

ALUMNI NOTES:

Class of 2002



Jennifer Williams - PCC Alumna 2002. Ms. Williams received her CA in Nursing. She is currently working as a professional nurse at the Belau National Hospital in Meyuns.



Carolynn Ngraswei - PCC Alumna 2002. Ms. Ngraswei received her A.S. in Nursing. She is also currently working as a professional nurse at the Ministry of Health's Belau National Hospital.

Both these Alumni used their education to better themselves and contribute to the community as health care professionals. Great job you two! You are a positive example for our PCC students to emulate!

Alumni Notes offers short highlights on the many PCC/MOC alumni who have made a difference in Palau and in the region. If you are an alumni or know someone that is, just email [Temmy Temengil](mailto:TemmyTemengil@pccdevelopmentoffice.com) from the PCC Development Office at temmyt@palau.edu and send us a few lines about yourself or something about the alumni you know.

Celebrating Birthdays



Sunshine Garcia July 30
Merelyn Y. Omelau August 3

Happy Birthday To You!!!



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Deadline for Scholarship Opportunities in Two Weeks!

This is an announcement reminding all graduating high school seniors and current PCC students from Palau who will be attending PCC this coming school year 2005-2006, that applications for the following PCC based scholarship programs are available at the PCC Development Office:

Moylan's Insurance Underwriters, Inc. Scholarship
Prince Leeboo Scholarship
Shell Company (Pacific Islands) Limited Scholarship
Pierantozzi Scholarship
Roman Tmetuchl Scholarship
Carita Memorial Scholarship

Application packets are to be completed and submitted to the PCC Development Office no later than Friday August 12, 2005, the deadline date. For more information about these abovementioned scholarship programs, contact PCC Development Office at telephone number 488-2471, extension 253. Application packets are available at PCC Development Office, courtesy of PCC.

FALL SEMESTER 2005

August	1 (M)	Faculty Report for Duty
August	8-12 (M-F)	Placement Testing
August	15-17 (M-W)	Freshman Orientation & Advising
August	18 (TH)	Registration
August	22 (M)	First Day of Instruction
August	22-26 (M-F)	Late Registration/Drop & Add Period
September	5 (M)	Holiday: Labor Day
September	30 (F)	Holiday: Independence Day
October	3 (M)	Last Day to Remove Incomplete Grades for Summer session
October	17-21 (M-F)	Mid-Term Period
October	24 (M)	Holiday: U.N. Day
October	31 (M)	Last Day for All Withdrawals
November	24 (TH)	Holiday: Thanksgiving Day
November	24-25 (TH-F)	Students' Thanksgiving Break
December	9 (F)	Last Day of Instruction
December	12-14 (M-W)	Final Examination Period
December	19 (M)	Grades Due End of Fall Semester Students' Fall Recess



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SPMG Opening Ceremony a Huge Success



Flag bearers wearing traditional Palauan garb proudly leading Team Palau during the SPMG Opening Ceremony. Inset: Christopher Silas Adolf, Palau's First Olympian.

state leaders, the business community and the people of Palau for joining together as a nation to host this historic event. The Chairman also thanked the many honored dignitaries, SPMG Officials, and special guests who attended the ceremony.

The ceremony was opened by Palau's National anthem being sung by Roalnd Tangelbad, a member of the Palau Tennis Team, and invocation by SDA Pastor Sherwin Nobuo, followed by remarks from Vidhya Lakhan, SPG Council President, who thanked Palau for hosting the event and making it a memorable occasion for all. He said the SPG is more than an event to showcase athletics but rather is an occasion for cultural exchange, to reaffirm bonds and make new and lasting friendships.

The closing remarks were given by the Honorable President of the Republic of Palau, Tommy Remengesau Jr. who officially opened the games with a rousing cheer.

The South Pacific Mini Games flame was lit by Christopher Silas Adolf, the first Palauan male athlete to compete in the Olympic Games in the Sydney 2000 Games. He competed in the 100m sprint, recording a time of 11.01 seconds. He is also a triple gold medalist from the 1998 Micronesian Games. Other torch bearers to carry the torch around the track included Ricky Ngrakad, Julia Franz, Daniel Adachi, William Ngrairakelau, Ruth Gibbons, and Nick Mangham.

Earlier, the South Pacific Mini Games flag was presented to the crowd and raised by a host of past Palauan athletes, including Katsusu Skang, Ben Yobech, Clara Ueki, Tommy Worswick, Einer Kebekol and Baudista Sato. The Opening Ceremony ended with cultural performances performed by young men's and women's dance groups.

