

## Alumni Notes

### Class of 1994 (PCC)

Rosalinda Ngiraului-



1994 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in General Office Clerk (GOC). Ngiraului has been employed for 10 years as a health assistant for Palau Community Action Agency (PCAA)

### Class of 1994 (PCC)

Lorraine Emul-



1994 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Completion (CC) in Occupational Home Economics (OHE). Emul works as a Family Service Coordinator for the Palau Head Start Program

Palau Head Start Program

### Class of 1999 (PCC)

Hosei Setsuo-



1999 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Electrical Engineering Technology (EET). Setsuo is a Driver/Technician for the Palau Head Start Program.

**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

Marlyne Olkeriil	Aug 12
Kasilda Bruno	Aug 13
Juan Camacho	Aug 14
Lydia Marero	Aug 14
Dilubch Samil	Aug 14

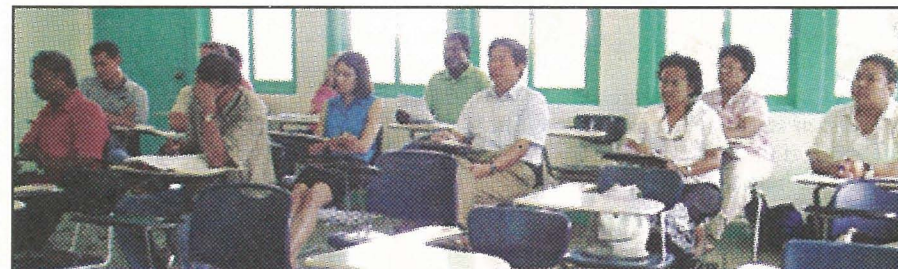
**Happy Birthday To You!**

## PCC-EMS in Action this Summer 2006

By Shelley Remengesau, EMS Student

Despite what has yet been a very hectic semester, the Environmental/Marine Science Program managed to launch a workshop on Ocean Currents & Water Quality from 17 July to 21 July 2006. Participants of the workshop included science instructors of Palau Community College, Guam Community College, Northern Marianas College, College of Micronesia-FSM, College of the Marshall Islands, American Samoa Community College, and researchers of PICRC. The workshop consisted of the assemblage and calibration of digital water quality meters, utilization of the instruments to collect field data, and the analysis of the data. The water meters test for conductivity, temperature, depth, salinity, and turbidity of the water. The participants went on field trips to Babeldaob to learn of how human land-based activities contribute to the water quality of Palau, and to use the water meters for data collection of Ngardmau Bay.

Following the workshop on Ocean Currents & Water Quality, the science instructors of PCC, Vernice Yuji



Participants of the PCC Environmental/Marine Science program review included officials from public works, EQPB, Koror state, PICRC, the Nature Conservancy, Taiwan Technical Mission-Aimeliik farm and PCC staff.



and Sherry Ngirmeriil, convened the PCC Environmental/Marine Science Program Review with stakeholders on 27 July 2006.

The meeting began with Dean Alvina R. Timarong of Academic Affairs who welcomed all stakeholders and presented the objectives of the program review. Discussed among the participants were accreditation requirements of the program, recommendations to improve the instruction and curriculum of the program, suggestions to entice more students into the program, and recommendations for the direction of the program into the future.

Altogether, both the Ocean Currents & Water Quality Workshop and the PCC Environmental/Marine Science Program Review were a success. The science instructors of Palau Community College would like to thank the participants, PICRC, student assistants, PCC President Tellei, Dean Alvina R. Timarong and the staff of Academic Affairs for their help during both events.



PCC science instructors Vernice Yuji (standing) and Sherry Ngirmeriil review the Environmental/Marine Science Program with stakeholders.



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## Senate Content with College, Cost Saving Effort Recognized at Hearing



Flanked by his Vice Presidents Jay G. Olegeriil (r) of Administration & Finance and Thomas Taro of the Cooperative Research & Extension (land grant program), PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei meticulously gives a thorough report of the college's programs and accomplishment for the current fiscal year to the Senate Ways & Means Committee during the budget hearing session held yesterday afternoon in the Senate chambers.

PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei along with Vice Presidents Thomas Taro and Jay Olegeriil, appeared before the Senate Ways and Means Committee for the annual budget hearing yesterday afternoon. President Tellei used the opportunity to share with committee members the college's accomplishments during the past year and also presented the proposed budget for next fiscal year.

In his statement to the committee, Tellei said that the college is very much mindful of the national government's on-going effort to cut cost, and as such, the college continues to implement cost cutting measures whenever possible, all the

while continuing to improve programs, facilities, and services to the students every year. "We have been operating on a level budget for at least the past six years. It is the gains we realize from the cost saving measures we employ which allows us to continue to improve and expand our services every year," he said. In presenting the college's proposed budget for fiscal year 2007 to the senate committee, Tellei added that the amount is very similar to that of last year.

Senator Alan Seid, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee who conducted the budget hearing with committee member Senator Caleb Otto applauded

the college for its work and achievement. He also offered his appreciation for the college's support of the national movement to reduce expenditures. "On behalf of the Senate, *kom kmal mesulang* (thank you very much), Senator Seid said in his closing statement.

Senator Otto echoed Senator Seid's remarks, saying that he is happy to see the many improvements from programs to facilities at the college. He specifically inquired about the Music Program and the Palau Wind Orchestra facility and hinted at the possibility that community choirs be allowed to visit and use the facility.

