

Alumni Notes

Class of 2004

Johanny Kurihara



Earned her Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Business Accounting. She is working at Palau Public Utilities Corporation (PPUC) as a procurement officer. She has been working at PPUC since 2008.

Class of 2005

Bibi Kumangai



Earned her Associate of Arts (AA) degree in Liberal Arts. After graduation, she worked at Asanuma Store as a cashier. In 2007, she moved to Bank of Hawaii where she worked as a Business Teller. This August 2011, she got hired at PCC to work in the Academic Affairs Office as the senior clerk typist. *Message: No matter what life brings you, always be optimistic. There's always sunshine after the rain.*

Class of 2006

Lynette Smau



Earned her Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Criminal Justice. Started working as a teacher's assistant at the PCAA-Headstart in January 2011. She is currently taking courses at PCC to earn her degree in Education.

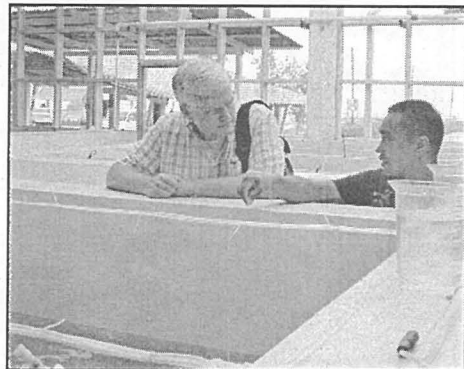
Alumni Notes showcases MOC & PCC alumni who are positive role models and contribute to the quality of life in their local communities. If you are that alumnus/alumna or know someone who is, please contact the PCC Development Office at telephone number 488-2471. We would like to feature you in future issues of the *Mesekiu's News*.

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EFNEP instructor, Lydia Marero shows samples of taro/tapioca based foods she teaches the classes to make.



Aquaculturist Miguel Delos Santos discussing the hatchery process with Dr. Fitzner.

gathered the information on the extension programs here at PCC, they will develop their findings and the remedy, if necessary and the final report will be presented in October 2011. According to VP Thomas Taro, the visit from NIFA-USDA was successful. The team was highly impressed with the land grant projects that have been implemented in Palau. On Friday, August 12, the team met with Dr. Tellei and paid a courtesy visit to the US Embassy and met with PCC-CRE staff to review the presentations on programs and projects that PCC-CRE has been working on. On August 13, Saturday, the team went to visit the R & D Station in Ngermeskang and the Multi-Species Hatchery in Ngermetengel. On Sunday, August 14, they took a leisure day and went with PCC-CRE staff to the rock islands.

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Aisek encouraged them to do their best, finishing their degrees within two and a half years. When she inquired as to why they decided to attend PCC, many of the students stated that PCC offered majors that they were interested in pursuing. Director Aisek mentioned to the students that the Chuuk Scholarship is in the process of awarding students soon. She reminded students that they needed to continue doing well in their studies and apply for the Chuuk scholarship to assist them with their educational expenses.



Dir. Aisek answering Chuukese students' questions.

Celebrating Birthdays

- Vance Basilius Aug 23
- Vincent Ito Aug 23
- Teongel Ngirkelau Aug 23
- Maile Andreas Aug 24
- Arlene Ignacio Aug 24
- Rehabeam Madlu Aug 25
- Hamilton Maech Aug 25
- Dillaur Franz Aug 26
- Josepha Tutii Aug 28

Happy Birthday To You!

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: \$12,049.0 - \$20,607 per annum

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

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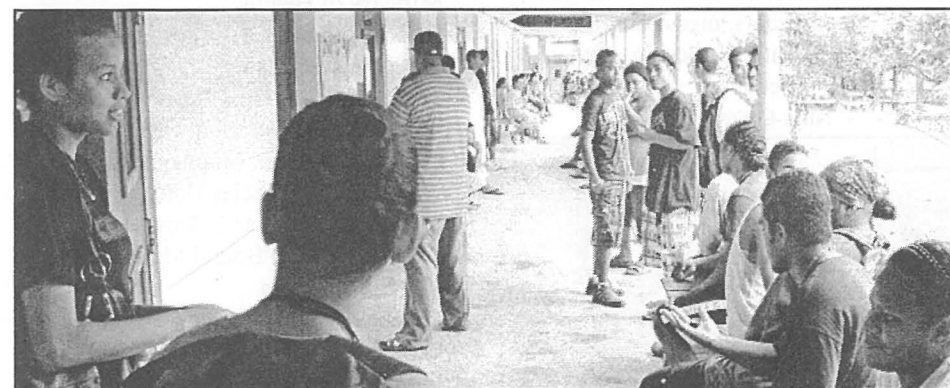


New dorm residents all smiles as they take a break from the registration process.

