

## Alumni Notes

### Class of 2004

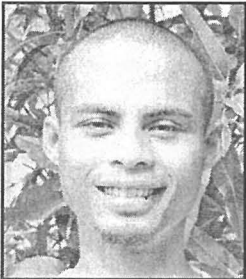
Marsha Kazuma



Earned her Associate of Science (AS) degree in Office Administration. She currently is working at Yano's Market as a Sales Representative.

### Class of 2009

Torii Renguul



Earned his Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Automotive Mechanics. Worked at Mason's Hardware as a Parts Sales Representative for one year. Recently, he got hired at the Ministry of Health to work as Maintenance for the Primary Health Care Division.

### Class of 2011

Lyndon Masami



Earned his Associate of Science (AS) degree in Environmental/Marine Science. He is working for PCC as an extension agent/research assistant at the PCC-CRE Multi-Species Hatchery in Ngermetengel, Ngarem-lengui.

**Alumni Notes** showcases MOC & PCC alumni who are positive role models and contribute to the quality of life in their local communities. If you are that alumnus/alumna 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

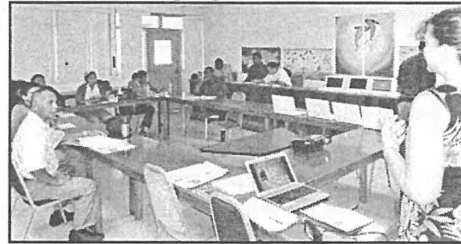
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| Grace Alexander  | Aug 08 |
| Marlyne Olkeriil | Aug 12 |
| Juan Camacho     | Aug 14 |
| Lydia Marero     | Aug 14 |
| Dilubech Samil   | Aug 14 |

Happy Birthday To You!

## CACG cont'd from p.1

Guidance and Counseling Guide is a tool that assists counselor in helping students succeed in their educational transition from elementary, thru high school and on to college, promoting success in their learning experience.

To further assist counselors and instructors, on July 29, Elaine Crawley, Executive Director from Worldwide Interactive Network demonstrated a program that focused on Career Readiness Certification. Standards for different careers are implemented into the program. If students pass the tests on these standards, they are certified as ready to go into the career they have chosen. This program helps counselors assess levels of student readiness and assists in indicating areas needing focus. Currently, MOE is using the program, and PCC is looking into using the same program.



Crawley going over software with counselors & instructors.

## Library cont'd from p.1

ary 2009. This is part of a broad-ranging effort to gather significant materials published in Palau. All the materials will become part of the collection of publications from Palau at the U.S. Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

## Catalog cont'd from p.2

log are correct and are in line with PCC's efforts toward continuous improvements, meeting accreditation standards set by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

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## Energy Saving Tips

by PPUC - Tmetuchl Baules

**Electricity Waste** - Surprisingly large number of electrical products, from air conditioners to VCRs, cannot be switched off completely without being unplugged. These products draw power 24 hrs a day, often without the knowledge of the consumer. We call this power consumption "standby power."

In particularly inefficient designs, the standby power use can be as high as 15 or 20 watts. For a single appliance, this may not seem like much, but each household can have up to five of these products and that's energy being wasted.

The only reliable way to stop the consumption is to unplug (not switch off) these devices in the house. Most modern devices use AC/DC adapters with transformers that consume power even in a no-load state (when the device they are attached to is not drawing any current), which is why power bricks are warm to the touch even when disconnected from their devices.

## Financial aid cont'd from p.1

degree before going over the maximum time frame of 100 credits; and successfully completing at least 67% of cumulative credits attempted according to the pace of progression (Credits Completion Rate) formula. The new changes will affect student financial aid eligibility.

The Committee noted the new financial aid standards and agreed to work together to ensure that all students will understand their responsibilities to maintain their financial aid eligibility in the course of their college experiences.

### Vacancy Announcement

- (1) English Instructor, Learning Resource Center  
Salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum
- (2) Math Instructor, Learning Resource Center  
Salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum
- (3) Financial Aid Counselor, Adm. & Financial Aid  
Salary range: \$12,049 - \$20,607 per annum

For application forms and information, please contact Karen Mobel at PCC Human Resources Office at 488-2470/71, ext. 227.

