

Alumni Notes

Class of 2007(PCC)

Tan Yeh -



2007 PCC graduate with Associate of Science (AS) degree in Business Accounting (BA). Yeh is currently enrolled in the prestigious LaSalle University in Manila, Philippines, pursuing a baccalaureate degree in Accounting. Yeh is the daughter of Cleo Yeh of PFE printing.

Class of 2001 & 2004 (PCC)

Shirely Odaol -



2004 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Office Administration (OA), and a 2001 graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Business Accounting (BA). Odaol works in the Human Resources Department at Palau Pacific Resort, Palau premier 5 star resort.

Class of 1990 (MOC)

Keremius Ngiraingas -



1990 MOC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in General Office Clerk (GOC). Ngiraingas works at Palau Community Action Agency- Head Start as a teacher.

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 and all alumni in future issues of the *Mesekiu's News*.

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Celebrating Birthdays

Juan Camacho	Aug	14
Lydia Marero	Aug	14
Dilubech Samil	Aug	14
Simon Allan	Aug	16
Norman Sato	Aug	18

Happy Birthday To You!

Summer Intramural Volleyball Tourney Concludes

Students and staff alike sat riveted this Sunday as rival



teams Island Force and Lagic faced off in the final match of this summer's intramural volleyball championship. Island Force grabbed first place after an almost perfect record of 5-1 in the preliminary games.

The intramural games started at the beginning of this summer and 7 teams have been competing for cash prizes. The same seven teams are also competing in a basketball tournament although due to rain-outs many of the games have been rescheduled and the basketball portion of the contest is still on going.

Final Standing:

- 1st Place: Island Force
- 2nd Place: LAGIC
- 3rd Place: Chronic
- 4th Place: RMI
- 5th Place: Philip Morris
- 6th Place: Bad Boys
- 7th Place: NTN

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as tapioca patties, tapioca doughnuts, papaya jam, and many other delicious treats. E-Van Ongrung, an Information Technology program student, shared two of the projects he has created as part of his service learning experience. His first project was a web site he and his partner designed for the Plant Protection and Quarantine Service of the Bureau of Agriculture, Republic of Palau. The second project was a game he designed and created using Visual Basic that closely resembles the popular TV game show "Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?". Due to their impressive work, representatives of both University of Hawaii-Hilo and University of Hawaii-Manoa expressed great interest in recruiting both students to further their studies at their campuses.

The Islands of Opportunity Alliance-Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (IOA-LSAMP) was formed in 2006 and is funded by the National Science Foundation's Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation program. The goal of the program is to increase the number of under-represented students in the field of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).



2nd Annual IOA-LSAMP Student Conference at UH-Hilo

Message of Appreciation

I would like to express my deepest appreciation to all my friends, colleagues and staff at Palau Community College for your support, prayers and friendship during the recent passing of my dear mother. Your kind gestures, charitable contributions, warm thoughts, and gentle encouragement helped me deal with the untimely loss of my mother who was very dear to me. During this sad and challenging time in my life, my sorrow was gently lifted by your support. It is a memory I will always treasure and keep in my heart. Thank you all and God bless.

Sincerely, Pauline Jerry

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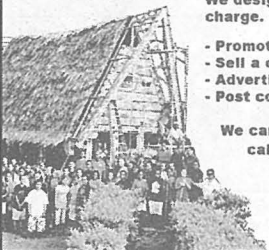
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MESEKIU'S NEWS

Friday, August 14, 2009 Weekly Newsletter Volume 11, Issue 33

First Day of Instruction on Monday Over 600 Students Registered



Students pack the cafeteria to attend the new students orientation which is part of the college familiarization process in preparation for the start of fall semester on Monday.

hundred (600) students have signed up for fall semester 2009. and could possibly reach the upper six hundred mark as more students, especially those from the other Micronesian islands make their way back from their summer breaks to make the tail end of late registration.

The figures also show that, of the eighteen programs currently offered at PCC, Office Administration (OA) program remains popular with the highest number of students, followed by the Tourism & Hospitality

This fall enrollment could very well end up rivaling other previous fall semester numbers where the total enrollment ended up in the high six hundred with some even topping seven hundred. The highest enrollment pegged at 727 was during fall 2001.

Faculty & Staff Heed Endowment Fund Call

Ten of the sixty faculty and staff members who received an invitation letter from PCC President Tellei asking them to enroll in the PCC Endowment Fund have responded by immediately signing up for the program.



Nena George, AG Instructor Assistant

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40+ Off Island Students Settle in the Dorms

New off island students have been arriving at the dorms this week and are settling in ahead of the start of class on Monday. Here's a quick break down of the new students and where they're from:

- ✓ Yap - 24
- ✓ Pohnpei - 7
- ✓ Chuuk - 6
- ✓ Korsae - 3
- ✓ Marshalls - 1



As registration wraps up this week and final preparations are made for the first day of instruction on Monday, figures from the registrar's office confirm that over six

hundred (600) students have signed up for fall semester 2009. With late registration next week, the enrollment is expected to continue to grow

LS Program Featured in ALA Newsletter

This June, Palau Community College's Library & Information Services (LS) program was featured in a full page article in the June issue of *International Leads*, an American Library Association (ALA) publication focusing on international library activities and international librarianship.

