

Alumni Notes

Class of 2000 (PCC)

Llemalt Ngirailemesang -



2000 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Electrical Technology (ET). Ngirailemesang works at the Palau Public Utility Corporation as a Surveyor/Estimator. He

has been working there for the past 2 1/2 months.

Class of 1998 (PCC)

Louisa Rivera -



1998 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Business Accounting (BEA). Rivera works at the Palau National Olympic Committee (PNOC) as an Information Technol-

ogy Officer. Rivera has been working at PNOC for over 4 years.

Class of 1990 (MOC)

Aldrin Siksei -



1990 MOC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Police Science (PS). Siksei works at Surangel & Sons Company-Warehouse as a Heavy Equipment Operator. He has been

working there for the past 13 years.

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*.

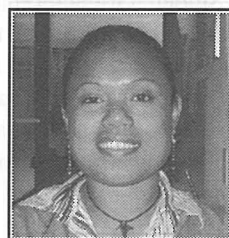
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Celebrating Birthdays

Joshua Ngirngbedangel September 09

Happy Birthday To You!

More Show Support to Endowment Fund



Mouais Kang-ichi

This week, we are happy to welcome the newest member to the PCC Endowment Allotment Club. From the Koror State Government- Finance Department, we welcome Mouais Kang-ichi. PCC welcomes the new supporter of the Endowment Fund and invites others to join in our endeavor in securing a viable future for Palau's only institution of higher learning, Palau Community College. To find out how you can help, please contact any of our friendly staff at the PCC Development Office at 488-2471. Call us.

Co-Ed Volleyball and Basketball Registration Deadline Today

Registration deadline for Co-Ed Volleyball and Basketball Tournaments is today, September 05, 2008. All interested PCC students must register their teams before 4:30 p.m. at the Recreation office at the Dormitory area. Tournaments will begin on September 15, 2008. Basketball games will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays,

and Fridays while Volleyball games will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Basketball teams must have at least one female and volleyball teams must have 3 males and 3 females. Cash prizes will also be available for the top three winning teams. For more information, please call the Recreation office at 488-3885.

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So, as I begin a whole new educational journey at some unknown territory, I thank you-faculty, staff, and students of PCC. I thank you for helping to make me the person that I am today. To President Tellei, thank you for all your words of wisdom. To Dean Timarong and the staff of Academic Affairs, thank you for encouraging and supporting me. To Instructors Yuji and Ngirmeriil, thank you for being the greatest instructors, advisors and friends. To Director Vernice Rechebei and the staff of Student Support Services, thank you for advising me and for keeping me sane when all else around me was going crazy. And finally, to the students in the Environmental/Marine Science and STEM programs, study hard and let me know if I can be of any help to you. Once again, thank you and much yorosku from this part of the world.

Shelley Remengesau
Marine Science Student
University of Hawaii-Hilo

Deadline Sept 26, 2008

THE MICRONESIA CHALLENGE

ESSAY AND DRAWING CONTEST

The Essay
Write a 500 word essay on the following topic:
What do you think are the biggest problems facing Palau's environment?

The Drawing
How do you picture the Palau environment in 10 years?
Enter either contest, or both!

Age Categories:
• Under 12
• 13 - 17
• 18 - 24
Please tell us your name, age, phone number, and e-mail.
Winners receive CASH prizes!

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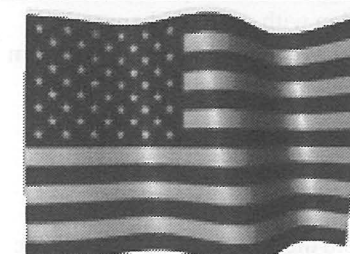
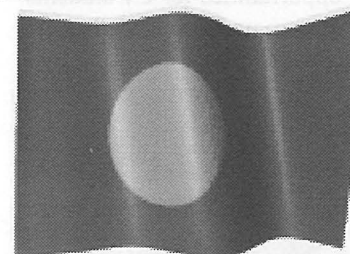
NEWS



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Weekly Newsletter

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*In Remembrance of the 9/11 Tragedy,
PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, on behalf of the Board of Trustees and the entire Palau Community College family of Students, Faculty, Administrators, and Staff Joins the Republic of Palau in Memorializing the 7th Year Anniversary of the September 11 Terror Attacks on the United States of America.*

7th Anniversary of 9/11 Next Week

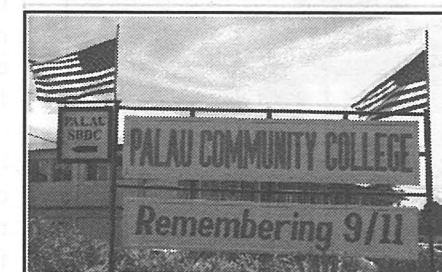
Palau Community College (PCC) will be joining the Republic of Palau in hosting a national memorial service to commemorate the 7th anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy that took the lives of thousands of innocent people in the United States.

PCC and the Palau National Government have been busy preparing for this special service which will be held on the grounds of PCC next week Thursday, September 11, 2008. PCC staff and students as well as government officials and church members are expected to join this memorial service.

The general public is invited to take part in this observance. Everyone is also

encouraged to stop by at the PCC library and view a book published in memory of the lives of the 9/11 victims.

The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. so, bring your family and friends and let us all join in an evening of prayer and remembrance of those who lost their lives, their families, and loved ones.