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# MESEKIU'S NEWS

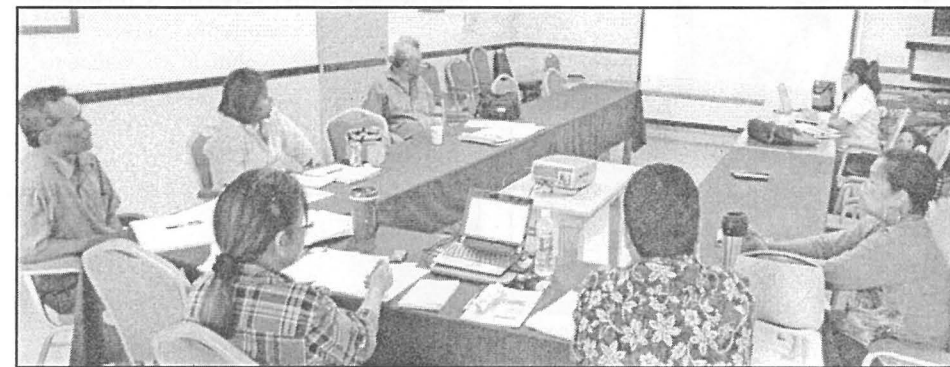


Friday, August 05, 2011

Weekly Newsletter

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## New Financial Aid Regulations



L-R: Katosang, Olegeriil, Adachi, Mangham, Ito, Rechebei, and Daniel.

The Retention Committee met during a special meeting on Tuesday, August 02, 2011 to finalize the 2011 Fall schedule and discuss the new financial aid regulations and their effects on student learning. Director of Admissions and Financial Aid,

Dahlia Katosang, presented the financial aid changes that would be implemented this coming fall semester. The changes were in the following areas: maintaining a cumulative point average (CGPA) of 2.00 or better; successfully completing the 1st  
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## ESL Advisor on Campus

On July 27, 2011, Dr. Tellei and Dean Chilton met with the new Second Language Acquisition Advisor from Australia, Chris Batchelor who will be at PCC as the ESL (English as a Second Language) program advisor. He will work with Dean of Academic Affairs, Chilton, to ensure the ESL program helps students improve their skills

and knowledge in English and can transition to college level English successfully. Also in the meeting to help Chris settle in was Kate Dick, Project Coordinator-PAC-TAM Australian Volunteers International (AVI) and Tony Mellen, AVI Manager International Project.



L-R: Mellen, Dick, Tellei, Batchelor, and Chilton.

Palau Community College is an accessible public educational institution helping to meet the technical, academic, cultural, social, and economic needs of students and communities by promoting learning opportunities and developing personal excellence.

## U.S. Library of Congress Reps Visit

Dr. James Di Giambattista, Agent for the Pacific Islands and his assistant, Mr. David Schuelke, on behalf of the U.S. Library of Congress, visited the College at the end of July to obtain copies of materials published by the College since their last visit in Febru-

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L-R: Dr. Di Giambattista and Mr. Schuelke.

## CACG Consultants on Campus

Palau Community College is the recipient of student support services under the College Access Challenge Grant (CACG) which is a federal grant awarded to the Ministry of Education (MOE). Through this grant, activities were held on July 25 -29, 2011 at PCC campus

Ms. Jessie Teddlie, Ph.D held a three day review of the ROP Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Guide on July 25 - 27. The meeting was with counselors from private and public high schools and PCC, going over the guide to see whether there were areas that needed to be revised. The

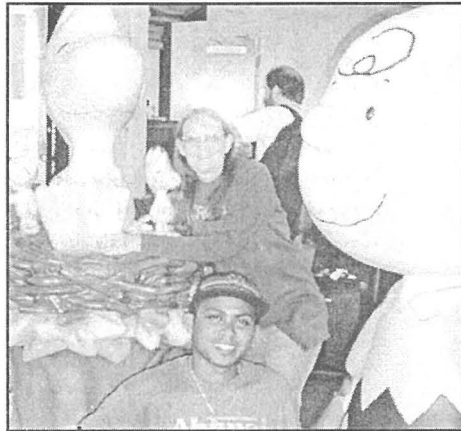
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# Moodle Moot West Coast 2011

Contributed by Instructor Johvanna Yaoch

From July 12 - 14, 2011, Johvanna Yaoch, Marianne TEMAUNGIL, and E-Van Ongrung of Palau Community College attended the Moodle Moot West COast 2011 conference that was held at Sonoma, California. The event was sponsored by the Moodle support group called Moodlerooms and the California State University system. Moodle is an open source course management system that is widely used by colleges and universities around the world including PCC. The purpose of the conference was to present various tips and techniques that online faculty members can use to develop and improve their online courses, demonstrate how other colleges and universities are using Moodle to support their online courses, present open source and other proprietary tools that can be used to improve Moodle, and inform current and prospective users on future developments and enhancements to the Moodle course management system. Participants of the conference included Martin Dougiamas, the founder of Moodle as well as various Moodle administrators and managers from colleges and universities around the United States. The confer-

ence was both informative and educational. References and materials are available for current and potential online PCC faculty members. Trainings will be conducted to appropriate individuals when the need arises. Additionally, some improvements to the PCC's Moodle system are scheduled to begin immediately after all summer courses are concluded. Further work will be done in December.



