

Alumni Notes

Class of 1971 (MOC)

Tadao Sakuma-



1971 PCC graduate with a Vocational Diploma in Carpentry. Sakuma was among the first graduates of MOC in 1971, and while at MOC, he was the first to be elected as SBA president. After graduation,

Sakuma gained work experience by working as an instructor for a year at MOC and another year at G.B. Harris Elementary School. After a year at Harris, he then joined Palau High School as a carpentry teacher. Sakuma taught at Palau High School for 26 years and recently retired.

Class of 1994 (PCC)

Stephania Carlos-



1994 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Completion (CC) in Occupational Home Economics. Carlos works as a family service coordinator for the Palau Head Start program.

Class of 2003 (PCC)

Rose Aki-



2003 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Early Childhood Education. Aki has worked for 12 years as a monitoring agent 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*.



Celebrating Birthdays

Norman Sato Aug 18
Vincent Ito Aug 23

Happy Birthday To You!

New Members for the Endowment Club



PCC extends its appreciation to (l-r) Ben Masters, Atu Taumoepeau, Byron Wong, and Stanley Kinsang of the Division of Fish & Wildlife, Ministry of Justice who recently joined hundreds of others from both government and private agencies who support the PCC Endowment Fund through bi-weekly paycheck allotments.

As supporters of the Endowment Fund, Masters, Taumoepeau, Wong and Kinsang allot a certain amount from their bi-weekly paycheck to the fund, and since PCC is a registered non-profit organization, the four may apply for refunds of their total annual donation at the end of the year. You too can also become a supporter of the PCC Endowment Fund. Just contact the PCC Development Office at 488-2471, ext. 253 and a staff will arrange a visit to your place of work.

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The 1976 Education Amendments authorized the Training Program for Federal TRIO Programs, initially known as the Training Program for Special Programs Staff and Leadership Personnel.

Amendments in 1986 added the sixth program- Ronald E. McNair Post baccalaureate Achievement Program. Additionally, in 1990, the Department created the Upward Bound Math and Science Program to address the need for specific instruction in the fields of math and science. The Upward Bound Math and Science program is administered under the same regulations as the regular Upward Bound Program, only it must be applied for separately.

The Higher Education Amendments of 1998 authorized the TRIO Dissemination Partnership Program to encourage the replication of successful practices of TRIO programs.

Finally, the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2001 amended the Student Support Services program to

permit the use of program funds for direct financial assistance (Grant Aid) for current Student Support Services participants who are receiving Federal Pell Grants.

The legislative requirements for all Federal TRIO Programs can be found in the Higher Education Act of 1965, Title IV, Part A, Subpart 2.

At this time, there are currently four TRIO Programs operating at the Palau Community:

1. **Upward Bound Program** – designed to prepare students to succeed in postsecondary education, began its operation here at PCC in October 1983.
2. **Student Support Services**, better known as Project Beacon - designed to help low-income and first-generation college students and individuals with disabilities graduate from college. Began its operation at PCC in 1984.
3. **Talent Search Program**- designed to identify, prepare, and assists individuals ages 11-27 with college admission and financial aid programs. Started at PCC in September 2002.
4. **Upward Bound Math & Science Program** – designed to prepare high school students for college programs that lead to careers in the field of math and science. Began services at PCC in October 2003.

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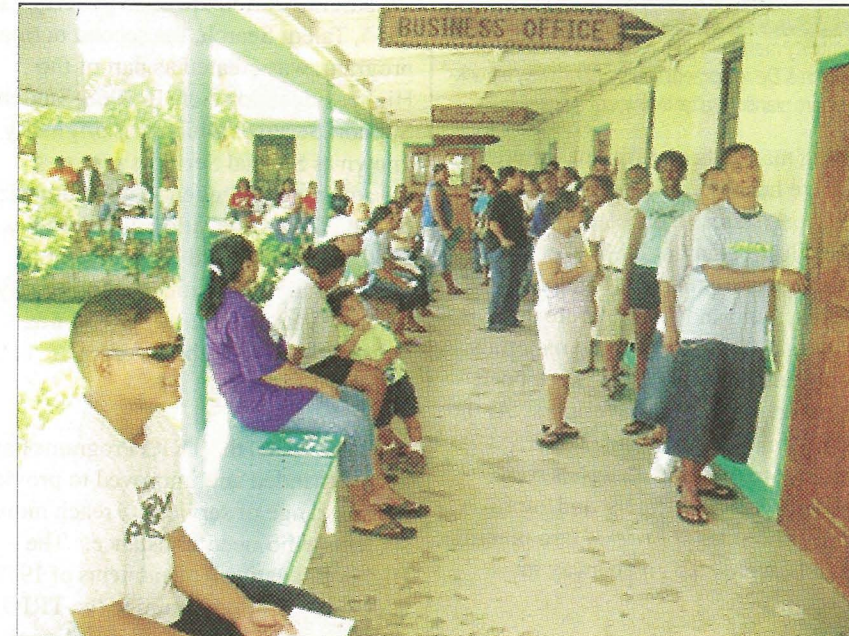


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Hundreds Register, Classes Start Monday



New and continuing students queue outside the business office, patiently awaiting their turn to update their accounts prior to registering for their classes.

