

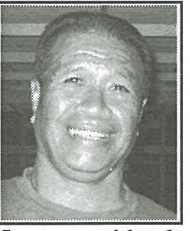


Alumni Notes
Class of 2005 (PCC)
Syringa Gulibert -

 2005 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Criminal Justice (CJ). Gulibert works at Marine Law Enforcement as a Police Officer 1 and has been working there for the past year and a half.

Class of 1998 & 1996 (PCC)
Froline Ann Bultedaob -

 1998 PCC graduate with an Associate of Arts (AA) degree in Liberal Arts (LA) and a 1996 graduate with a Certificate of Achievement in Secretarial Science (SEC). Bultedaob works at the Ministry of Resources and Development as an Administrative Officer. She has been working there for over a month.

Class of 1983 (MOC)
Sunray Meluat -

 1983 MOC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Heavy Equipment & Diesel Mechanics (HEDM). Meluat works at the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) as a Fireman and has been working at MOJ for a total of 12 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*.

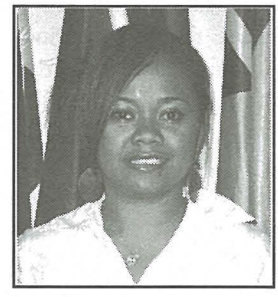
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Celebrating Birthdays

Merelyne Omelau	August 03
Jolene Joseph	August 04
Johvanna Yaoch	August 05
Fosita Weilbacher	August 06
Grace Alexander	August 08

Happy Birthday To You!

More Show Support to PCC Endowment Fund



Emilia Katosang

Ministry of State Employee, Emilia Katosang is the newest member 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.

FALL SEMESTER 2007 CALENDAR

Aug. 6-10 (M-F)	Placement Testing
Aug. 9 (TH)	Freshmen Orientation
Aug. 13-16 (M-TH)	Advising & Registration
Aug. 20 (M)	First Day of Instruction
Aug. 20-24 (M-F)	Late Registration/ Drop & Add Period
Sept. 3 (M)	Holiday: Labor Day
Sept. 28 (F)	Last Day to Remove Incomplete Grades for Summer Session
Oct. 1 (M)	Holiday: Independence Day
Oct. 8-12 (M-F)	Mid-term Period
Oct. 19 (F)	Last Day for All Withdrawals
Oct. 24 (W)	Holiday: UN Day
Nov. 29 (TH)	Holiday: Thanksgiving Day
Nov. 29-30 TH-F)	Students' Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 7 (F)	Last Day of Instruction
Dec. 10-12 (M-W)	Final Examination Period
Dec. 17 (M)	Grades Due End of Fall Semester Students' Fall Recess

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Attention PCC Students

PCC in association with the Asia Pacific Association for Fiduciary Studies presents the 7th Annual Pacific Region Investment Conference Student Competition, October 18-19 in Manila, Philippines. The winner of the competition will represent PCC in this upcoming competition and will get a \$100 dollar cash prize, a round-trip airfare from Palau to Manila, airport-hotel transportation, lodging at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel, and \$75 per diem for food and other expenses. Applicants must be a full-time PCC student over the age of 18, and must submit a paper with a topic selected from one of the following: 1). Student Experience in Stock Market Investment; 2). Management of Trust Funds; 3). Regional Economic Issues. **Deadline for submission is Monday, September 10, 2007 by 5:00 p.m.**, to the Academic Affairs Office, at Temekai Bldg. For further information about evaluation criteria and technical specifications about submission of paper or for any other questions, please contact Robert Ramarui, at Business Ed. Office, Temekai Bldg. at 488-2471 ext.240.

Customer Service "Gap in the Workforce" Workshop

Presented by: Global Resources

Synopsis: This workshop is to enhance knowledge in communication skills and understanding the diversity of your work environment by focusing on the age "gap" in the workforce. Pre-Requisite: Open mind, Smiles, and a Positive Attitude.

Customer Service- Gap in the Workforce

Date: Wednesday, August 8, 2007
Time: 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.
Place: PCC, Sebus Building Rm. # 50
Fee: \$20.00 per person (non-refundable)
Deadline: Tuesday, August 7, 2007 @ 5:00 p.m.

Pre-registration is available now and seating is LIMITED. Please call the Palau SBDC at 488-6004 or email us at palausbdc@palaunet.com to reserve your seat.

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ETS to Get \$200K+ Annually From U.S. DOE



Director of Learning Resources/Project Director of Educational Talent Search, Laura Mangham (2nd from right) with her staff.

The College's Educational Talent Search (ETS) Program has been awarded another four (4) years of financial assistance from the United States Department of Education (DOE). Earlier last year, the College's ETS submitted their grant proposal, applying for a \$220,000 dollar budget annually to U.S. DOE. In May 2006, U.S. DOE reviewed the proposal and sent a notification later in August of the same year stating that the ETS proposal was successful and will be funded. U.S. DOE not only approved funding for the proposal, it also increased the figure to \$226,600 dollars per year, an increase of over \$6,000 dollars. The new cycle will begin this coming September 2007. In fact, this year is the last year of ETS' current funding cycle, making the timing of the new grant ideal. The ETS is one of the federally-funded programs at PCC helping elementary and high school students succeed in school.