Marianne TEMAUNGIL and E-Van Ongrung posing with the famous Woodstock and Charlie Brown cartoon characters at the Charles M. Schulz airport in Santa Rosa, CA.

# PCC Student Reports on Japan Summit

For 35 days (June 27-Aug. 02), PCC student, Timothy "Momo" Rafael participated in the Nihongo Summit, an exchange program that included a symposium at Osaka City Central Public Hall and at Nikkei hall in Tokyo. Timothy was one of the participants from 13 countries invited by a nonprofit organization called "the Japan Return Program, supported also by the Foreign Ministry, to come together and discuss Hope and Peace. During the trip, Timothy toured the cities of Hiroshima, Miyagi, where the recent tsunami hit the hardest, Fukushima, Osaka, Miyazaki, Tokyo, Kyoto and Nara. At Hiroshima, he saw the affects of the nuclear bombs, and

saw how Japan and the people survived and recovered through their hard work. The participants also went to Miyagi where they met high school students who spoke about losing their parents, family members, their homes, and more. Devastation surrounded these high school students, but Timothy was encouraged by the strength they possessed and their determination to succeed and achieve their dreams. He realized that life is the most important and valuable thing. Once destroyed, it can't be reclaimed. He learned that we have to protect one another and appreciate those around us. By doing so, we protect each other and have peace amongst ourselves.



Timothy participating in summit panel.



The participants from 13 countries in traditional attire.

# Agriculture Program Donates

Contributed by Instructor Alex Gachalian

Agricultural Science donated around 200 pounds of pumpkins to PCC Cafeteria last July 20, 2011. These are one of the crops grown by the AG students last spring semester at their farm in CRE-R&D Station. As one of the active programs of PCC, AG has been donating some of their farm products like pig during Charter Day and dormitory students Cook-out, live chickens and eggs to the Cafeteria last year. This coming fall semester, AG program is planning to expand its community service not only in providing technical assistance to local farmers but to include charitable services of donating food items from their farm to Belau National Hospital.



Cafeteria worker Saburo receiving pumpkins from Agricultural Science Instructor Gachalian.

# Catalog Committee Reviews

The 2012 - 2016 Catalog Committee met on July 13, 2011 in its continued efforts to ensure the all general information about Palau Community College, it's programs and services, summaries of major policies and procedures, learning outcomes and assessments relevant to students in the cata-

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L-R: Ito, Daniel, Ueda, Alexander, Chilton, Ngramengior.

# BITS AND PIECES...

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Application forms for Fall Semester 2011 to participate in the internship program are ready now for pickup anytime during working hours (Mon-Fri).

**Deadline** for submissions of completed application forms for students to be considered for internship placement:

**Friday August 12, 2011**

## Advertisement

### HELP WANTED

Looking for mature, reliable, and punctual PCC students to work as lab assistants for the Online and the Open computer labs starting this summer 2011. You must be able to work responsibly without constant supervision. If you have these characteristics and are interested, please contact Johvanna Yaoch at 488-2470 / 2471 (PCC) ext. 256.

## GUESS WHO?



If you can guess who this person is, please contact Academic Affairs at 488-2470 ext. 247.