With fall semester classes set to begin next week Monday, hundreds of students, mostly new and continuing, flocked back to campus this week to register for classes.

Dahlia Katosang, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid said that she is pleased to see so many students choosing to enroll at Palau Community College. "I want to welcome all students especially our new students coming from the surrounding neighboring islands in Micronesia and the Asia-Pacific region," she said.

She also said that there is an increase in the number of new students from the Micronesian region. She pointed out that Palau leads with the most number of new students with 65 registered as of

Wednesday with more still expected for the rest of the week and into next week. The continued increase in the number of students, both from Palau and off-island choosing to enroll at PCC may be attributed to college's sustained effort in improving and expanding both programs and facilities to better serve and accommodate students.



Bennie Brel of the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid (foreground) helps a student with her registration paperwork.

Bennie Brel, College Workstudy Supervisor who is also helping with the registration process said that her table is the first stop students make in the registration process. She said that she screens students to make sure that all their paperwork such as acceptance letters, transcripts, financial aid forms are all in order before sending the student to next step in the registration process- account update and class advising.

She said that as of yesterday she has cleared at least 350 students. She further said that based on her experience from previous year's registration, the numbers are a good indication that we could very well be on track to have another stout fall enrollment. Fall enrollment numbers from last year shows an enrollment of over 650 students.

The registration process officially ended yesterday but late registration, especially to accommodate students who traveled off-island to visit friends and families for the summer break, will continue through next week.

Classes will begin on Monday, August 21, 2006.

The PCC Board of Trustees, President, Staff and Faculty Extends a Warm Welcome to All New, Continuing, and Returning Students. WELCOME EVERYONE!

Do you know what the acronym CVTTO stands for? Find out in the next issue.

PCC-CRE Mass-Distributes Taro Plantings to Public

photos and story by PCC-CRE staff

The Palau Community College Cooperative Research and Extension (PCC-CRE) department has been actively conducting research activities on roots crops at the Research and Development station in Ngermeskang, Ngaremlengui. Taro, an important staple food in Palau and other Pacific countries has been the focus of research attention. In the Outreach Programs conducted by the PCC-CRE in various states, information on results of researches on various root crops are being disseminated aimed at increasing productivity and food security of local food in Palau. One of the major activities at the R & D station is the rapid mass propagation of planting materials of taro both through tissue culture and field propagation.



Community members who recently toured the CRE Research & Development station haul away a truck-load of taro plantings after their tour.

Planting materials of different varieties of taro have been distributed to farmers in the various states in babeldaob from Ngarchelong, Ngaraard, Melekeok, Ngchesar, Ngaremlengui, Ngatpang, Aimeliik, Airai and Koror. More than 4,000 tissue cultured planting materials of different varieties of taro have been distributed to the women farmers. At the recent Olechotel Belau Fair, 2,525 *Ngesuas* taro planting materials were given away to 110 farmers and more recently about 1000 *Erderid* taro planting materials were also given away to farmers.

For more information, please call PCC-CRE at 488-2746.



PCC-CRE's booth at the Olechotel Belau Fair (OBF) this summer attracted over 100 taro farmers looking for planting materials. The booth gave away over 2500 planting materials of the *Ngesuas* variety.

Japanese Univ. Professors, Students, and High School Pupils Visit College

Three students from the University of the Ryukyus in Okinawa, Japan with two other high school students from Myako Agriculture & Forestry High School and Oshima High School visited Palau from August 7-12. The students were accompanied by two professors from the University of the Ryukyus Dr. Tetsuo Uemura and Dr. Akira Maekado.

The students visit was under the framework of the Okinawa-Pacific Educational Network Initiative Project funded by the Sasakawa Peace Foundation. The education network focuses on the exchange of students between the University of the Ryukyus and local high schools in Okinawa with schools in the Pacific Island States which includes Palau. Okinawa's environment being very similar to that of the Pacific island's,

the educational network promotes sharing of ideas and solutions between students. While in Palau, the group visited various government offices, Japan Embassy, JICA, office, Palau International Coral Reef Center, and Palau Community College. Palau Community College staff took the group to tour the island of babeldaob where they visited the PCC-CRE's Research & Development station in Ngaremlengui state. PCC has a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of the Ryukyus and PCC students are scheduled to visit Okinawa during fall semester as part of the exchange program.



