

## Alumni Notes

### Class of 1975 (MOC)

Skemas Hideos



Earned a Vocational Certificate of Achievement (VCA) in Multi-Media. He worked at PCAA as an illustrator/artist, a boat operator, and then became an employee for Ngaraard State Public Works for the past 17 years in the water utilities department. *Message:*

*Bol blak a rengmiu ra skills el mosuub mel bol ungil a ureriu ma tara klebesei el ngar ngii a ungil mosuk er ngii el udoud.*

### Class of 2008

Sheena Henry



Earned her Associate of Science (AS) degree in Environmental/Marine Science. While attending PCC, Sheena worked as a peer tutor for Student Support Services, helping students in Science and Math. After graduation, she got hired at Ibobang Elementary School

where she is currently teaching as an 8th Grade home room teacher.

### Class of 2008

Yasinda Donre



Earned her Associate of Science (AS) degree in Business Administration. While attending PCC, Yasinda worked as a peer tutor for Student Support Services, helping students in Business, Office Administration and Math. After returning to Pohnpei, she was hired to work at the

Pohnpei State Finance Office.

**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*.

## Mesekiu's News

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### Celebrating Birthdays

Leona Blaluk Sept 09  
Joshua Ngirngedangel Sept 09  
Fredrick Abraham Sept 10

Happy Birthday To You!

## Business English II Course Offered

Palau Community College will be offering a second level of Business English Course. This is a complementary course designed for professionals who feel that they need to improve the appropriateness and accuracy of the language they use in their daily work environment. The course will also help further develop participants listening

and writing skills, and business-related vocabulary. Student will also improve their knowledge and use of everyday business idiomatic language. Class will be Tue/Thur from 6pm - 8pm.

For anyone who is interested, please call Annalisa or Leona at PCC Continuing Education at 488-6223 for more information.

## Complimentary Classes on Information and Technology

The Palau Community College and JICA office offers an advance computer class titled "LAN Management & Website Development."

### Requirements:

1. Have completed PCC Course IT 115
2. Two years experience with IT or IT related jobs
3. Have experience in Personal Computer Network jobs
4. Have completed "Website Development I" (preferred)
5. Have experience in programming in any language

Class begins Sept. 06, 2011 (Monday & Tuesday) from 6pm - 8pm in Room 60. For more information and registration, please contact PCC Continuing Education at 488-6223 and speak to Annalisa or Leona.

## Sail Away

Palau Community College and the Micronesian Voyaging Society inform the public that the Non-Instrument Navigation class will begin in the 1st week of October. This class centers on reliving the ancient knowledge of navigation without using modern navigational tools on a sailing-learning platform called Alingano Maisu. You learn to identify and name the stars for navigation and directional purposes; to observe and predict weather conditions; and to know the functions and operation of traditional sailing canoes.

Registration is ongoing now. Come and sign up as space is limited. Contact Norma at 488-2470/2471 for more information.

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

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## Palau Community College



# MESEKIU'S NEWS



Friday, September 02, 2011

Weekly Newsletter

Volume 13, Issue 35

## Uigher Students Receive Certificates



L-R: Ahmat Abdulahad, Abdulhappar Abdulrahman, Dr. Tellei, Ali Mohammed, Davut Abdulrahim, & Zafar (Adel) Arslan (Noori). Not present - Adham Mamat.

On Monday, August 29, 2011, a ceremony to award students of the Special English Program was held at the PCC Assembly Hall. The ceremony was graced with the presence of HE President Johnson Toribiong, Vice President Kerai Mariur, U.S. Ambassador Helen Reed-Rowe, Mission Deputy for US Embassy Richard McKrentzki, Minister Yano, Minister Kuartei, Dean Wally, Dean

Daniel, and Ebil Reklai Gracia Yalap. Dr. Tellei in his welcoming remarks thanked the Board of Trustees for making it possible to provide a full time instructor, Evangeline Andrew who became more than an instructor, but a mentor and friend to the Uighers, helped them meet their special needs. In his address, President Toribiong spoke on how Palau's agreement to provide a safe refuge

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## New Students' Reflections