Fall semester 2011 comes with 32 new students from our neighboring island states in Micronesia. There are 22 Chuukese, 7 Yapese, and 3 Kosraeans students who have recently moved into the dorm residence. These 22 students have settled in while more are still expected to arrive.

PCC President, Dr. Patrick Tellei has made a commitment to the new students from Federated States of Micronesia and Republic of the Marshall Islands that a counselor will work with them throughout the semester to ensure their success in learning endeavors.

Registration for Fall 2011 in Full Swing



Students patiently waiting in line for their registration clearance while chatting with their friends.

Fall Semester 2011 registration began on Monday, August 15, 2011 and continues until Friday, August 19, 2011. Students lined up to get financial aid clearance, reg-

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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.

Chuuk DOE Director Meet Chuukese Students

On August 16, 2011, Department of Education Director, Gardenia Aisek met with Chuukese students at the Assembly Hall. She discussed the need for students to return to Chuuk with their degrees and help their state as they are lacking vocational instructors for their education system. Director

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Summer Internship 2011 Completed

The college gives a special thanks and commendations for the following employers who were able to hire the students after internship training. Congratulations to the Intern graduates!

Employer	Student Trainee Hired
Cliffside Hotel	Cara Cruz
Fam. Sur. Clinic	Baiungil Remeliik
IMPAC	Donna-Rhia Riag
WEST Auto	Samantha Rechelluul
Belau Tour. Assoc.	Jade Cruz
Airai Elem Sch.	Hugler Imetengel
MHS	Carlson Mesubed

The college would like to thank the following employers who provided training stations to the 48 students who took their internship training

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Osaka University Presents Findings



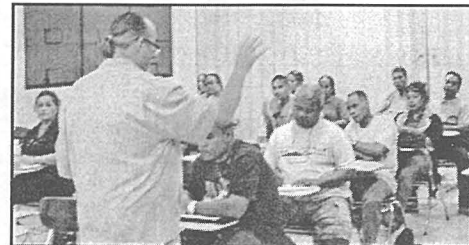
Osaka University students and instructors with PCC students and community members.

The Osaka University graduate students were in Palau from August 4 - 13, 2011 doing research on "Lifestyle Transformation in Palau in the Age of Globalization: Contemporary Health Issues and Future Prospects." Under the Osaka University Overseas Field Study Program, the graduate students were Ryusuke Kusabake, Megumi Nishiyama, Juri Tsumura, Hiroshige Jinouchi and Atsuko Niki. The faculty were Takashita Mita, Ph.D., Shuhei Fukuda, Ph.D., Kaori Honjo, Ph.D., Setsuko Shimizu, RN, Ph.D., and Hiroyasu Iso, MD, Ph.D. The participants examined issues that were related to the health environment. The students focused on identifying how the processes of modernization and global-

ization affected people's health environment through observing and interviewing ordinary people and by visiting public institutions. During the presentation of their findings on August 12 at PCC Assembly Hall where they interacted with participants from the community to brainstorm on solutions about how to combat the issues of obesity, unhealthy eating habits, importing canned foods. This is the second year that Osaka University through the Osaka University Global Collaboration Center and the Fieldwork, Internship and Experiential Learning Design Office (FIELDO) have sent graduate students to Palau to do field work.

SDSU Instructor on Campus

San Diego State University instructor, Stephen Barnes was on campus from August 07, - 13, 2011 giving a week long instruction for the class ARP 380 - Adult Learning. He has been here in previous years teaching graduate and undergraduate SDSU courses. The ARP 380 class is the second to the last class required for the undergraduate SDSU students to complete before they earn their Bachelor's of Arts degrees in Education.



Instructor Barnes lecturing in the ARP 380 class.

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during summer 2011. The employers are as follows:

- AL Repair Shop
- Blue Marlin
- Clerk of Court
- Cliffside Hotel
- Day Dream
- Division of Fire & Rescue
- Family Surgical Clinic
- Bureau of Immigration
- Imperial Palau (IMPAC)
- Koror State - Rangers, Community & Cultural Affairs, Public Works
- Mason's Auto Shop (Ksaw Motors)
- Micronesian Challenge
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Health
- NECO Yamaha
- Palau Pacific Resort
- Papago International Resort
- PCC - Administration, CRE, Cafeteria, Maintenance, Multi-species Hatchery, Talent Search, Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math & Science
- PIDC Auto Shop
- Pleasure Island Palau
- PNCC
- PPUC
- Palau Visitors Authority
- Rock Island Tour Company (RITC)
- SOCIO Micronesia
- Surangel & Sons Co.
- WEST Auto Shop