## News/Stories Wanted

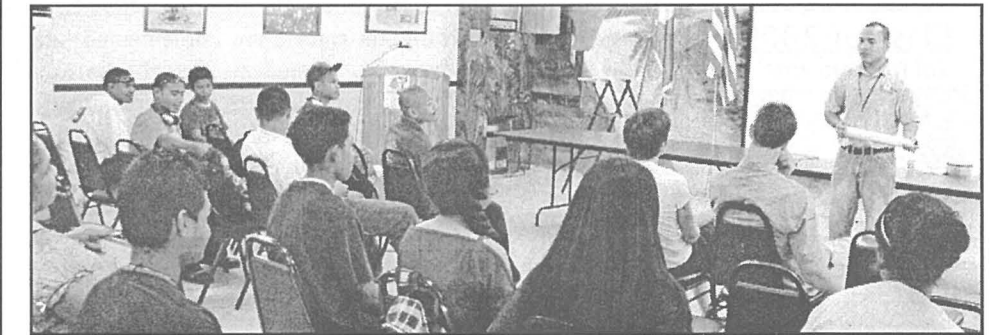
MESEKIU'S NEWS welcomes stories/articles/announcements from students, faculty, and staff. Submission deadline is Monday at 4:30 p.m. in hard and electronic copies to [adoraa@palau.edu](mailto:adoraa@palau.edu), [dilubchs@palau.edu](mailto:dilubchs@palau.edu), and [alvinam@palau.edu](mailto:alvinam@palau.edu).

Please call ext. 250/252/253 if you intend to submit your article after Monday or for more information.

# BH Presents Info on Cigarette Effects

Behavioral Health - Division of Tobacco Control and Prevention Kaipo Recheungel and Susan Kloulechad coordinated a presentation about tobacco and its harmful effects on July 11, 2011 to Upward Bound Math & Science students. Guest speaker and independent researcher, Thomas Cronin, from New York University talked to the students, giving them information about how tobacco use can have deadly effects on the body. Mr. Cronin spoke on the prevalence of tobacco diseases that was in

Palau, and that Public Health identifies it as one of the leading non-communicable disease on the island. His demonstration showed what happens to the lungs when a person smokes, and how the tobacco affects our environment, specifically the plants. The demonstration was very effective that it made students think about their usage of tobacco. As a drug and alcohol free campus, PCC encourages all students to be aware of and make wise decisions regarding tobacco use.



Kaipo Recheungel speaking to UBMS students, aiming at helping them stay clear of tobacco usage.

# Fall 2011 Registration Schedule

Please note your assigned registration dates below and also review the overall list of students posted outside the Office of Registrar & Records.

From now until the fall registration period, students may make payments of the tuition deposit and must settle any outstanding account at Business Office. Please be reminded that a clearance to register will not be issued until outstanding accounts and tuition deposits are paid. If you are eligible for federal aid, your financial aid documents must also be completed before the registration period.

| Days/Date/Time  | Remaining Credits   |
|---|---|
| <b>Monday/August 15, 2011 - Day 1</b><br>8:30 am - 11:30 am<br>1:00 pm - 3:30 pm    | Fall & Spring Graduate (3-30 credits left)<br>Continuing Students (31-48 credits left)  |
| <b>Tuesday/August 16, 2011 - Day 2</b><br>8:30 am - 11:30 am<br>1:00 pm - 3:30 pm   | Continuing Students (49-61 credits left)<br>Continuing Students (62-80 credits left) &<br>Continuing Undeclared Students                                |
| <b>Wednesday/August 17, 2011 - Day 3</b><br>8:30 am - 11:30 am<br>1:00 pm - 3:30 pm | First Time New Students, Returning, Readmit, Transfer, Unclassified, Enrichment & Dual Students<br>OPEN to anyone who missed assigned registration slot |
| <b>Thursday/August 18, 2011 - Day 4</b><br>8:30 am - 11:30 am<br>1:00 pm - 3:30 pm  | Late Registration<br>Late Registration  |
| <b>Friday/August 19, 2011 - Day 5</b><br>8:30 am - 11:30 am<br>1:00 pm - 3:30 pm    | Late Registration<br>Late Registration  |



# SPECIAL BULLETIN

## 2011-2012 PCC FINANCIAL AID SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS (SAP) POLICY

In accordance with federal financial aid regulations, financial aid recipients are required to make Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) toward completion of their educational goals within 150% of the length of the program in order to receive or continue to receive financial aid. Federal regulations state that SAP Policy must include a review of all periods of enrollment, for which the student did or did not receive financial aid.

The Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Policy is composed of two standards of measurements stated below.

1. **QUALITATIVE MEASUREMENT** – (measures students' academic progress, such as Cumulative Grade Point Average) **AND**
2. **QUANTITATIVE MEASUREMENT** - (measures maximum time frame toward the completion of students' program and the pace of progression [credits completion rate]).

Students must meet the new PCC SAP standards both qualitative and quantitative in order to receive or continue to receive financial aid.

### 1. Financial Aid Good Standing

Financial aid recipients must meet the following standards of PCC SAP policy in order to be eligible for financial aid.