Marcia Barmelio

The first week of Fall Semester 2011 is over, and we are now into the end of the second week. New students to PCC this fall semester were interviewed to gauge how they felt about classes. Marcia Barmelio, an undeclared student, indicated she was taking 13 credits this semester

- EN 95, MA 105, JP 109, EN 109 and SS 100. According to her, college is "totally different. There is more freedom to do anything I want." She mentioned that her first week was terrifying as she didn't know where her classes were held, and she was afraid of not making it to class on time. But after two days, she learned about where all her classes were and got to know people. She said it is easy to make friends because she meets many new people in the different

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## Fall Semester 2011 Internship Placement

Contributed by Vincent Ito

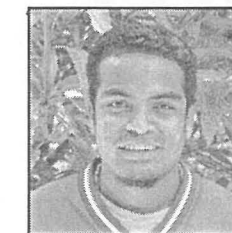
This Fall Semester 2011, there are seven students who are participating in the internship training program. The following is the summary placement status of the intern trainees:

Egan Tewid	NAPA Auto Parts
Gaileen Gaillard	SOCIO Micronesia
Alvin Matheus	PCC-CE Office
Merlyn Christian	Bureau of Immigration
Paloma Matsuoka	Cliffside Hotel
Sarah Ngraked	Ngiwal State Office
Taina Yano	Continental Airlines

The college would like to recognize the employers above who are providing training stations to our intern trainees this semester. Internship training is a success due to your support and voluntary participation of the training of Palau's future workforce.

## Making the Right Decision

Contributed by Alvin Matheus



Alvin Matheus

I would like to take this opportunity and share my personal experience with my education here at PCC. I hope it can help students who

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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.



Zafar (Adel) Arslan (Noori) giving the valedictory address.

to the Uighers is based on our tradition of accommodating those who come on our shores. He congratulated them for pursuing the English program at PCC and also thanked Evangeline Andrew for the superb job she has done, helping the participants feel welcomed and at home. Following the President, Mr. McKrentzki spoke on behalf of the US Ambassador, Reed-Rowe. He thanked the Republic and PCC for their role in assisting the Uighers settle into their sur-

roundings. He praised Evangeline Andrew for helping out beyond her scope of work, making great efforts to help these students settle into their life in Palau and succeed in their courses. The speakers encouraged the community to give the Uighers an opportunity by hiring them, allowing them to contribute to our community.

The valedictory address was by Zafar (Adel) Arslan (Noori), who said it was a challenge for some of them because they had no English background and had difficulty concentrating on studies because they were missing their families. But they continued to learn, and now they have completed the courses. They were thankful for having had the opportunity to learn. He thanked the President of Palau, PCC Staff and personnel, and especially Evangeline, who has become like a sister to all of them.



L-R: Dean Chilton - MC; VP Mariur, PCC President Tellei; HE Toribiong, US Ambassador Reed-Rowe, Minister Yano.

## Pacific Directors of Education Hold Forum



Participants of the 18th PHES with President Toribiong (5th from right).

The 18th Consultation of the Pacific Heads of Education Systems (PHES) was held in Palau from August 23-25, 2011. Dr. Tellei was one of the participants who attended PHES. This was a forum where education leaders from the Pacific met to discuss and

deliberate on challenges and emerging issues of common concerns and to find ways and means by which to address them effectively and efficiently so as to achieve quality education for all in the context of national development.

are like me, especially new students who are new first timers to attend college after high school.

I arrived in Palau from Chuuk in the Fall of 2007 excited to begin college. I like physical workout and I always dreamt for a career in construction. While my dream for construction was in my head, my friend convinced me to follow him and declare a major in Office Administration. Little did I know what I was getting myself into. I followed my friend's interest and ended up in the Office Administration major. After two years, I was not getting anywhere with it, and I tried to tell my counselor that, but she encouraged me to stay with my current major, as changing it would affect my financial aid status.

