

Alumni Notes

Class of 2005 (PCC)



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Palmer Swei - 2005 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Criminal Justice (CJ). Swei works at the Bureau of Public Safety as a Police Officer 1 and has been working there for the past year and 2

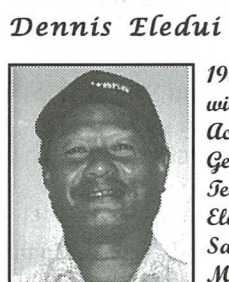
Class of 1997 (PCC)



past 2 years.

Elsa Sugar - 1997 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Criminal Justice (CJ). Sugar works at Airai Obbedekall Head Start as an Assistant Teacher. She has been working there for the

Class of 1981 (MOC)



working there for the past 4 years.

Dennis Eledui - 1981 MOC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in General Electronics Technology (GET). Eledui works at Sure Save Mart as a Mechanic and has been

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

Arlyn Ignacio August 24
Hamilton Maech August 25
Diliaur Franz August 26
Josepha Tutii August 28

Happy Birthday To You!

More Creative Writing - Part III

Below is another writing by a student in Midori Mersai's English summer class who also submitted a paper for the in-class creative writing contest. Good work, kids. Look for additional installments in next week's *Mesekiu's News*.

"First time I fell in love": by Ideara Sasao

I don't believe in love at first sight. Although I strongly feel that the more time we spend together, eventually I'd fall in love with him. I mean, maybe it seemed like he glowed in some kind of way, but probably it's his smile that's just breath-taking. Either that or it's his energy and enthusiasm in the things he does. Oh! and the way he looked at me with a shimmer in his eyes, his perfect smile and his luscious lips just made me feel important, and that I was the prettiest lady he's ever laid eyes on. Just being around him the more I draw closer to falling in love with the person that lies within. Then it comes to a point where my life seems to revolve around him, everytime I hear his name or if I see him at a distance I would feel apprehensive. Or if he says my name it's like I skipped a couple of heart beats. Until everytime we're together, I get goosebumps like there's a cold air blowing on my neck and down my spine. And having butterflies in my stomach makes it as though I'm floating and the time we spent together seems like it's not enough. I wonder if he feels the same because I would get all sweaty and nervous around him. My whole body gets cold and numb as ice. The adrenalin rush of falling in love with each other is indescribable. But some things can't always last forever, and it has to end whether in a good or bad way.

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ATTENTION: ALL STUDENTS & STAFF

The election of SBA officers and student trustee for school year 2007-2008 will take place on September 07, 2007. Qualification for officers and student trustee (Student Representative to the Board of Trustees) are as follows:

1. Student must be full-time (12 Credits or more) and maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 or above.
2. Student must have no record of felony or criminal offense.
3. Class representatives shall be composed of four (4) students, two from the freshman class and two from the sophomore class.
4. Officers shall be from the following classes:
 - A. Student Trustee- Either a sophomore or freshman with at least one-full time term prior to election.
 - B. *President Elect- Freshman student.
 - C. Secretary- Either a Freshman or Sophomore.
 - D. Treasurer- Either a Freshman or Sophomore.

*President-Elect will serve in the capacity of a vice president for one year and will automatically become president the second year.

ELECTION PROCEDURE:

1. Candidates for the Board of Trustees, Senate Officers and Class Representatives shall register at the office of the Director of Student Life no later than September 05, 2007 at 4:30 p.m.
2. Candidates must acquire a petition form with the signature of twenty-five (25) student body association members which must be submitted to the office of the Director of Student Life on or before September 05, 2007 at 4:30 p.m.
3. Election of Student Trustee, SBA officers, and class representatives will take place on September 07, 2007 and to be held at PCC Mesekiu Bai from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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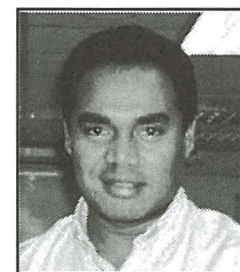


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Weekly Newsletter

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College Staff and Students Off to South Pacific Games in Samoa



Armstrong Debelbot, Director of Development Office



Hulda Lukas, Secretary of Development Office



Dilubch Samil, Administrative Assistant of Development Office

It is not how big you are, it's how big you play. ~Anonymous. Despite the small number of players representing Palau in the South Pacific Games (SPG), which begins today in Samoa and ends on September 8th, there walks among them players with the hearts to win and the will to match. Palauan athletes in the games come from all walks of life and a number

of those athletes walk their paths here at PCC. The SPG provides them with an opportunity to test body, mind, and spirit against other athletes from around the Pacific. Majority of them are student-athletes representing not only the College, but the entire Palau as well. Many would assume this a burden, but these athletes have been training for

months and will do well in the games. Three PCC Development Office staff will also be representing Palau in the Canoe events, namely Armstrong Debelbot, Director of Development office and his two staff members, Hulda Lukas and Dilubch Samil. The College family is very proud of all of you!