1. Maintain a Cumulative Grade point Average (cumGPA) of 2.0 or better **AND**
2. Successfully complete their 1<sup>st</sup> degree before attempting the maximum timeframe of 100 credits **AND**
3. Successfully complete at least 67% of cumulative credits attempted according to the pace of progression (Credits Completion Rate) formula: (divide cumulative credits earned by cumulative credits attempted).

The table below is an example of pace of progression to assist you.

| Semesters/Terms | Credits Attempt |             | Credits Earned |              | Percent required<br>67% | PACE<br>Pass or Fail |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
|                 | Semester        | Cumulative  | Semester       | Cumulative   |                         |                      |
| Fall 2009       | 12              | 12          | 9              | 9            | 75%(12/9)               | Pass                 |
| Spring 2010     | 12              | 24 (12 +12) | 6              | 15 (9+6)     | 62% (24/15)             | Fail                 |
| Fall 2010       | 12              | 36 (24 +12) | 12             | 27 (15 + 12) | 75% (36/27)             | Pass                 |

### 2. Financial Aid Warning

Students are automatically placed on Financial Aid Warning when they fail to meet SAP standards indicated above. Students on financial aid warning status may continue to receive financial aid (Title IV funds) for one payment period (one semester). No appeal is necessary.

### 3. Financial Aid Disqualification

Students who are placed on financial aid warning status and fail to achieve SAP standards at the end of the payment period (one semester) will lose their financial aid eligibility. If students believed that they have experienced circumstances out of their control, they can **appeal**. As a result of the appeal, students may be placed on **financial aid probation**, on an **academic plan** or **denied** financial aid eligibility.

#### a. Financial Aid Probation

Students are placed on Financial Aid Probation when they have been disqualified for not meeting SAP standards and their appeal was approved. They were determined to have the ability to achieve the SAP standards at the end of the payment period. They may continue to receive financial aid (Title IV funds) for one payment period and must achieve SAP standards at the end of the payment period; otherwise, they will lose their financial aid eligibility.

#### b. Academic Plan

Students are placed on an **Academic Plan** when they have been disqualified for not meeting SAP standards and their appeal was approved. It was determined that these students do not have the ability to meet SAP standards at the end of the payment period, therefore, an academic plan for financial aid purpose is developed for them in order to meet the SAP standards at the end of the payment period. They may continue to receive financial aid (Title IV funds) for one payment period and must achieve SAP standards or meet the conditions of an academic plan at the end of one payment period; otherwise, they will lose their financial aid eligibility.

#### c. Denial

The appeal is denied if the committee determines that there were no extenuating circumstances. The student loses his/her financial aid eligibility.

### Attempted Maximum Time Frame

Students, who have attempted a total of 80 credits or more and it has been determined that they will not complete their programs by the maximum time frame of 100 credits requirement, will be disqualified from receiving further financial aid for the remainder of their programs. If students believed that they have experienced circumstances out of their control, they can appeal. Such students must work with their academic advisors to design academic plans for committee's review prior to being granted aid beyond 100 credits time frame. If the students fail again to meet their academic plans, they will be responsible to pay for the rest of their college education out of their pocket funds.

Note: See 2011-2012 Financial Aid Handbook for **examples of extenuating circumstances and financial aid appeal procedures**

### Financial Aid Reinstatement

Students who are DISQUALIFIED from receiving financial aid can regain their eligibility by meeting the SAP standards at their own expense through personal or private funds.


### Repeated Courses

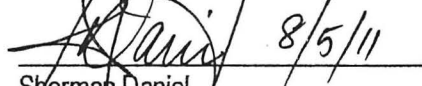
Financial aid will pay for a previously passed course **only once** and may pay for a repeat failed course **until it is passed**. However, credit hours repeated will count toward the 150% maximum eligibility timeframe and counted as hours attempted and hours completed.

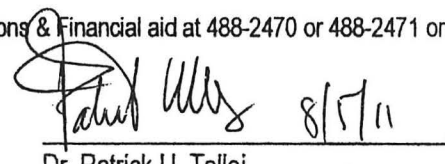
### Transfer Courses/Credits (Hours)

Transfer hours accepted toward completion of student's program must be included and counted as hours attempted and hours completed. They must be recorded on the PCC academic transcript and will be calculated toward the student's maximum time frame.

For more information, refer to 2011-2012 Financial Aid Handbook or contact the Director of Admissions & Financial aid at 488-2470 or 488-2471 or via email at [dahliapcc@palaunet.com](mailto:dahliapcc@palaunet.com).

  
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