving, spear-making, woodcarving, and performing arts that the Summer Cultural Class students have been studying over the summer. Doors will open today at 3 :00 p.m. at Koror State Assembly Hall.

REMINDER

Important Dates to Remember...

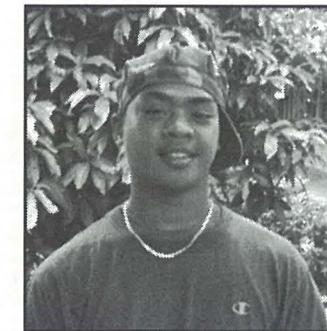
Last Day of Instruction
July 27, 2007 (Fri.)

Final Examination Period
July 30-Aug. 1, 2007 (Mon.-Wed.)

Grades Due
August 3, 2007 (Fri. by 11:00 a.m.)

EN95-1a Holds Creative Writing Contest

Students in EN95-1a were challenged to a contest by their instructor, Midori Mersai, to write a creative paper on any particular topic they wanted, in any form. One of the requirements was that the paper be emotionally descriptive. After much internal debate by the instructor, she chose the following as the top three, presented in their chosen order. Well done!



By: Bobby Rideb (2nd place winner)

Being a child is like drinking hot cocoa with marshmallows on your twin size bed with the softest pillow that feels like sleeping on tons and tons of warm feathers, and a blanket over your lap that is four inches thick on a cold and snowy morning. Carefree...safe, but always out of reach. For inside, deep within, something is missing. A void you cannot fill, even with an endless supply of hot cocoa.

You heart feels like it's having trouble beating, causing your chest to cave in. Cold chills run up your body and straight to your ear tips, then to your head. Gasping for air, knowing that if you take that breath, you still face the emptiness inside. Crying and crying inside, hoping someone will hear. The feeling of falling forever, not knowing when you'll hit the ground. Then your heart stops, you feel as if your body is frozen and helpless. Yet that voice inside, so soft and tender as a mother's whisper. Her voice stretches out like the first time she held you at birth, never letting go. Seconds pass by, feels like an eternity. Then that breath you've been longing for, the feeling of that touch of air on the surface of your lungs, filling all the small gaps and holes. Then a sigh of relief. But still...the emptiness inside remains.

By: Christez Ongrung (3rd place winner)

How cruel fate can be to my world
For it has stripped me of one whom I adore
Fate took my father when I was so young
It took him and left me all alone
Loneliness is what I feel
A pain that will never heal!
To bring back time is my wish
To see the father that I miss
Memories of him are all I have
As time goes they seem to fade
To let him go is hard for me
But I feel that I must, to let him be
For this life is mine and mine alone
To use my father as motivation
And the words of the bible as a combination
I could accomplish what most cannot
I will have what I most desire

Duke Gibson

By: Duke Gibson (1st place winner)

There was a time when I felt like I didn't belong in my own family. The person that I loved, cared for, and trusted, my own grandmother, made me feel that rejection. I had felt so safe and happy every time I was with her. It broke my heart when she stopped talking to me for a whole entire year. It was like I didn't even exist every time she was around. It was not easy for me. No matter how much I tried to apologize, and set things right between us, she just kept pushing me farther and farther away from her. I would cry every night when I went to bed, and would continue crying in my sleep. I felt so lonely, and rejected. I felt like I was not even her grandson. I would wake up every morning with tears running down my face, and a pillow soaked with all my sadness. I always felt the same of rejection every time I went to school. Friends would tell stories about what they did with their family, and I would just be trapped in the corner, hiding my eyes, because I was ashamed to talk about my family. Every time school was over, and every student were walking back home to their families, I would walk so slowly, and my conscience would debate on whether I should commit suicide or not. Every step closer to my house felt like a step closer to humiliation, and whenever I stepped in front of the door, I would start crying silently with my lips shaking, and my whole body trembling. I wanted to just give up this life I had. Happiness was not around me anymore, and the only thing that would make me feel better was to cry, and cry all the time.