APU Professor and Students Arrive to Conduct Research



Professor Nobuyuki Hatada (first row-second from right) of Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU) in Oita, Japan and his students arrived this week to conduct studies on eco-tourism in Palau. This will be the 6th time that Professor Hatada has brought his students to Palau for field research.

The College is very happy to welcome once more Professor Nobuyuki Hatada of Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU) in Oita, Japan and his students.

Six of Professor Hatada's students arrived five days ago while Professor Hatada arrived three days ago with two of his students. The College has been providing housing for them and will continue to do so throughout their three-week stay on island.

Professor Hatada brought with him eight students, all majoring in Tourism, to study different areas of Babeldaob and dive-sites in the Rock Islands to determine how these locations will be and in some cases have been affected by tourism.

The students will be split into two groups, each focusing on a different sustainable area of tourism. One group consisting of five students will focus on

sustainable diving areas in the Rock Islands. Three separate locations have been chosen and the group will dive those areas to determine the carrying capacity of dives for each area. The study will produce the ideal number of dives each site can sustain, and at the same time maintaining its natural balance.

The second group will concentrate on a portion of the Ngermeskang River, which may be the future site of a Kayak Tour operated by the Conservation Areas Coordinating Committee (CACC). The students will be determining the seasonal changes that take place along the river. Students will also be interviewing locals in their area of study to gauge awareness of conservation issues and knowledge of the entire Ngermeskang River area.

College Welcomes All Students!

(Please feel free to clip this page and post it on your wall or desk for easy reference)

The Palau Community College administration, faculty, and staff welcome all continuing students back from the fall recess and extends a warm welcome to all the returning, readmitted, and new students who enrolled this 2007 spring semester. Best wishes for a successful semester!

Stay tuned to These Networks.

School can be a frightening place for new students. People of diverse cultures, older students, commuters, and people with special needs can feel excluded. Some people attend classes for years and still feel they are standing alone on the outside, looking in.

You don't have to be a stranger to school life. Networking is one way to break through the barriers that keep students isolated.

Students who overcome feelings of isolation increase their chances of staying in school and succeeding. Networks can also prepare students for the world of work, where most projects involve teamwork. You can begin networking immediately. Here are some techniques you can use:

Introduce yourself to classmates. Get to class early and break the ice by discussing the holidays.

Plan to meet people. Write an Intention Statement promising to meet three new people each week. Plan who these people will be and how and when you intend to meet them.

See your instructor. If you feel lost in a class, make an appointment to see your instructor outside class. You might discover a human being who wants you to succeed.

Join a Club. A Builders club, Tourism & Hospitality club, Agriculture club, and Student Body Association can put you in touch with potential friends.

Form a study group. Peer pressure can be positive. Study with students who excel and also look for partners from different racial, ethnic, or religious

backgrounds. Diversity will add depth to your group and stimulate everyone's thinking.

Play ball!! You don't have to be a world-class athlete to play sports. As a matter of fact, keeping fit is one of the marks of a master student. Most schools have intramural leagues, and PCC definitely has intramural sports for you to take advantage of!

Use school media. School newspapers can alert you to interesting activities and people. Bulletin boards can be sources of information about clubs and social activities. Also, check the school catalog.

Study at the library. It's quiet, it's comfortable, and it's a place to meet other serious students.

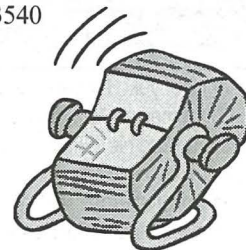
Use Student Services. These include career planning, testing services, counseling services, student health services, financial aid, student body association, student organizations and student activities. These services are free to students. Going to school puts you in contact with an extraordinary network of services. All that remains is for you to use them.

FALL SEMESTER 2007

Aug. 20-24 (M-F)	Late Registration/ Drop & Add Period
Sept. 3 (M)	Holiday: Labor Day
Sept. 28 (F)	Last Day to Remove Incomplete Grades for Summer Session
Oct. 1 (M)	Holiday: Independence Day
Oct. 8-12 (M-F)	Mid-term Period
Oct. 19 (F)	Last Day for All Withdrawals
Oct. 24 (W)	Holiday: UN Day
Nov. 22 (TH)	Holiday: Thanksgiving Day
Nov. 22-23 (TH-F)	Students' Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 7 (F)	Last Day of Instruction
Dec. 10-12 (M-W)	Final Examination Period
Dec. 17 (M)	Grades Due End of Fall Semester Students' Fall Recess

