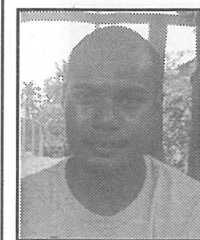


Alumni Notes

Class of 2005 (PCC)

Liansky O. Joshua-



2005 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in General Electronics-Consumer Electronics (GEE). Joshua works at the George B. Harris Elementary School as a Physical Education

Teacher. He has been working there for the past year.

Class of 1997 (PCC)

Pamela Blaluk -

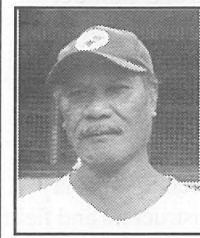


1997 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in General Office Clerk (GOC). Blaluk works at the Palau Public Utility Corporation- Malakal Power Plant as a Power Plant Clerk. She has

been working there for the past 10 years.

Class of 1976 (MOC)

Florencio Ngiraiwet -



1976 MOC graduate with a Vocational Certificate of Achievement (VCA) in Masonry (MAS). Ngiraiwet works at the Bureau of Public Works- Division of Facilities as a Carpenter II. He has

been working there for the past 10 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*.

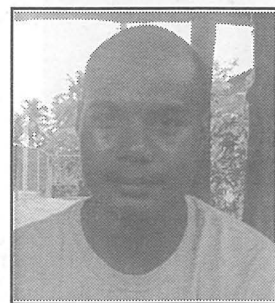
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Celebrating Birthdays

Grace Alexander	August	08
Koyungil Kebekol	August	11
Marlyne Olkeriil	August	12
Kasilda Bruno	August	13
Juan Camacho	August	14
Dr. Lydia M. Marero	August	14
Dilubch Samil	August	14

Happy Birthday To You!

More Show Support to Endowment Fund



Liansky O. Joshua

This week, we are happy to welcome the newest member to the PCC Endowment Allotment Club. From the Ministry of Education- George B. Harris Elementary School, we welcome Liansky O. Joshua. PCC welcomes the new supporter of the Endowment Fund and invites others to join in our endeavor in securing a viable future for Palau's only institution of higher learning, Palau Community College. To find out how you can help, please contact any of our friendly staff at the PCC Development Office at 488-2471. Call us.

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.

Belau Triathlon Federation Presents....

Back to School Bi-athlon

Saturday, August 23, 2008

Registration fee: \$2

Registration at 6:00 a.m. @ KB Bridge (Koror Side)

Junior (16 to 18 years)

Ride: 10K

Run: 2 1/2K

Open (including Masters & Senior Masters)

Ride: 20K

Run: 5K

For more information please call Elizabeth DeJongat 488-2471 ext. 241 or call Tino at 775-0366 or email him at kua@palaunet.com or PNOC at pnoc@palaunet.com.

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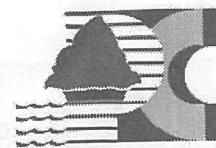
because I learned the difference between agriculture in Puerto Rico as compared to Palau. This kind of experience is beneficial because we can learn from each other and try to improve what is already available in Palau".



Magdalene takes a photo with the Senepol breed of cattle in Puerto Rico.

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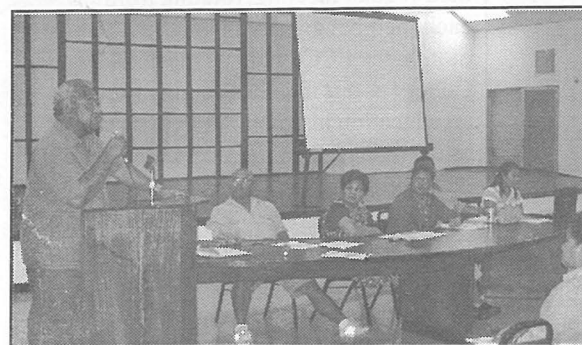


Friday, August 08, 2008

Weekly Newsletter

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President Tellei Holds Self Study Orientation for Faculty and Staff



President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei (standing left) during the Self Study orientation for the PCC faculty and staff on Monday at the cafeteria.

faculty and staff on the new self study process. President Tellei provided an overview of the importance and purpose of accreditation and gave reasons as to why the College should maintain its accreditation status. Currently, PCC, though a two-year College, is accredited by a four-year mandate.

