

Alumni Notes

Class of 2007 (PCC)

Anisa Hanser-

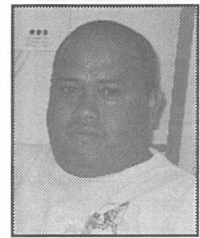


2007 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Tourism & Hospitality-Tour Services (THTS). Hanser works at the Belau Art Gallery at Palau Royal Resort as a Sales Representative.

She has been working there for the past 7 months.

Class of 1994 (PCC)

Ringo Ultrakl -

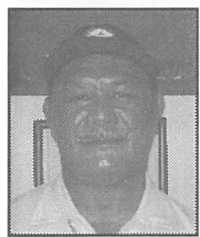


1994 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in General Electronics Technology (GET). Ultrakl works at the Palau National Communications Corporation as a Switch Technician. He has been

working there for the past 12 years.

Class of 1971 (MOC)

Alfonso Ngiraiwet -



1971 MOC graduate with a Vocational Certificate of Achievement (VCA) in Electrical Technology (ELEE). Ngiraiwet retired as Chief of Fire at the Bureau of Public Safety in 2001 and transferred

to work at Belau Airport Security Company (BASEC) as Chief of Security Screening. He has been working there for the past 7 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

Merelyne Omelau	August	03
Chester Lelis	August	03
Jolene Joseph	August	04
Johvanna Yaoch	August	05

Happy Birthday To You!

Mesekiu Basketball Team Makes it to Play-offs, Wins 5th Place

Despite the loss of six players who left for summer vacation, the Mesekiu Basketball team, with only a few players, advanced to the play-offs. During their first game in the play-offs, Mesekiu played a tight game against team Jaguars and won by a mere 4 points (75-71). Edison Anjerok led the team with the most scoring points of 22 followed by teammate Chris Chiba who scored 15 points. Mesekiu went on a winning streak and defeated team Ididers to make it into the top ten and then defeated team Ranchers to make it to the top five. Anjerok led the team for both games with the help of Chiba and Chris Carlos.

Then, during the last game of the play-offs, Mesekiu lost to Surangel by only two points. Regardless, the Mesekiu Basketball team have been training and working hard, earning 5th place in the 2007-2008 Shell National Basketball League, an outstanding progress from last year.

“Next season, Mesekiu team will be



Coach Hamilton Maech (standing center) with some of the players of the Mesekiu basketball team.

joining the Division I so, we will be training and working hard to get ready for the challenge to play against the toughest teams in basketball”, says Coach Hamilton Maech. Anyone interested to try-out for the Mesekiu team for next season may check the bulletin boards around campus for further information or contact Coach Maech at the Recreation office at 488-3885. Try-outs will begin in September. Congratulation to team Mesekiu!

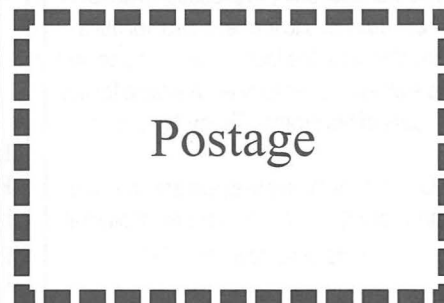
New Textbook Policy Reminder to all PCC Students

Because the Textbook Policy requires that all PCC students who register for classes must have the required textbooks for each class, textbooks are now given out by instructors to students during the FIRST DAY OF CLASSES and the appropriate amount will automatically be assessed to each student's account. Students who already have textbooks must show them to their instructors, and after class, students must

IMMEDIATELY BRING THE TEXTBOOKS TO THE BOOKSTORE for CLEARANCE to avoid being charged. Students who miss the first day of classes must go to the bookstore for books.

Please contact the Dean of Academic Affairs Alvina Timarong at 488-2471, ext. 245 if you have any questions.

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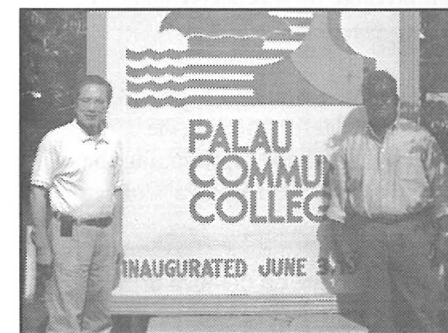
Namekawa and NPO South Sea Community Association Sets Up Scholarship Fund for PCC



Development Office Director Armstrong Debelbot (center left) receives the initial funds to establish the Palau Japan Cultural Exchange Association Namekawa Scholarship Fund for PCC from Yuji Namekawa (center right), Chairman of the NPO South Seas Community Association. Members of the College's Executive Committee were also present to receive the funds on Wednesday. Chairman Namekawa was accompanied by colleague Kawachi Shiro (2nd from right), Chikako Iwadate (r), Masa Kikuchi (l) of Rock Island Tour Company, and Mrs. Jennifer Yano (2nd from left).

