

## Alumni Notes

### Class of 1988 (MOC)

**Maoriko Panuelo-**  
1988 MOC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Air Conditioning Repair (ACR). Now he is working in his home island of Pohnpei.



### Class of 1998 (PCC)

**Miriam Ewatef-**  
1998 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Business Accounting (BA). Ewatef has worked for nine years as an accountant for Palau Community Action Agency (PCAA).



### Class of 2003 (PCC)

**Augusta Kintaro-**  
2003 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Business Accounting (BA). Kintaro has been working for 23 years as a fiscal officer for Palau Community Action Agency.



**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

Sunshine Garcia	July 31
Merelyn Omelau	Aug 3
Jolene Joseph	Aug 4
Johvanna Yaoch	Aug 5
Rosita Weilbacher	Aug 6
Grace Alexander	Aug 8

Happy Birthday To You!

## PCC Apprentice Program for Yap DOE Vocational Education Teachers, Five Apprentices for Summer 2006

This summer, PCC Continuing Education program hosted five Yap Department of Education (DOE) teachers to attend the Vocational Education Apprentice training in Palau.

The teachers who were accompanied by the assistant coordinator of the Yap DOE-vocational program, Peter Hagileisa attended a six-week training program where they worked with local businesses to gain experience in their field of work.

Two of the trainees who work as high school agriculture teachers were placed at OISCA farm in Aimeliik state. Helping with farm work, they learned about soil cultivation and fertilization and proper crop and vegetable care.

Bureau of Land and Survey worked with two other trainees who are high school construction technology teachers. Their training was focused in the use of Auto-Computer Aided Design (CAD).



Peter Hagileisa (r), assistant coordinator for Yap DOE vocational programs with PCC President Patrick U. Tellei.

The other apprentice, also a high school teacher who specializes in outboard marine engines, worked at Surangel and Sons company, training on the repairs and maintenance of outboard marine engines to further enhance his skills.

The PCC apprentice program which is in its third year, helps Yap DOE teachers during the summer time to further gain skills and experience.

## Enroll at PCC, and Secure Your Future!

Palau Community College is proud to be at the forefront in Palau's efforts to provide higher education opportunities for her citizens. At PCC, we strive to guarantee quality and excellence in all our programs and services. As an accredited institution of higher learning, we offer federal financial aid as well as numerous scholarships to help pay for your education! Call the PCC Office of Admissions and Financial Aid or the PCC Development Office at (680) 488-2470/2471 for information about PCC offerings. We will be very happy to assist you! You may also want to visit our website at [www.palau.edu](http://www.palau.edu) and learn about Palau Community College, and the programs and services we have available for you.



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## Educational Talent Search Holds Workshop for Parents

In preparation for fall semester, the Educational Talent Search (ETS) program held a workshop for parents of the over six hundred students from various elementary and high schools throughout Palau receiving academic tutorial and counseling services among other services from the ETS program.

PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei was on hand to open the workshop with welcoming remarks to the parents.

Willy Wally, Dean of Continuing Education was the opening presenter, sharing with and reminding parents about their rights and responsibilities to their children under the program. Talking about the importance of parents' involvement in their child's education, he encouraged participation in PTA meetings, pointing out that it is one of the best ways in which parents can know about their child's education.

Wally talked to parents about taking charge of their child's education and becoming more active in the decision-making process of what their children should learn in school. He also enunciated the importance of investing ample time and resources in a child's education.



Parents of ETS students attend workshop.

Other presenters included Senator Caleb Otto, Dr. Sylvia Wally, and PCC Tourism & Hospitality program instructor, Vicky Maui.

Senator Otto's presentation drove home the important point that parents are also teachers themselves. And their role is just as important in their child's overall educational development as the actual classroom teachers. Talking about the changing role of parents, Otto said that it is not whether your role as a parent will change, it has to change because your child's development will require that it does.

Dr. Sylvia Wally of the Ministry of Health talked about the physical, social, mental/emotional, and spiritual health of the child and its direct relationship to the way parents rear their children. Wally said that a child who is healthy physically, mentally, and spiritually are more likely to also be successful in school.

Vicky Maui's presentation focused on the child's attitude, saying that it is something that the child's environment-parents- help form and influence, thus the importance of parent's time and effort to ensure that their child grows up in an environment that is positive to the

behavioral formation of the child.

As part of its effort to ensure that their students succeed, ETS regularly holds such parents workshop to make parents aware and thus more involved in their child's education.

## CT Program to Re-Introduce Architecture Class this Fall with New Instructor and Facility



Elizabeth de Jong

The PCC's Construction Technology (CT) Program will offer again a course in architectural drafting this fall semester after securing an

instructor to teach the class. The new course, Architectural Design & Drafting 1 (AD 120) will be taught by Elizabeth deJong, an architect from New Zealand and a former PATS high school instructor who came on board this summer. deJong said that she designed the course and it covers basic drafting skills as well as design theories. She said that she will be working with the other CT instructor Lester Rekemesik to also teach other CT classes such as construction management and basic math. deJong's office and classes will be located in the newly built CT classroom facility located next to the agricultural science facility.



New Construction Technology building that will house architectural drafting classes and office.