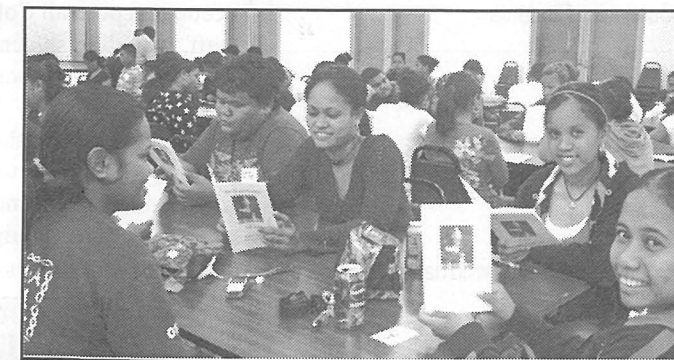
In line with the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC)- Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) new Self Study requirements and shift of focus, the College President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei held an orientation on Monday for over a hundred Palau Community College (PCC)

Brief overviews of the four standards in the Self Study report and the new rubric used to measure the four standards to reflect the new focus of Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) were also discussed during the orientation.

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New Students Crowd Cafeteria

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 freshmen students. Student Services Department headed by Dean Marensia



Incoming freshmen during yesterday's Fall semester orientation at the Cafeteria.

Edward organized the gathering to help the new students familiarize themselves with available programs and services on campus, as well as key staff and personnel who will be helping the students complete all requirements before the first day of instruction. Director Vernice Rechebei and her staff were also present to orient the students of the counseling and tutoring services available at the Student Support Services-Project Beacon office. The first day of classes is Monday, August 18, 2008.

PCC Students to Represent College in Hawaii

By: Vernice Yuji, PCC Science Instructor



PCC students who will attend the student conference in Hawaii (l-r): Teongel Ngirkelau and Magdalene Heno. Inset: Ngedikes Benedict.

Three PCC students have been awarded to attend the Islands of Opportunity (IOA)-Louise Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP) Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) annual student conference at University of Hawaii- Manoa next week. The three students represent the three programs here at PCC that are involved in the STEM activities; Teongel Ngirkelau from IT program, Magdalene Heno from the Agricultural Science program, and Ngedikes Benedict from the Environmental/Marine Science program. While at the conference, the students will each give presentations of their internship/research projects. The conference will also showcase other interesting and cutting edge student research activities; provide student attendees information on LSAMP programs and STEM opportunities at the IOA-LSAMP 4-year institutions; provide student attendees information on LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate programs; and enhance communication and strengthen intercampus, and inter-student, relationships.

PCC Is Your Gateway to Success

Have you recently graduated from high school? Are you looking to get a college degree? Do you want to receive training on the latest technology, learn new ideas, and meet new people? Well, PCC is the College for you. The College currently offers 22 programs, three of which (Education, Tourism & Hospitality, General Electronics) offer tracks concentrating on different areas of studies. The Education Program has tracks on Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Secondary Education, and Special Education. The Tourism & Hospitality Program has tracks on Food & Beverage, Hospitality Management, Hotel Operations, and Tour Services. The General Electronics Program has tracks on Consumer Electronics and Industrial Electronics. The programs award Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Applied Science (AAS), Associate of Science (AS), and Associate of Technical Studies (ATS) degrees. The AA degree (65 semester credits) in Liberal Arts is awarded to students who successfully complete a two-year program of courses for transfer to a four-year college or university or to students desiring two

years of general education beyond high school. The AAS degree (60 semester credits) is awarded to students who successfully complete a two-year program of occupational and related general education courses. The AS degree (60 or over semester credits) is awarded to students who successfully complete a two-year program of occupational courses and related general education courses. The ATS degree (60 or over semester credits) is awarded to students who successfully complete a two-year program of courses for transfer to a four-year college or university or for gainful employment. And if you are wondering, our friendly staff at the Financial Aid Office can help see if you qualify for federal financial assistance. So if you wish to further your educational goals, PCC has the tools, the personnel, and the facilities to ensure you achieve your educational goals, right here at home! You still have time to enroll this semester, so what are you waiting for? Come visit our friendly staff at the Registrar's Office or call 488-2471 and see how PCC can serve you.

Registration Schedule for 2008 Fall Semester

The Office of Registrar & Records at Palau Community College would like to inform the public regarding the Fall 2008 Registration Schedule by time slot.

Monday, Aug. 11th	8:30-11:30 am 1:00-3:30 pm	Prospective graduates & sophomores Continuing Students
Tuesday, Aug. 12th	8:30-11:30 am & 1:00-3:30 pm	Continuing Students
Wednesday, Aug. 13th	8:30-11:30 am & 1:00-3:30 pm	New, Returning & Transfer students
Thursday, Aug. 14th	8:30-11:30 am & 1:00-3:30 pm	Open to any student who hasn't registered
Monday, Aug. 18th		First Day of Instruction
August 18-22 (M-F)		Late Registration/Drop & Add Period

For more information about registration, please contact the Office of Registrar & Records at 488-2470/2471, ext. 247 or 274.

PCC Hosts ECCS Meeting



Instructor Jemmy Blelai (3rd from left) with the other members of the ECCS during their meeting at Baderirt building last Thursday.

Every month, the Early Childhood Comprehensive System (ECCS) holds their regular meeting, rotating from each member agency to another. This month, the ECCS held its meeting at the College as one member, Jemmy Blelai, is an education instructor at PCC as well as the manager for the Day Care Center on campus.