NIFA-USDA Oversight Visit To PCC

On August 12-14, 2011, the Nation Institute of Food and Agriculture - United States Department of Agriculture (NIFA-USDA) representatives were at PCC, reviewing the Research and Extension programs that are operated at CRE. Dr. Michael Fitzner, division Director of Plant Systems - Protection of NIFA's Institute of Food Production and

Sustainability, and Ellen Danus, formerly of the Office of Grant and Financial Management, currently assigned to NIFA's Equal Opportunity Staff were the two Departmental staff members that were assigned to review the programs, measuring the status of compliance with applicable regulations, policies and procedures. Once they have

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PCC-CRE staff presenting program review to NIFA-USDA departmental staff.

BITS AND PIECES...

Announcement

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

FSA Scholarship

Faculty Senate Association (FSA) is offering scholarships to two in-coming Freshmen to attend PCC. To pick up an application, stop by the Development Office or call 488-2470 ext. 252 or 253. For more information, contact FSA Secretary Midori Mersai at 488-3073.

ADD/DROP Period

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS!!

ADD/DROP Period will be from August 22 - 26, 2011 (Mon - Fri).

ADD/DROP Fee is \$2.00 per form.

Palau Community College wishes to extend its condolences and heartfelt sympathy to Harter Hertin on the loss of his mother, Antelise Maruame, who was laid to rest August 17, 2011. Harter is an alumni of PCC, who graduated Spring 2010 with an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Office Administration. He volunteered his services at Student Life Office during the course of his study at PCC, and now he is working at Tia Belau Newspaper.

Our prayers and thoughts are with you. May you find peace and comfort in this time of sorrow.

News/Stories Wanted

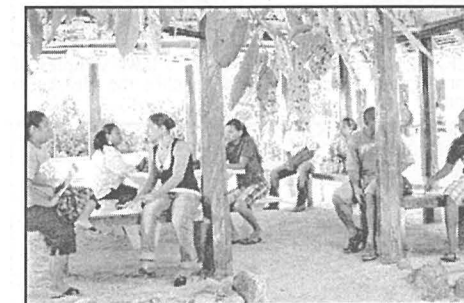
MESEKIU'S NEWS welcomes stories/articles/announcements from students, faculty, and staff. Submission deadline is Monday at 4:30 p.m. in hard and electronic copies to adoraa@palau.edu, dilubchs@palau.edu, and alvinam@palau.edu.

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

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istration clearance, registration packets, see their advisors at the Student Life Office, and to register for classes. While waiting in line, students took the time to chat with their friends, meet new people, and learn about the different classes and which instructors to take classes from, and who has used books to sell. The weather didn't deter students from coming in to register

for classes, as indicative by the increasing numbers of classes that are quickly filling up and closing. Students voiced their concerns about classes closing quickly. According to the Dean of Academic Affairs dean, new sections are opened as the need arises. Therefore, he encourages students to see the counselors, to ensure that when a new section opens, they can register for it.



Waiting for registration process to begin.



Getting the financial aid clearance is first step.



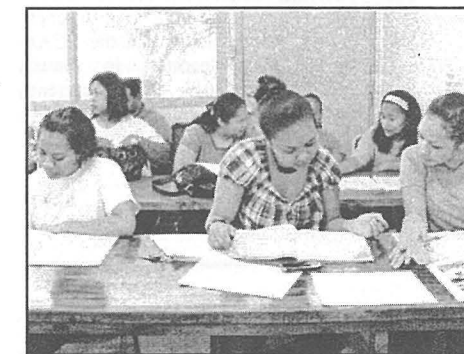
Paying for the registration fee at the business office.



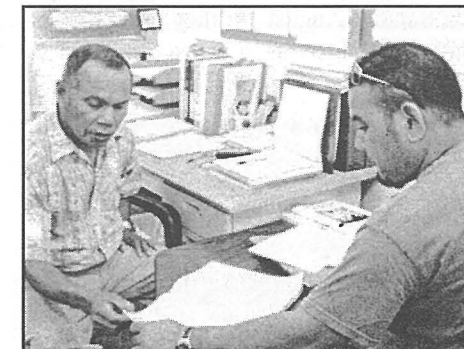
Lining up to get business office clearance to register.



Picking up registration packet.



Completing the registration worksheet.



Discussing with advisors the chosen classes before the final stop at the Registrar's Office.