Along with other recent LS graduates, two of PCC's Library staff members, Pioria Asito and Grace Salvador are featured in the article discussing their experience in the LS program and their goals for the future.

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Pioria Asito of the PCC library and Sunshine Garcia of the Ministry of Health Medical library are two of the first alumni of the PCC LS program.

The article titled *Librarianship Training in the Republic of Palau* which was written by LS instructor Megan Beard details the development of the LS program at Palau Community College, the successes of the program's graduates, and the significance of the program to the growth of the libraries in Palau.

LS Featured, from Front Page

International Leads is published quarterly and is read by librarians throughout the US and around the world. The article about the PCC LS program is available at PCC Library or the PCC LS website www.pccsl.weebly.com.

For more information about the LS program or other programs offered at Palau Community College, please contact the Dean of Academic Affairs Alvina Timarong at 488-2470-71, ext. 245.



PCC LS program alumni Mary Arius now work at the Palau Public Library while Grace Salvador is a library technician with the PCC library.

Endowment Call, from Front Page

According to a report from the business office that came out yesterday, the individuals have already filled out allotment forms and will now begin allotting an agreed upon sum from their bi-weekly paycheck to the PCC Endowment Fund.

In doing so, they join hundreds of other PCC faculty and staff members, Palau government and private company employees, and corporate sponsors who collectively donate over \$100,000 thousand dollars to the endowment fund each year.

Rena George who is an instructor assistant with the academic affairs office and was one of the first to sign up upon receiving the invitation letter from President Tellei, said that he is happy to give what little he can back to the College, especially being an alumnus himself, and encourages his colleagues to do the same.

The following are the others who joined George in the first wave of responders and are now bona-fide donors of the PCC Endowment Fund:

Name	Dept./Office	Amount
Felix Sengebaw	CRE	\$5.00
Rusky Remoket	CRE	\$5.00
Hussain Beketaut	Bookstore	\$5.00
Taruu Nakamura	Cont. Ed.	\$3.00
Frutoso Tellei	Academic Affrs.	\$2.00
Juan Camacho	Cafeteria	\$2.00
Bennie Brel	Adm. & Fin. Aid.	\$0.94

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Luncheon Held for Faculty and Student Intern

Rose Aliven-Kohama, contributing writer

Academic affairs staff and a number of faculty members sponsored a farewell luncheon on July 31st for faculty member Natalia Rekemesik and student intern Rolphy Renton. Rekemesik who has taught at the College since 1999 is resigning to pursue other interests while Rolphy Renton who graduated this spring is completing his internship with the academic affairs office. A parting gift (taro patch basket and gear) was given by the Dean of Academic Affairs Alvina Timarong to Rekemesik symbolizing that she now has ample time on her hands to relax and make frequent and fun visits to her taro patch.



Rolphy Renton, Student Intern

hours by Dean Timarong for successfully completing his internship.



Departing instructor Natalia Rekemesik shows off her gift basket.

Rekemesik who has taught for many years at PCC said she would like to relax and spend some quality time with her family before deciding on what she plans to do in her post-PCC years. Renton on the other hand will be returning back home to Kosrae where he plans to immediately begin job hunting. Best of luck to both Rekemesik and Renton.

Rolphy Renton was awarded the full credit

Advisory Group to Augment SLO

In its ongoing effort to comply with accreditation standards and improve Student Learning Outcome (SLO), the College has enlisted the help of industry professionals in Palau to form an advisory group. The group which represents a cross-section of trade professionals with major employers in Palau will advise College officials as they work on further refining program curriculums to complement the current need of employers. Several meetings were held over the summer time and additional are being planned for this fall. The plan is to

For the other faculty and staff recipients of the presidential invitation letter who have not yet signed up, it is not too late. You can stop by anytime at the Business Office and see Lori or Hinia.



Members of the newly established Advisory Group Hide Rdialul (seated left), Warren Kumaichi (seated right), and Prince Idelkei (standing right) pose for photo with President Tellei (center) and Associate Dean Sherman Daniel after a meeting to discuss the advisory group's role.

establish advisory groups specific to each of the three schools (School of Arts & Science, School of Business and School of Technical Education) that are capable of offering professional expertise towards the improvement of Student Learning Outcome in all programs under each school.

BITS AND PIECES...

TRAINING

CE Yap Apprentices Complete Training ...



Dean of Continuing Education Willy Wally (3rd-right), Vice President Thomas Taro (3rd-left), and other PCC officials joined the Yap Apprentice graduates and their employers during a certificate awarding ceremony last Friday.