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College Bids Farewell to Honorable Ambassador Lee



Ambassador of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to Palau, Matthew S.M. Lee (r) with President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei during the Ambassador's first courtesy visit to the College early last year.

The Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) over the years has been very supportive of Palau Community College (PCC). It has sponsored numerous trainings to College employees and staff to Taiwan as well as provided volunteers to teach the Mandarin Language program at PCC.

Through the Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan), the College has also received many donations of fresh fruits and produce from the Taiwan Technical

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Kaeb Launching Draws Crowd



President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei (standing center) with the Kaeb builders, Master carver Ebekeu Orukei Bukringang (r), Oltbab Robot Saburo (l), and Patrick Oilouch (sitting center). (Photo contributed by Horizon News)

Traditional and government leaders, College officials, faculty, staff, and students, and local residents crowded the PCC wharf at Taoch er a Idederach last Friday to witness the rare occasion of the launching of the *Kaeb* (a traditional racing canoe).

PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, who conducted the ceremony, described the *Kaeb* and its usage before it was taken to the waters for a demonstration.

Legendary master carver Ebekeu Orukei Bukringang and his apprentices, Oltbab Robot Saburo and Patrick Oilouch built the canoe, which will be used for the navigation course which will be offered in the fall semester. Master navigator, Captain Sesario will be conducting the traditional, hands-on course.



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With the many local and off-island supporters of the College, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei is even more thankful that Chairman of the NPO South Sea Community Association, Mr. Yuji Namekawa, and the Association, has set up a scholarship fund for PCC. Over the years, Namekawa and the association has donated fireworks during Palau's Independence Day celebrations. He has also been actively involved in various volunteer projects in Palau for the past thirty (30) years. This time, Namekawa has decided to focus his donation on health and education with the establishment of the PCC scholarship, Ministry of Health (MOH) incinerator, and garbage trucks.

Namekawa visited the College on Wednesday with colleague Kawauchi Shiro, Chief Executive Officer of Miki Group, Miki-Sigen Co., Ltd., and was accompanied by Mrs. Jennifer Yano, secretary of the association. Namekawa met with Vice President Olegeriil and Development Office Director Armstrong Debelbot and members of the College's executive committee to present 100,000 yen as the initial funds for the establishment of the Palau Japan Cultural Exchange Association Namekawa Scholarship Fund for PCC students. The scholarship fund includes \$12,000 dollars for the first year and will increase to

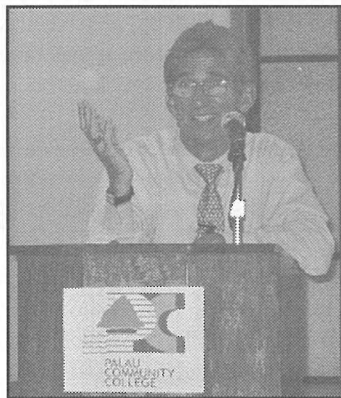
\$24,000 during the second year, and thereafter.

Namekawa and NPO South Sea Community Association will also fund two PCC students to study on a Japanese Scholarship to Japan.

In addition to the scholarship fund to PCC, Namekawa and the NPO South Sea Community Association have also donated an incinerator for the hospital which costs about \$1.5 million and have also donated garbage trucks. Two of the garbage trucks were donated to MOH while the other two were donated personally to Mrs. Yano. Mrs. Yano, however, decided to donate one to the Ministry of Justice to fulfill a request by the late and former Bureau of Public Safety Director Hazime Telei and donate the other truck to PCC.

The College Board of Trustees, President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, Administration, Faculty, Staff, and most especially the students thank Namekawa and the NPO South Sea Community Association for investing in the education of the Palauan youth and supporting prosperous health and a clean environment in Palau. Very special thanks to the Minister of Health Dr. Victor Yano and wife Jennifer Yano for personally going to Japan to work with colleagues in soliciting donations and support to Palau.

GLEAN-PCC Seminar a Success



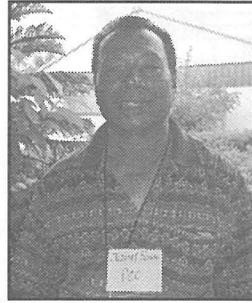
Tom Kosnik, Professor of Management Science and Engineering at Stanford University.

Palau Community College (PCC) in association with the Global Leaders, Entrepreneurs and Altruists Network (GLEAN) hosted a seminar on Entrepreneurial Marketing earlier this week at the PCC Cafeteria.

Small business entrepreneurs, private sector employees as well as from the government sector, and PCC students attended the two-day workshop to hear presentations from Tom Kosnik, a Professor of Management Science and Engineering at Stanford University; Kaleb Udui, President of the National Development Bank of Palau; Kenneth Uyehara of the Chamber of Commerce; GLEAN Alumni; and Ilana Seid. Vice President Camsek Chin also delivered brief closing remarks and entertained the participants' questions about businesses in Palau.