I have been here for five long years and still have not completed what I started. It has been challenging to study something I have no interest in learning. My friend is already gone a few years back, continuing on his major. I regret that I listened to him, as I realized I made a terrible decision following his decision and not mine. But I thank God because I have learned a lot of skills from Office Administration. I've learned that these are things I didn't learn while in high school or even if I got into carpentry. Skills include typing, computer, writing, filing methods, math and English. I hope with these skills I can apply and find work in Chuuk, Guam or elsewhere when I am done with college, to help my family.

That's why I am encouraging you to make your own decision and not be influenced by other's career decision.

### BULLETIN

#### ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS!

Election for Student Trustee and ASPCC Officers/Senators for SY 2011-2012 will be on September 21, 2011. Candidates need to register at the Office of the Dean of Students and acquire at least 25 signatures of classified students on petition form no later than Sept. 08, 2011. SEE VERA @ STUDENT SERVICES FOR INFORMATION.

### 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 Johvanna Yaoch at 488-2470/2471 (PCC) ext. 256.

### Co-Ed Intramural

#### Basketball Tournament

All interested PCC students enrolled for Fall 2011 Semester need to turn in their team roster to the Recreation Office before the deadline of September 08, 2011. If you have any questions, please contact Recreation staff at 488-3885.

### Scholarship Available

PCC-Based Scholarship Application are available for pick up at the Development Office.

- \* Moylan's Insurance
- \* Pierantozzi
- \* Roman Tmetuchl
- \* Prince Leeboo
- \* IP&E (formerly Shell)
- \* Library & Information Service

Note: Deloitte & Touche will be forthcoming at a later time.

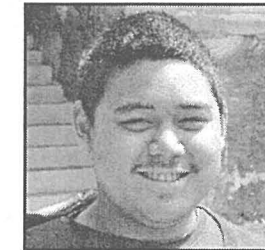
Stop by and see Dilubch, Adora or Alvina or call 488-2470 ext. 252, 253.

### 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](mailto:adoraa@palau.edu), [dilubchs@palau.edu](mailto:dilubchs@palau.edu), and [alvinam@palau.edu](mailto:alvinam@palau.edu).

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

classes. Because college courses are fun, exciting, and instructors are exciting, she thinks she will do well.



Peterson "Seiko" King.

He said it was because he felt he might not find his classrooms and miss class. He totally agreed with the new policy of having no bells to remind students of class time. As

Peterson "Seiko" King, also an undeclared student discussed his first week at PCC. He said he felt nervous the first week because it was "college."

college students, "we have to take responsibility, knowing where we need to be." His first impression of the classes were that the instructors were great and very thorough in the way they taught classes. For him, classes are going fine so far, not too many work to do, but he is making sure he keeps on top of his work. Seiko is taking 16 credits this semester - SS 100, SS 129, SS 179, PH 249, HP 180 and CO 110. Even though he is undeclared, he is hoping to take the TOEFL test this semester and change his major to nursing. As Palau is in need of nurses, he is interested in going into the Nursing Program because he wants to help people.

## Financial Aid Holds Orientation 2



Admissions and Financial Aid Director Dahlia Katosang explaining the SAP to students in orientation.

The week of Aug.29 through Sept.06 finds Admissions and Financial Aid Office busy with Orientation 2. It is mandatory that all financial aid applicants attend Financial Aid Orientation 2 before they are able to receive their federal student aid funds. Each day for two hours, Director Dahlia Katosang of Admissions and Financial Aid will discuss and explain the Satisfactory

Academic Progress (SAP) Policy. Those who have completed their financial aid applications and attend their scheduled session will receive their Financial Aid Award Letters.

For more information or clarification on new SAP Policy, contact FAO at 488-2470 ext. 234.

## UBMS Recruitment Begins for SY 2011-12

### PCC Upward Bound Math & Science Program

The Palau Community College - Upward Bound Math & Science (UBMS) Program is pleased to announce that recruitment for new participants is now open. All interested high school students may pick up application forms from their school counselors office. Recruitment is open only to high

school freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. STUDENTS MUST HAVE A CUMULATIVE GPA of 3.00 AND ABOVE TO BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY. Applications must be completed and submitted to Upward Bound Math & Science Office no later than Friday, September 09, 2011 at 3:00 pm.