University of the Ryukyus faculty members Dr. Tetsuo Uemura (*back-left*) and Dr. Akira Maekado (*front-left*) with students Takae Nozaki (*front-2nd left*), Chinatsu Matayoshi (*back-3rd left*) Kazuya Fujimoto (*front-right*) and Okinawa high school students Marika Sunakawa (*front-center*) and Ryo Masayama (*front-second right*) pose for a photo with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei (*back-right*), Dean of Academic Affairs Alvina Timarong (*back-second left*), science instructor Vernice Yuzi (*back-3rd right*) and Environmental/Marine Science student Shelley Remengesau during the group's visit last week to Palau Community College.

TRIO Programs and PCC

What is TRIO?

TRIO is a federally-funded program offering educational opportunities for low-income students.

History:

The history of TRIO is progressive. It began with the Upward Bound Program, which emerged out of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 in response to the administration's war on poverty. In 1965, Talent Search, the second outreach program, was created as part of the Higher Education Act. In 1968, Student Support Services which was originally known as Special Services for Disadvantaged Students, was authorized by the Higher Education Amendments and became the third in a series of educational opportunity programs. By the late 1960's, the term "TRIO" was coined to describe these federal programs.

Over the years, the TRIO Programs have been expanded and improved to provide a wider range of services to reach more students who need assistance. The Higher Education Amendments of 1972 added the fourth program to the TRIO group by authorizing the Educational Opportunity Centers.

(More on back)

BITS AND PIECES... Philippine Embassy Donate Books...

The Philippine embassy in the Republic of Palau through Ambassador Ramoncito S. Marino donated the following books last month to the college library.

- ✓ Selected Rizal Day Lectures by the National Historical Institute
- ✓ The Philippines and Round About by George John Youngusband
- ✓ Blockade and the Siege of Manila in 1898 by Jose Roca de Togores y Saravia
- ✓ The Pact of Biyak-Na-Bato and Ninay by Pedro Alejandro Paterno
- ✓ Sanghaya 2002: Philippine Arts & Culture Yearbook
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PCC extends its appreciation to the Philippine Embassy and Ambassador Marino for their generous donation.

Japanese Movie at the Cafeteria ...

PCC Japanese instructor Yuko Sawada, together with the college and JICA office are proud to present the Japanese Academy Award winning film for 'best newcomer' and 'best music score' "Waterboys". The 2001 comedy was written and directed by Shinobu Yaguchi. It is a story of a stunningly beautiful swimming teacher who starts working at a rural high school. Dozens of boys decide to join the swimming team but after realizing that it was synchronized swimming, all but five boys dropped out of the class. The teacher leaves work for maternity leave, but the five boys remain with the team. Encountering various problems such as teasing from other boys and grasping the difficult techniques about their new sport, the boys become popular after an accidental TV appearance, creating a rave about their synchronized swimming program. The film will be shown at the PCC cafeteria on August 25, 2006 starting at 6:00 pm. FREE ADMISSION.

Important Dates to Remember

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| August 21 | - First Day of Instruction |
| August 21-25 | - Late Registration/ Drop & Add Period |

PCC-CRE Showcases Products at PVA Gala, Donates Shouchu Sales to Endowment

story by PCC-CRE staff



Lyndon Masami (*seated-right*) of the PCC-CRE program demonstrates the shouchu brewing process to a group of Japanese tourists at a PVA-hosted dinner show last Saturday at the Ngarachamayong Cultural Center. The CRE-brewed shouchu was on sale that evening and all proceeds were to go to the PCC Endowment Fund.

A Cultural Dinner Show was sponsored by the Palau Visitors Authority (PVA) and the Mechesil Belau on August 12, 2006 at the Ngarachamayong Cultural Center. This occasion was graced by the presence of scores of tourists from countries like Japan, Korea, USA, Europe, Taiwan, Israel and others.

The PCC-CRE participated in the display and taste test of local food products to the delight of the tourists. CRE food products like taro ice cream, taro and tapioca cookies were served to the tourists and guests. CRE taro shochu preparation was also demonstrated by the Extension Agent Lyndon Masami. The guests likewise enjoyed sampling the taro shochu.



Lyndon Masami (*right-background*) promotes the PCC-CRE taro shouchu while Dr. Lydia Marero gives away free samples of taro cookies and taro ice cream to tourists.