PCC student, Anthony Rudimch, who attended the seminar commented, "The seminar was very informative and educational. The activities gave us a

Instructor Presents at MOE Teachers' Convention



Instructor Jemmy Blelai after presenting at the Ministry of Education Teachers' Convention yesterday.

While some instructors are done with summer classes and others on vacation, instructor Jemmy Blelai spent practically his whole summer teaching. As soon as spring semester ended, Blelai began preparing for 2008 Summer Teachers' Academy. For five weeks, he was providing refresher training to the participants of the Teachers' Academy held on campus, which concluded last week. Immediately after that, he was asked by Dean of Academic Affairs Alvina Timarong to fulfill the request by the Ministry of Education (MOE) to have PCC instructors present at their teachers' convention this week at Palau High School. Instructor Blelai accepted the request wholeheartedly saying, "It is all our responsibility to work together for the good of the College". He presented on Tuesday the same topics he taught at the Teachers' Academy but focused more on quality teaching for classroom success in order to relate to the convention's theme, "Student Success". Because his presentation was much favored, he was asked again to present yesterday.

Dean Timarong would like to thank instructor Blelai for fulfilling the request by MOE and representing the College at the MOE Teachers' Convention.

better perspective on the idea of business". Another PCC student, John Stills said that the seminar was quite informative and was like a crash course on how to operate, grow, and manage a healthy business or company.

BITS AND PIECES...

CONGRATS

Congratulations to Dr. Williams...

Palau Community College Board of Trustees, President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, Administration, Faculty, Staff, and Students take this opportunity to congratulate Dr. Donald R. Williams in his new appointment as Dean of Kent State University's Honors College.

THANKS

Marlyne Ngiraidong Donates...



McQuay Postol (l) of the Cafeteria receives the donation of bananas from Marlyne Ngiraidong (r).

Marlyne Ngiraidong donated fifty (50) pounds of bananas (*meskebesang*) to the College on Tuesday. McQuay Postol of the cafeteria was present to receive the kind donation from Ngiraidong. The College thanks Ngiraidong for her kind donation and support to the College.

CONDOLENCES

Our Condolences

The College family expresses its deepest condolences to former instructor Julie Anastacio for the loss of her husband and to staff employee Ismael Anastacio for the loss of his brother, Tangy Anastacio.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during your most difficult time of sorrow and grief.

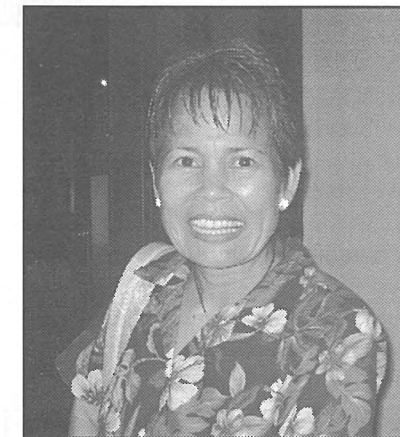


President Tellei Meets FSM President, H.E Emanuel Mori



During the Pacific Post Secondary Education Council (PPEC) meeting in Pohnpei, FSM a few weeks ago, President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei (standing 2nd from left), met with other PPEC member presidents to discuss issues concerning higher education in the region. Tellei and the other PPEC members also had the opportunity to meet with His Excellency Emanuel Mori (c), President, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM). Also shown in the photo (l-r): FSM protocol officer; Cassiano Shoniber, Secretary of Education, FSM National Government; Spensin James, President, College of Micronesia-FSM; Dr. Robert Underwood, President, University of Guam; Mary Okada, President, Guam Community College; Dr. Leon Richards, Chancellor, Kapiolani Community College; Larry Gamboa, former Director of PPEC; Mike Rota, Chancellor, Honolulu Community College; and Dr. Wilson Hess, President, College of the Marshall Islands.

Instructor Sukrad Pursues Another Career After 22 Years



PCC English instructor and Faculty Senate President, Wilma Sukrad.

Long serving English instructor and Faculty Senate President Wilma Sukrad has decided to leave the College and pursue another career opportunity in the United States. The College would like to take this opportunity to thank instructor Sukrad for the twenty-two (22) years she devoted to opening minds and sharing her knowledge with the students at PCC.

The PCC Family also bids her farewell and wishes her the best with her endeavors. We will miss you!

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Mission farm in Aimeliik State. Furthermore, the College receives support annually from the Embassy during the Annual Thanksgiving Fundraiser for the Endowment Fund.

In addition, two former PCC students Ramon Adelbai and Ginny Yalap are pursuing their College education in Taiwan on a scholarship sponsored by the Republic of China (Taiwan) Government.

Taiwan Ambassador Matthew S. M. Lee has been involved in such support and ensuring that the Taiwan Government continues its support to the College and for that, he is greatly appreciated by all at PCC, especially the students. The PCC family wishes Ambassador Lee all the best and bids him farewell as he assumes his new position.