The hearing concluded with Vice President Taro thanking Chairman Seid and Senator Otto for the invitation and reiterating PCC's goal of having an open door policy, prepared and ready to provide academic and training opportunities to all interested individuals.

After the hearing, President Tellei and Vice Presidents Taro and Olegeriil joined Senators Seid and Otto in presenting a plaque of appreciation to Senate staff, Omalley Ngirachitei who will be leaving the Senate to go back to school this fall. Ngirachitei is the daughter of PCC dorm manager Ephraim Ngirachitei.

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**PCC Proudly Extends its  
Congratulations to Philip Reklai &  
Associates (PRA) on the Grand  
Opening its New Building. Best  
Wishes and Continued Success!**

## President Tellei Welcomes New Students



PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei addressed a crowd of new PCC students who packed the cafeteria yesterday to attend the fall semester orientation for new students. Student Support Services organized the gathering to help the students familiarize themselves with available programs and services on campus.

## PCC/COM Plan of Work (POW)

Beginning in October 1, 2006, PCC-CRE will be implementing a new 5 year Plan of Work (POW) for the first time. Under the Federal Regulations, PCC will not be able to expend any federal funds without an approved POW. Palau Community College 2007-2011 Plan of Work is ready to be implemented come October 1<sup>st</sup>. The Plan of Work is a strategic plan for a given 5 year period. The purpose of a strategic plan is to improve an organization's ability to engage in forward thinking and action in order to 1) use factors under its control to its greatest advantage, and 2) optimally adjust to the factors beyond its control.

The POW from the three partner colleges namely Palau Community College, College of Micronesia-FSM, and the College of the Marshall Islands were merged together into one College of Micronesia POW for submission to USDA-CSREES for review and approval. This is a rolling 5 year Plan of Work which means that we can change any part of the plan any time when there is a need.

## SDSU Professor Impressed with Students, Praises Palau

"Disciplined and hard-working" is what San Diego State University professor Dr. Jill K. Mora's impression of her twenty-seven students in the cohort program - bachelor in education- with SDSU. Mora said that it was their creativity that impressed her most and given that most of them are classroom teachers themselves, their creativity will without a doubt carry well into their own classrooms, further enhancing their teaching.

Mora is in Palau for two weeks to teach an intensive class (English language in Emerging Nations) to the students who are working toward their bachelor's degree in education through the SDSU-PCC online program.

Mora admits that when she was selected by SDSU for this Palau assignment, she did not know very much about the island so she made an effort to get briefed by other professors who have been here prior to herself. "The country is very

beautiful and as an educator, I admire the local effort to preserve traditional Palauan culture and language. I would like to visit again, she remarked.

Mora said that she is grateful for the opportunity to teach the Palau students in the SDSU-PCC cohort program, and thanks PCC for the tremendous support she has received from the staff.



SDSU professor Dr. Jill K. Mora (l) leading class discussion in her English language class.

## 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 Requisition Form Now Available on Network...

PCC Systems Analyst Grace Alexander announced late yesterday afternoon that the newly revised requisition forms are now available on the college's computer network ready for use. Please contact her at extension 232 for details on how to download the new requisitions.

### CRE to Sell famous Shouchu at PVA Gala, Donate Proceeds to the Endowment Fund....



PCC's Cooperative Research & Extension staff have been invited to set up booth at the PVA's cultural exhibition gala to be held at the Ngarachamayong Cultural Center starting tomorrow at 6:00 pm.

The CRE crew will be selling their incredibly "oishi" taro shouchu at the event. Vice President of PCC-CRE, Thomas Taro announced that all proceeds from the sale that evening will go to the PCC Endowment Fund, and thus encourages all shouchu connoisseurs-of legal drinking age- to visit their booth tomorrow evening.

### Important Dates to Remember

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

## Looking for an Elective?



Pam Bidwell, LIS Instructor

The course lets you explore the wide range of information resources currently available – both print and electronic. You'll develop great skills to help you select the best from what is available, and you'll know how to make the best use of your choices.

Your new skills will really help you in your workplace and also at home. You'll learn valuable skills that help you find the right information for any need: teachers researching for classes, government purchasing officers, marine scientists and more...

There's plenty in this course for everyone. It gives you the skills you need to choose the right digital camera, pick the best car insurance – or even plan an overseas holiday! *Introduction to Information Resources* has classes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings during this Fall semester.

For more information contact PCC Library Services Instructor Pam Bidwell Email: [pbidwell@palau.edu](mailto:pbidwell@palau.edu) or call PCC and ask for extension 240.

Do you enjoy searching for information? Would you like to refine your searching skills?

Do you know how to check if an Internet resource is accurate?

Whether you agree or disagree that everything on the Internet is great, that's going to make a great classroom discussion for the course *Introduction to Information Resources* (LS 105). Think about taking it as an elective course within your program.

You'll learn how to make best use of the Internet and online databases, and also find out about traditional print information resources such as dictionaries and encyclopedias.

## PCC Dorm Manager's Daughter Receives Plaque of Appreciation from the Senate



Senate staff Omalley Ngirachitei (2nd-right) receives a plaque of appreciation from Senators Caleb Otto and Alan Seid (c) for her exemplary work as Senate staff this summer. Omalley will be returning back to the states for school this fall. PCC President Tellei (l), Vice Presidents Thomas Taro (2nd-left), and Jay Olegeril, having just concluded the PCC budget hearing in the Senate chambers joined both Senators during the presentation. Omalley Ngirachitei is the eldest daughter of PCC dorm manager Ephraim Ngirachitei. Congrats to daughter and dad!