The slight rain and cloudy skies did not deter the almost five thousand spectators and athletes who attended the opening ceremony of the Seventh South Pacific Mini Games held at the Palau National Track. The opening remarks were given by PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei in his capacity as the Chairman of the SPMG Organizing Committee. During his speech, he gave a warm welcome to all the SPMG athletes from the Pacific region to Palau and wished them a safe, comfortable and enjoyable stay during the duration of the games. He added that the SPMG Organizing Committee will work around the clock before and throughout the games to ensure that the needs of all the athletes and officials are met. The Organizing Committee Chairman ended his speech by thanking Palau's traditional leaders, national and

Medal Tally as of June 29, 2005

Position	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	New Caledonia	33	17	14	64
2	Nauru	18	0	0	18
3	Fiji	16	14	7	37
4	Papua New Guinea	12	8	6	26
5	Samoa	10	4	0	14
6	Federated States of Micronesia	4	1	0	5
7	Palau	4	0	4	8
8	Tonga	3	1	3	7
9	Guam	2	4	10	16
10	Northern Marianas	1	10	3	14
11	Cook Islands	1	4	3	8
12	Solomon Islands	1	4	1	6
13	Wallis & Futuna	1	1	1	3
14	Vanuatu	1	1	0	2
15	Niue	0	3	0	3
16	Tuvalu	0	0	2	2
17	Norfolk Island	0	0	1	1

No medals awarded to American Samoa, Timor-Leste, Tokelau.

PCC President Concludes Role as Convention Secretary



The Delegates pictured in the front row are (l-r) Seit Andres, Convention VP; Kazuo Asanuma, Frank Kyota. Second row are Marhence Madrangchar, Sebastian Marino, and the Convention Secretary and PCC President, Dr. Patrick U. Tellei. In the background are Floor Leader Laurentino Ulechong, Hokkons Baules and Rebluud Kesolei.

PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei's role as Secretary for the Second Constitutional Convention has come to a conclusion as the Convention formally ended this past earlier this month. His role during the Convention was to coordinate the documentation of official records such as the reports, proposals and journals of the Constitutional Convention. In addition to his role as Convention Secretary, his fellow delegates also drew upon Tellei's rich knowledge of the Palauan language and Palauan traditions in translating and interpreting the Constitution. The Second Constitutional Convention brought together people from all walks of life such as doctors, educators, lawyers, former senators, a vice president, businessmen, public servants and prominent members of the community to address the new challenges facing the Republic of Palau's Constitution.

Dr. Tellei was also selected by his fellow Delegates to serve on the Post-Convention Education Committee (PCEC). The PCEC's role is to educate the public on the 22 proposals prior to the general election. The committee consists of nine (9) former Delegates of the Convention and they are Victorio Uherbelau (Angaur), Valentino Emisiochl (Ngatpang) Hokkons Baules (Koror) Bonifacio Basilius (Ngchesar), Sinton Soalablai (Peleliu), Raynold B. Oilouch (At Large), Dr. Stevenson Kuartei (At Large) and Surangel Whipps Jr. (At Large).

Of the two-hundred and fifty-one proposals which were introduced by the Delegates only twenty-five passed the second reading. And of the twenty five proposals left, only twenty-two were formally passed during the third and final reading by the Convention. These 22 proposals which were endorsed by the Convention will be voted on by the public in the next general election in 2008. Each proposal had to have a majority support of the twenty-five Convention Delegates in order to pass each of the three readings. Once the proposals had passed the third reading, they go through the Convention's Style and Arrangement Committee for finalization prior to making the ballot in 2008. All proposals were studied in detail by their respective committees, prior to being entered into the Convention floor for debate. In addition, proposals were also addressed throughout the community through a series of public hearings held throughout the Sixteen states of the Republic. During the signing ceremony, Convention Delegates were accompanied by their wives and children to witness this historic occasion. Also in attendance was Bilung Gloria G. Sali, Chairperson for the PCC Board of Directors, Madrengebuked and former President of the Republic of Palau, Thomas Remengesau, Senate President Johnny Reklai, Senate Floor Leader, Alan Seid, and Senators, Santy Asanuma, Surangel Whips, Caleb Otto, and Yukiwo Dengokl. Also in attendance representing the Supreme Court was Justice Larry Miller and other honored guests and dignitaries.

PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei said, "It was truly an honor to represent the people of Palau to this very important and historic event, whose memory, I will cherish for the rest of my life. I would like to thank the Palauan people for their support and to my fellow Delegates for their tireless efforts and dedication during the Convention."

For more information on the Second Constitutional Convention or the Post-Convention Education Committee please visit their website on www.palauconcon2.com.

PCC Offers Internet Access to SPMG



SPMG Volunteers, and Athletes checking their email.

The PCC Library is proud to welcome all the athletes, officials, and visitors to Palau. And in commemoration of the special event, the PCC Library is offering free internet access to all our friends from the Pacific Region who are here for the games. The Library has a Technology Center for online research and email stations that offer speedy internet access for athletes who wish to contact their loved ones and friends via email. In addition, the library is a great place to relax, rest and cool off while reading your favorite magazines, books or periodicals. And if individuals wish to learn more about Palauan culture and tradition, the PCC Library is the best place to learn with an abundance of educational materials and publications available at the touch of your fingertips. It is the largest library in the Republic of Palau, with collections totaling over 26,000. While most materials are in English, the collections do include materials in Palauan, Japanese, and other languages. No matter where you are from, whether it's checking email, reading the latest magazines or conducting research on Palau, the PCC Library has something for everyone.