During the first year of the new grant cycle (September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2008), the ETS program will have to meet the following objectives:

- 85% of "college ready" participants will enroll in a program of post-secondary education during each project period (or during the next fall term).
- 80% of non-senior secondary school participants served during each project period will be promoted to the next grade level at the end of each academic year.
- 90% of high school seniors (and their equivalents in alternative education program) will graduate from secondary school or receive a certificate of high school equivalency during each project period.
- 100% of "college ready" project participants will apply for financial aid during each project period.
- 100% of "college ready" project

participants will apply for post-secondary school admission during each project period.

In accordance with the U.S. DOE regulations, ETS completes and submits an Annual Performance Report (APR) annually to U.S. DOE. The ETS APR for Program Year 2006-2007 will be compiled and submitted to U.S. DOE this November. The APR will be completed and submitted online.

The ETS Program staff continues to work closely with the Ministry of Education, the College Adult High School, and the Palauan community to offer services to all eligible participants.

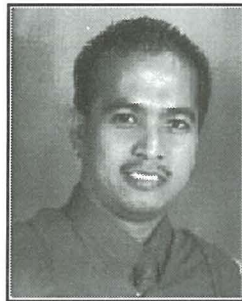
For more information about the ETS program, you may contact Laura Mangham at 488-0826.

To All New PCC Students:

Placement Testing & Freshmen Orientation Starts Next Week!

See back for Fall Semester 2007 Calendar

First Graduate Student Exit Survey Results



Nino Pate, Institutional Research Analyst and Assessment Consultant.

For the past couple of months, the College's Institutional Research Analyst and Assessment Consultant, Nino Pate has been working on several surveys for the school. The results of the first completed survey are now compiled in the Graduate Student Exit Survey Report for 2006-2007. This report summarizes data collected in 2007 survey of all graduate students registered at Palau Community College. The survey was performed at the initiation of President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei who constituted the planning and evaluation to improve institutional effectiveness. The major goal of the survey was the collection of information that would be useful in making recommendations to improve the teaching, learning and general environment of the College. The report provides an overview and general

analysis of the survey results, along with the recommendations. Quantitative data form the core of the Report, but comments from the graduate students are included as well. The Report should not be considered as the final word, or as a medium for the examination of every possible issue that could be explored with the data at hand. The subjectively-oriented questions tap students' perceptions of their graduate experience, and, as such, are extremely useful. Ultimately, it is perceptions that determine whether the graduate students' experience is positive or not.

To demonstrate that the College creates a change for the students' benefit, Pate developed a number of methods to access students and staffs progress. For the end-users, an institutional effectiveness cycle has been created. It is a systematic step that comes together to contribute to the goal of successfully developing and implementing an effective assessment plan.

In 2006-2007, the College awarded sixty-seven (67) graduate degrees. Ninety-four (94) of the graduate students completed the Graduate Student Exit Survey. With the percentage of students completing the survey, the results reflected the views of the class

of 2007. Here are a few highlights of the 2006-2007 survey: *Twenty-four (24) out of twenty-five (25) or 96% were graduates from the School of Arts and Sciences; twenty-four (24) out of twenty-five (25) or 96% from the School of Business; and fifteen (15) out of seventeen (17) or 88% from the School of Technical Education completed the Graduation Student Exit Survey.*

Ninety-four (94) of the graduate students satisfied the quality of instruction in their major; ninety-five (95) satisfied with the academic advising they received from the faculty.

Over ninety-five (95) agree that they gained general education; 74% of the students improved their ability to utilize computers.

Some of the students would like PCC to improve the library facilities, classroom and computer resources; 33% of the graduate students said they were uncertain and dissatisfied with the friendliness and helpfulness of the office staff.

Copies of this survey will be available next week at the Development Office.
(See more in the next issue)

JICA Volunteer Stays Busy in Summer

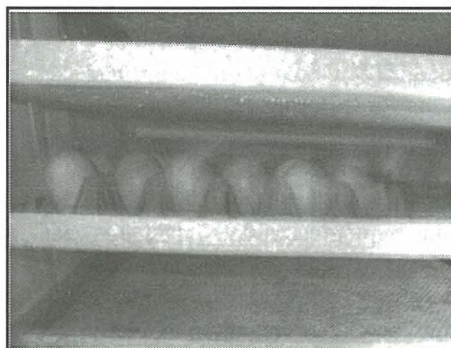


Maho Miyashita, JICA Volunteer-Agriculture instructor.

This summer the Agriculture Department in particular Agriculture instructor, Maho Miyashita, has focused her effort on local domesticated animals.

She has been teaching for six months, classes in Animal Husbandry and plans to offer the same during the and her fall and spring semesters. This summer she is teaching a small class of seven students but believes more will enroll in the fall. Her class has been experimenting with newly harvested eggs to determine whether or not they can be grown and raised for use in class projects this coming Fall semester. The eggs are currently in an incubator and according to Miyashita, the eggs will take about twenty-one (21) days to hatch. This is the first time that she is using the incubator to hatch eggs. AT the PCC Research & Development station in Ngermeskang, Ngeremlengui, Miyashita also manages the swine farm with the help of her students.