## Exploring the College's Library Services Program

Our program is developed for libraries within Palau and Micronesia. The program gives library students the skills, knowledge, and effective work habits suitable for any library setting, and is fully accredited with the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. It is also eligible for financial aid. The Science and Applied Science associate degrees have a major in Library and Information Services. The Science program is most suitable for academic, public and institutional libraries, and the Applied Science program targeting school librarians. All students study general library service courses (courses marked \* will be offered in the upcoming fall semester):

- \***LS 102: Introduction to Library Organization**
- \***LS 105 Introduction to Information Resources** examines electronic resources and traditional print choices
- LS 110 Research Methods and Reference Assistance** looks at effective research strategies, and working with library users
- LS 115 Micronesia-Pacific Information Resources** studies key resources for local research needs
- \***LS 120 Library Media Technologies**
- \***LS 202: Materials Selection, Cataloging and Indexing** looks at purchasing resources and providing efficient access
- \***LS 205: User Education and Activity**

*Programming* introduces instruction and planning and running activity programs. Applied Science students also study two courses appropriate for school librarians: *LS 210 School Library Media Centers* and *EN 202 Children's Literature*. Science program students study two different courses to meet their specific needs: *LS 215 Management of Information Service Centers* and *LS 220 Funding Sources for Libraries*.



Melekeok Elementary School Library photo courtesy of Lorraine Tellei

All students then complete an internship in *LS 225: Internship*. The program suits anyone interested in customer service with an enthusiasm for information and research - you don't need to work in a library to enroll. If you're interested, contact PCC Library Services Instructor Pam Bidwell Email: [pbidwell@palau.edu](mailto:pbidwell@palau.edu) or call PCC and ask for extension 240.

### PCC Library Hours For Summer 2006

Days	Hours Open
Monday- Friday	8am-8pm
Saturday	9am-6pm
Sunday	12pm-6pm

Please call us at telephone number 488-3540 to find out if we have that book you have been looking for!

## Training Opportunity for Finance Professionals

The National Development Bank of Palau (NDBP) and Palau Community College Continuing Education Division, in conjunction with the Western Pacific Institute of Management are pleased to announce the availability of the following training opportunity:

**Course Title:** Structuring Commercial Loans  
**Date:** August 24-25, 2006 (Thursday and Friday)  
**Hours:** 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

**Description:** A loan is more than just the value of the collateral given as security. It is actually an understanding of the borrower's needs, financial condition, cash flow, and repayment ability. Structuring loans is the result of these analyses including risk analysis. This course gives an overview of the process of structuring commercial loans. Topics to be covered will include:

- ✓ What is included in the loan structure
- ✓ Basic principles of loan structure
- ✓ Financial, cash flow, and repayment ability analysis vs. loan structure
- ✓ Case study on loan structure: "Amplified Electronics"

**Fees:** \$325 inclusive of materials, lunch and refreshments (cash or check made out to National Development Bank of Palau)  
**Location:** PCC Continuing Education Training Room  
**Instructor:** Mark Zhao, Executive Director, Westpac Institute of Management

Call Polly at the NDBP at 488-2578 to reserve your seat by August 15, 2006. Only 15 slots available.

## BITS AND PIECES...

### New Student Orientation Set for Aug. 10...

Anticipating the influx of new students this fall semester, the orientation for all new students is set for Thursday, August 10, 2006. The orientation which will be held in the PCC cafeteria will start at 9:00 am and continue until 2:00 pm. A sumptuous lunch will be provided courtesy of the PCC cafeteria.

All new students are required to attend as important topics such as student financial aid, academic advising and counseling services offered through Project Beacon, and student advising will be among the many subject matters discussed. For more information about the new student orientation, please contact the Dean of Students, Marensia Edward at telephone number 488-2471, ext. 249.

### UB Program Dates for High School Visit...

The Classic Upward Bound Program is set to visit the local high schools to initiate its annual recruitment effort in preparation for the start of the new school year. The following is their visit schedule:

High School	Date of Visit
Mindszenty High Sch.	8-7-06
Emmaus High Sch.	8-15-06
Palau High School	8-17-06
Belau Modekngai School	8-17-06
Bethania High School	8-28-06

For information about the high school visits, please contact UB staff at telephone number 488-2962.

### Important Dates to Remember

August 10	- Freshmen Orientation
August 12	- Last day to submit PCC Scholarship
August 14	- Deadline for Internship applications
August 14-17	- Advising & Registr.
August 21	- First Day of Instruction
August 21-25	- Late Registration/ Drop & Add Period

## Librarian Attends ACRL Information Literacy Institute



Gretchen Reynolds, PCC Librarian

PCC Librarian Gretchen Reynolds recently attended the Association of College and Research Libraries Information Literacy Regional Immersion Institute at the University of Houston, in Houston, Texas. The Institute was held from July 14-19 and included approximately 70 participants from college and university libraries in the United States, Palau, the Virgin Islands, and Guatemala.

The Information Literacy Immersion Institute is an opportunity for librarians to receive comprehensive instruction in all aspects of information literacy instruction.

The Institute is a five-day workshop that provides intellectual tools and practical techniques to college librarians who are developing information literacy programs.

Librarians work to expand their skills and develop instructional scenarios that would help college students learn to locate, evaluate, and use information successfully. As a student in the Institute, Gretchen was responsible for three short presentations and for developing a one-hour class about Online Search Strategies. The class will initially be offered to all SS100 students in the upcoming Fall 2006 semester.

As part of its information literacy activities, PCC Library strives to offer a variety of learning opportunities for students and community patrons. In the past year, the Library has hosted numerous orientation sessions and research classes to PCC students, high school students, and others in the community. PCC Instructors who are interested in including a library session or research instruction session in their courses can contact the library at any time. Workshops can be tailored to your specific class needs.



PCC Librarian Gretchen Reynolds (standing-right), talks to community patrons- Bethania High School students- about the variety of services offered by the library. The library hosts a number of familiarization tours to both elementary and high school students throughout the year.