PCC Library Expresses Condolences to Sarah Buchan

The PCC Library expresses its deepest condolences to Sarah Buchan on the recent passing of her husband, Dan Millar. Sarah and her late husband have generously donated many books and reading materials to the College throughout the years. Thanks to their kindness, the PCC Library has become a richer, more diverse and a more enjoyable place to learn. The prayers of your family here at the PCC Library are with you in your time of sorrow.

With warm wishes and prayers,

*Imengel Mad, Mirriam Kual, Grace Merqng, Pioria Faungy and Sunshine Garcia
PCC Library Staff*

BITS AND PIECES... Want to Learn Japanese...

Want to know an easy way to learn Japanese? Well, you are just in luck because the Bera Bera Shiabal Japanese radio program is being re-broadcasted for all you people who appreciate the rich culture and history of the Japanese people. You can learn the Japanese language by listening to Eco Paradise 87.9 MHZ FM every Monday-Wednesday-Friday from 6:00 to 6:15. For more information please email berashiabal@hotmail.com.

Website of the Week...

<http://www.pacificweb.org/index.html> - This website displays statistical data for the current and former US Insular Areas. These include Guam, American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, United States Virgin Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau. The statistics fall into three general areas: (1) results of census, (2) results of intercensal surveys, and (3) administrative records, including yearbooks. Links to other web pages are included. Please check 'staff' to request information or to submit any comments.

<http://www.sonsorol.com> - For the really adventurous with time to spare and a whimsy for the boat, the Sonsorol Islands, some 400 miles southwest of Koror offers pristine beaches and a lot of traditional Pacific island culture. Today's technology enables you to visit this place at the comfort of your own desk. This website offers you a brief history of the island, black and white photos dated 1890 and 1937, movie clips, slide shows and many more.

PCC Interns Wanted.....

As the College prepares for Internship placement for the upcoming 2005 fall semester, the number of students who will be eligible to participate in the training in their respective trade areas is needed by Mr. Vincent Ito, Extension Programs Coordinator. This will allow him to identify and secure commitments from appropriate agencies/employers who will be providing training to our students.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW READY FOR PICK UP ANYTIME DURING WORKING HOURS. The deadline for submission of completed application forms is Friday, August 5 in order for students to be considered for internship placement.

Internship is provided as a final requirement for students who have completed all their course requirements on campus or at most have one remaining to be taken concurrently with the training. It allows students to be placed on the job in their respective field of training while working on a full time basis. The experience gained from the training will be counted as credits required for students to graduate.

Almost 100 Incoming Freshmen Expected for Fall Semester

The Office of Admissions & Financial Aid are now in the process of sending follow-up letters and acceptance letters to all new applicants for Fall

Semester 2005. To date, ninety-nine (99) applicants have been accepted. This figure does not include the returning and transfer students

The Office of Admissions & Financial Aid are urging continuing students who are planning to attend Fall Semester 2005 and yet to complete their 2005-06 Financial Aid requirement, to submit their forms as soon as possible before August 05, 2005.

The Office of Admissions are continuing to track these students as well as any other interested seniors to ensure that their applications for both admissions and financial aid are completed. The **acceptance letters** and **financial aid award letters** will be processed and issued to students who complete all required documents, for both admissions and financial aid. This is part of our efforts to help students and parents in making decisions about colleges. The award letters will inform the prospective students the estimated funds they may receive for 2005-2006 School Year.

In addition, the Office of Admissions & Financial Aid is still working with students from the Freely Associated States (FAS) who will be selected to be on the Travel Grant. The TRAVEL GRANT PROGRAM offers a ONE-WAY TICKET TO FIVE GRADUATING SENIORS FROM EACH ENTITY (FSM & RMI) TO ATTEND PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE. The table to right shows the number of students (FAS) who have been tentatively selected to be on travel grant.

Country	# OF ACCEPTED
CHUUK	6
KOSRAE	7
MARSHALL	10
JAPAN	2
KOREA	1
POHNPEI	2
PALAU	55
YAP	16
TOTAL	99

Tentative number of new students who have been accepted to PCC.

State	# of students
Chuuk	4
Kosrae	4
Marshall	5
Pohnpei	1
Yap	5
TOTAL	19

The number of incoming students (FAS) selected for the travel grant.

Get the News at the SPMG Media Center



SPMG Media Center Equipped with latest the tecnology in communication.

The SPMG Media Center is conveniently located on the PCC Campus and is equipped with phones, fax, eight computer working stations equipped with email and internet and additional laptop hook ups for those media professionals bringing their own computers. All media personnel wishing to use any media facility or services should be registered and have an appropriate media ID badge. Users will need to purchase Debusch cards if they wish to call long distance. The

Media Center will be the focal point of information for media, media reception, change of schedule/events, announcements and etc. For SPMG media information, please contact Ms. Eunice Akiwo, Public Relations/Media contact for the 7th South Pacific Mini Games Organizing Committee. E-mail: akiwo@bdarop.com and Tel: (680) 488-2343 or SPMGOC (680) 488-6491.