These pigs are primarily grown for resale with funds used to further improve agriculture facilities and the overall agriculture program at PCC.

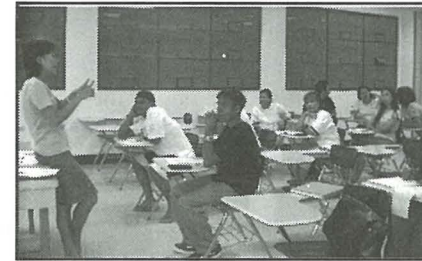


Pictured above is a dozen eggs that instructor Miyashita has stored in an incubator.

BITS AND PIECES...

ANNOUNCEMENT

CE Offers Basic and Intermediate Mandarin...



Mandarin instructor, Su Wenling with her students.

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.

For registration or for more information, please do not hesitate to contact Taruu Nakamura or Leona Blaluk at Continuing Education (CE) office at 488-2470/2471/6223.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Lovejoy Newly Elected Member of the National Academy of Sciences ...

On behalf of the PCC Board of Trustees, Administration, Faculty, Staff, and most especially the Students, President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei would like to congratulate Dr. C. Owen Lovejoy of Kent State University to membership in the prestigious National Academy of Sciences.

Dr. Lovejoy is one of the world's preeminent biological anthropologists in the study of human origins. He is an outstanding and inspiring Professor who is currently one of the seven researchers examining *Ardipithecus ramidus*, and he recently joined in the discovery and definition of a new species of hominid, *Australopithecus garhi*, a probable direct linear ancestor of modern humans.

College to Participate in Veterans Affairs Education Programs

In March 2008, Ms. Dahlia Katosang, Director of Admissions & Financial Aid, submitted an application to Veterans Affairs (VA) Education Service in Washington, D.C for the education and training of eligible veterans and dependents to participate in VA education benefit programs.

PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and the College are proud to announce that Palau Community College has been approved for participation in VA Educational Assistance Programs. This means that sons and daughters of U.S. citizens and

Freely Associated States (FAS) of Micronesia (Palau, FSM, and the Marshalls) who have served in the U.S. armed forces and their dependents are eligible to receive VA education benefits towards their college education cost (tuition, fees, and books) through GI bills and Montgomery programs. The degree programs listed below have been approved for the education and training of eligible veterans and dependents participating in VA education benefit programs. In short, eligible veterans and their dependents who enroll in these PCC programs are eligible for VA benefits.

Programs	Degree	Programs	Degree
1. Agriculture (AG)	AAS & AS	14. Nursing Career Ladder (NU) - LPN & RN	AAS & A
2. Air conditioning & Refrigeration (AC)	AAS	15. Office Administration (OA)	AAS
3. Automotive Mechanics Technology (AM)	AAS	16. Small Engine & Outboard Marine Technology (SE)	AAS
4. Business Accounting (BA)	AS	17. Education:	
5. Business Administration (BU)	AS	- Early Childhood (EDEC)	AS
6. Criminal Justice (CJ)	AS	- Elementary Education (EDEC)	AS
7. Construction Technology (CT)	AAS	- Special Education (EDSP)	AS
8. Electrical Technology (ET)	AAS	- Secondary Education (EDSE)	AS
9. Environmental/Marine Science (ES)	AS	18. Tourism & Hospitality Program:	
10. General Electronics Technology (GE)	AAS & AS	- Food & Beverages (THFB)	AAS
11. Information Technology (IT)	AS	- Hotel Operations (THHO)	AAS
12. Liberal Arts (LA)	AA	- Tour Services (THTS)	AAS & A
13. Library & Information Services (LS)	AAS & AS	- Hospitality Management (THHM)	AS

This approval is retroactive to Summer 2006 term, which started this part June 11, 2006. For more information, please contact Mrs. Dahlia M. Katosang, Director of Admissions & Financial Aid at the following numbers or via email:

Telephone: 680-2470/2471 ext. 233
Email Address: dahliapcc@palaunet.com
Fax: 680-488-4468 or 680-488-2447

Other News:

The latest news updates from Office of Admissions & Financial Aid for the upcoming school year are:

1. Pell Grant award for School Year 2007-2008 has been increased from \$4050 to **\$4310**.
2. Total applicants accepted to attend PCC for Fall Semester 2007 is **111**.

AHS Class of 2007

By: Christez Ongrung

Through the interviews and research, I came to find that PCC Adult High School (AHS) has made some very good accomplishments through the years since Fall 2000. The programs has helped many Palauans in achieving their goal for a better education.

Here is a comment from one of the students of Adult High School. She says that "Adult High School is great for we can finally have hope for completing our education and as a bonus we get to meet good people and make new friends".

On behalf of the AHS students, staff, and graduates, I am proud to say that Adult High School is one of the greatest educational programs offered by PCC. We give thanks to PCC for the opportunity to continue our education and our life goals.