ECCS is a US federally-funded program to help early childhood programs in Palau, including programs in the private schools. Some participating agencies include the Ministry of Health, Head Start program, and PCC, among others.

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The Self-Study report will be submitted to the ACCJC on October 30 of 2009 and a Self Study team visit will be in February 2010. The previous Self Study report was submitted back in 2003.

To ensure the completion of an accurate report, all College faculty and staff, including students are involved in the Self Study report process.

President Tellei and the 2010 Self Study Steering Committee takes the opportunity to thank everyone who attended the orientation and urges everyone's support in the process.



Faculty and staff of the College attend the Self Study Orientation.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Apprentice Training Graduation...

Today, the participants of the 6th Yap Apprentice Training will be receiving their certificates at the Continuing Education (CE) training room beginning from 10:00 a.m. Gregorio "Gorong" Yow and Philip Paiy had their training at the Bureau of Lands & Surveys; James Rogol and Eddie Uolai were at the West Caroline Trading Company (WCTC); Steven Mara and Samuel Gaangred completed their training at the Organization of Industrial, Spiritual, and Cultural Advancement (OISCA) in Aimeliik State.

The College and the Yap State Department of Education thanks all the participating agencies for their continued support in the program and hopes others join for next year's training.

CALENDAR

August 2008 Calendar...

August 11-14 (M-TH)
Academic Advising & Registration
August 18 (M)
First Day of Instruction
August 18-20 (M-W)
Credit by Examination Period
August 18-22 (M-F)
Late Registration/Drop & Add Period
August 22 (F)
Last Day to change to CR/NC and AUDIT
Grading options

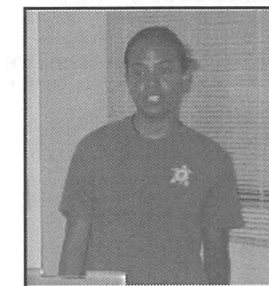
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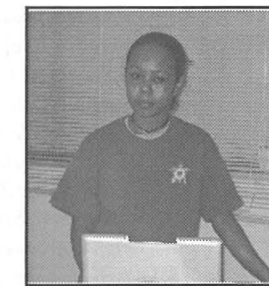
Ismael Anastacio and the rest of his family extend their sincerest appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to PCC and its entire family. Your kind thoughts, prayers, and contributions during our time of sorrow will forever be cherished. Thank you!

Students Present at 6th EMS Student Symposium

By: Vernice Yuji, PCC Science Instructor



Leena Muller



Sheena Henry

This Summer Semester, two Environmental/Marine Science (EMS) students, Leena Muller and Sheena Henry, were enrolled in the Field Studies course (SC 270). As part of their studies, they both had to present their projects during the 6th EMS Student Symposium, which was actually held on Wednesday at Baderirt building.

Muller, who spent her summer in an internship program working for and with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Coral Reef Conservation Program and the US Coral Reef Task Force in Washington D.C., presented her internship experience. While in the states, Muller, with the help of her mentor, Beth Dieveny, was researching and writing her paper on a marine conservation in Palau called the Airai Bay. She conducted interviews from the research staff at NOAA, did background scientific literature searches, and prepared a set of questions for local Palau resource managers. She also helped

compile a profile of Palau for a U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Member Coral Profile. This entailed researching the local resource agencies engaged in coral reef research and management projects in Palau, and highlighting the key issues and projects that these agencies are conducting.

Henry, on the other hand, focused her study on identifying sites and features in Peleliu State relating to WWII, under the direction of Rita Olsudong, an Archaeologist at the Bureau of Arts and Culture. Olsudong, who was also present at the symposium, commended Henry for a job well done as she completed phase one of the project with very minimal supervision.

Evaluators for the Research Symposia included PCC Science Instructors and field study mentors. Copies of the Research Projects will be collected and filed at PCC Library.

AG Student Completes Internship in Puerto Rico



Magdalene Heno (c) receives her certificate of completion from UPR Assistant Dean of Agriculture Angel Gonzalez (l) and Sally Gonzalez (r).

Magdalene Heno, a PCC Agricultural Science (AG) student, spent the whole month of June participating in the CariPac Internship Program at the University of Puerto Rico (UPR), Mayaguez Campus

offered through the PCC Cooperative Research & Extension (CRE) office. Heno and other five students from the Pacific Islands attended this first internship program hosted by CariPac to learn and experience Caribbean tropical agriculture.

From Monday through Friday, Heno would be working in the local farms such as the USDA Tropical Agriculture Station in Isabela, Utuado Café Gran Batey, and Alzamora Farm and also visit other local farms. During the weekends, they would tour and visit historical sites.

Heno enjoyed her experience in Puerto Rico saying, "It was a great experience

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