The Continuing Education (CE) office handed out certificate of completion to three (3) Yap apprentices (Thomas Magilmai, James Rogol, and Kerong G. You) during a ceremony last Friday. The three apprentices who recently completed their summer training are part of the ongoing joint effort by PCC, Yap Department of Education, and various government and private businesses in Palau to facilitate and implement summer training opportunities in Palau for Yap Department of Education workers interested in further refining their skills in the vocational areas of agriculture and automotive technologies.

CELEBRATIONS

Student Services Office Marks Summer's End with Luncheon...

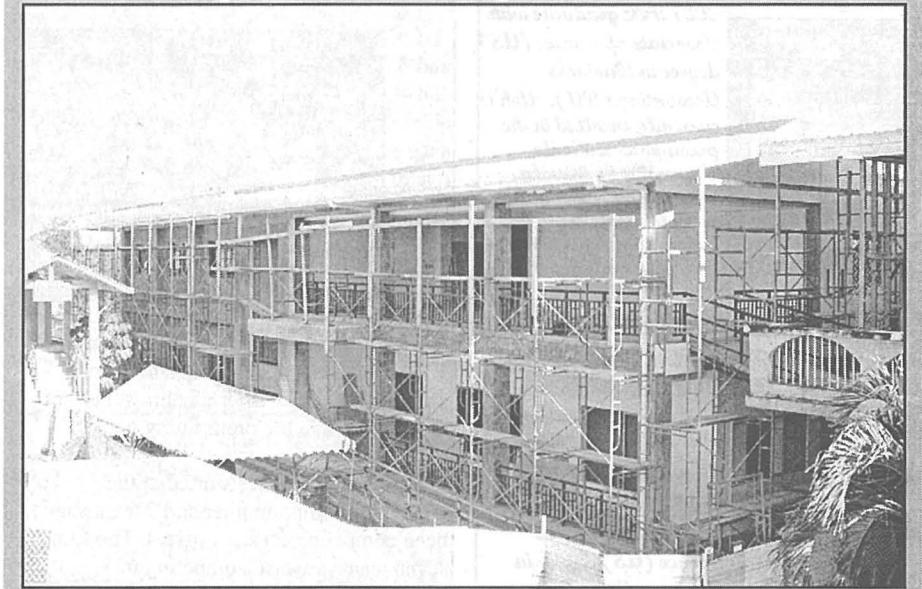


Dean of Students Marenia Edward (seated-2nd right) and her staff

Dean of Student Services Marenia Edward sponsored a special luncheon for her entire department to officially mark the end of summer. The luncheon which was held last Friday at Arirang restaurant- a popular eatery known for its "all-you-can-eat" kimchee menu- was to thank her staff for their support during the summer semester.

New PCC Library

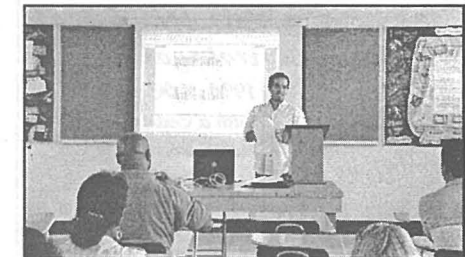
233 Days Into 270 Days of Construction



Thirty-seven (37) more days to go according to the original construction schedule of the new three-story library building. The building will house the library collections on the first two floors while the top floor will accommodate office spaces for faculty members and officers of the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPPC).

IR Pate Meets with Faculty Members

College Institutional Researcher Nino Pate, at the request of the academic affairs office, spoke to a gathering of faculty members about the best and most appropriate way to gather and interpret data for use in developing and improving Student Learning Outcome.



Nino Pate shows faculty members how the excel program can be a great tool in producing easy to read and understand SLO reports.

He showed the gathering an excel program file he has designed to take in raw data and produce simple to read and easy to understand graphs and tables, thereby eliminating all the different rudimentary methods faculty members have been using when preparing their SLO reports.

Nino continues to work with academic affairs office Information Technician Husto Ulenchong to ensure all academic affairs SLO reports are based on appropriate data input, and that results are user-friendly.



E-Van Ongrung (left) and Renee Benardo (right) during their presentations at the 2nd Annual IOA-LSAMP Student Conference at UH-Hilo.

2nd Annual IOA-LSAMP Student Conference

Contributed by: Jhovanna Yaoch, IT Instructor

On August 3, 2009, students Renee Benardo and E-Van Ongrung of PCC traveled to Hawaii to represent the College at the 2nd Annual IOA-LSAMP Student Conference that was hosted by the University of Hawaii-Hilo. Among the attendees of the conference were students from the College of Micronesia-FSM, Guam Community College, University of Guam, Northern Marianas College, American Samoa, Leeward Community College, University of Hawaii-Hilo, and University of Hawaii-Manoa. Renee Benardo, an Environmental and Marine Science program graduate, shared with her colleagues her internship experience with the PCC-Cooperative Research & Extension.

Benardo said that through her internship participation, she was able to assist in creating various products using local resources such

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