Phone Numbers to Keep Handy

Registrar and Records - 488-2470/2471, extension 247, 257, 274
 Admissions & Financial Aid - 488-2470/2471, extension 233-235, 265, and 273
 Business Office - 488-2470/2471, extension 231, 263-264, and 268
 Student Accounts - 488-2470/2471, extension 262
 Bookstore - 488-2470/2471, extension 236 or 275
 Library - 488-2470/2471, extension 230, 243 and 261 or 488-3540
 Cafeteria - 488-2357
 Student Life and Housing - 488-3036
 Student Services - 488-2470/2471, extension 229 & 249
 Recreation Office - 488-3885
 Dorm Office - 488-3074
 Project Beacon - 488-3073 or 488-5654
 Student Body Association - 488-2461
 *PCC Directory Assistance - 488-2470/2471
 *Academic Affairs Office- 488-2470/2471, extension 245, 246, 269, and 270



BITS AND PIECES...

Chairperson Donates...

Once again, Board of Trustees Chairperson Bilung Gloria G. Salii has donated to the school cafeteria for student meals. The College thanks Chairperson Bilung for her generosity in donating 30 pounds of lemon.

Upward Bound Program Recruiting New Students...



Upward Bound (UB) Project Director, Kuye Belelai (standing back) speaking to Mindszenty High School (MHS) students at their school cafeteria on Tuesday.



About 70 MHS freshmen and juniors attended the afternoon UB recruitment session.

The Upward Bound Program is currently recruiting potential students to the program for the 2007-2008 school year. Any interested 9th-11th graders attending any high school in Palau may apply. Applications are available at the Upward Bound Office so do stop by and pick up a copy of the application. The deadline to submit applications is September 7, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Upward Bound Office at 488-2962.

Japan Embassy Donates School Catalogs to PCC Library

The Embassy of Japan, in its continuing efforts to promote higher education opportunities in Japan, has donated *Japanese Colleges and University catalogs* and *Student Guide to Japan* to the Palau National Scholarship Office, PCC Library, and PHS Counseling Office. These donations are made in line with the Embassy's effort to promote the Japanese Government Scholarship which has been available to the students of Palau on a yearly basis since 1982.

In addition to the school catalog and Student Guide, the Scholarship Office will also receive two other booklets namely, *Scholarships for International Students in Japan* and *JASSO (Japan Student Services Organization) Outline 2006-6007*. The *Scholarships for International Students in Japan* lists five (5) categories of scholarships available for international students to apply in order to study in Japan. It also lists fields of study available, amount of scholarship, application procedures, and contact information.

The *JASSO (Japan Student Services Organization) Outline 2006-6007* is an information guide produced by the Organization that aims "To Nurture Creative and Enriched Minds". By providing supports to international students, JASSO offers enhanced support programs to enable international students to maintain and achieve their

academic goals. Such programs include: scholarships, international exchange programs, accommodations, as well as collecting and disseminating information to students abroad. This gives JASSO the mission of nurturing ingenious leaders of the next generation, as well as the advancement of global harmony and understanding. All the above-mentioned manuals are provided by JASSO in their continuing effort to provide the most comprehensive and up-to-date information available regarding higher education in Japan.

Through the availability of these manuals, the Embassy encourages students to consider Japan as another option for higher education. This is very much achievable through the Japanese Government Scholarships which offer higher education opportunities in Professional Training Programs, Undergraduate Programs and Post Graduate Programs including Master's and Doctorate programs.

The Japanese Government Scholarships is another example of Japan's efforts to promote the human resources development of Palau. For further information regarding the Japanese Government Scholarships, contact Japan Embassy at 488-6455/6, Palau National Scholarship Office at 488-3608, or refer to the manuals available at PCC Library or PHS Counseling Office.

Pacific Region Investment Conference Student Competition: Call for Papers

PCC in association with the Asia Pacific Association for Fiduciary Studies presents the 7th Annual Pacific Region Investment Conference Student Competition, October 18-19 in Manila, Philippines. The winner of the competition will represent PCC in this upcoming competition and will get a \$100 dollar cash prize; a round-trip airfare from Palau to Manila; airport-hotel transportation; lodging at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel; and \$75 per diem for food and other expenses. Applicants must be a full-time PCC student over the age of

18, and must submit a paper with a topic selected from one of the following: 1). Student Experience in Stock Market Investment; 2). Management of Trust Funds; 3). Regional Economic Issues. **Deadline for submission is Monday, September 10, 2007 by 5:00 p.m.**, to the Academic Affairs Office, at Temekai Bldg. For further information about evaluation criteria and technical specifications about submission of paper or for any other questions, please contact Robert Ramarui, at Business Ed. Office, Temekai Bldg. at 488-2471 ext.240.