Fall 2008 Enrollment Exceeds 500

According to the Registrar's office, the number of students attending Palau Community College (PCC) reached 575 for this Fall Semester.

The increasing number of students to the College is a result of a large number of people in Palau and in the Micronesian region who are choosing PCC as their choice of institution for their educational and training needs.

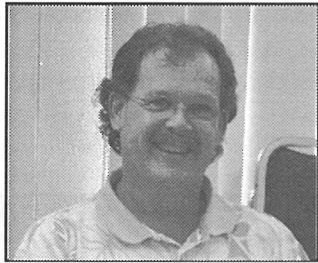
PCC not only offers Associate of Arts (AA) and Associate of Science (AS), but also Associate of Applied Science (AAS) and now Associate of Technical Studies (ATS) degree programs in a comfortable, safe, and friendly environment. More importantly, PCC guarantees the quality education one so deserves and at a very affordable and reasonable price.

The College is also continuously improving and expanding its services. With its PCC-San Diego State University (SDSU) Online Bachelor's and Master's degree programs, PCC has also made it convenient for those in the community to further their education without leaving Palau and all the while maintaining their jobs and contributing to the welfare of the nation.

In addition, PCC's Continuing Education (CE) office offers short-term training courses in various career and technical fields to bring you up to date on the latest trends, whether it be computer training, learning a foreign language, or real estate appraisal training.

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Moser Conducts Training and Site Visit for TRIO Programs

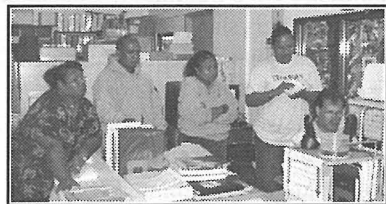


Michael Moser

Michael 'Mike' Moser, Coordinator of Career and Workforce Development at Windward Community College and a trainer of the University of Washington, arrived last weekend to conduct a week-long Annual Performance Report (APR) training workshop to Talent Search (TS), Upward Bound (UB) Classic, Upward Bound Math & Science (UBMS) program staff.

With the new changes to the Annual Performance Report (APR) objectives and requirements, it is important that the three TRIO programs understand and are able to produce data that is needed for the compilation of their APR, which will be submitted in November. The staff underwent two days, Tuesday and Wednesday, of training at the Continuing Education (CE) training room. They learned how to use the updated version of the File Maker Pro- database software to generate information needed for the APR.

According to TS Director Laura Mangham, the training was very important as it provided insight into how to student data and information may be recorded in accordance with the new objectives and requirements. Additionally, Moser was able to update the File Maker Pro, making it efficient for record keeping and reporting. He also helped TS create files to generate and keep accurate data, produce student progress reports, disclose student information,



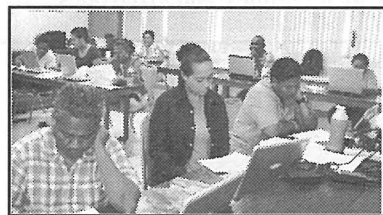
Talent Search Staff with Moser (sitting right) during their training.

and access resources online. He also configured computers, enabling users to access and share files conveniently.

Larry Wakakoro of the UBMS program said that with the APR deadline approaching, the training was very informative and useful as they are now better prepared to incorporate their information with the new changes in objectives and requirements. Aside from the APR and database training, Moser also made recommendations to the TS and UBMS programs in how to prepare for a site visit.

Aside from the APR training, UB Classic Director, Kuye Belelai also asked Moser to conduct an evaluation and site visit for the UB program. All program files including random student files, physical progress files, and other necessary documents were given to Moser to examine and determine whether or not the UB program is abiding with the laws and regulations of the United States Department of Education. A series of staff interviews were also conducted. Belelai added that evaluation and site visits are only conducted when suspicion of unlawful acts arise, however, with the start of their new grant cycle, she requested Moser for a site visit as she wanted to ensure that the UB program is on the right track. Belelai said that copies of Moser's final report will be sent to the President of the College. Moser will conclude training today with database programming for UB Classic.

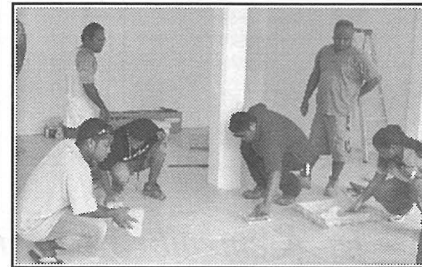
TS, UB Classic, and UBMS extend their appreciation to Moser for his professional training and guidance in making PCC TRIO programs even better service providers to students.



UB Classic and UBMS at CE training room on Wednesday going over the new objectives.

CT Students Out on the Field

Construction Technology (CT) students were out on a field assignment at a new building construction site on campus. Students put into application grouting methods which they learned in the classroom, as they worked on sealing in the tiles of the new building. This is just one of the many field activities that provide opportunities for CT students to apply classroom-learned skills and techniques.



Instructor Lester Rekemesik (standing right) keeps a watchful eye on Construction Technology students as they conclude floor work for a new building on campus.

Appreciation Message from PCC Alumni Attending UH-Hilo

By: Shelley Remengesau, PCC Alumni

Alii and Aloha—

I've walked all corners of Palau Community College (PCC). I know the faculty, staff and students. I know the names of the buildings around campus and the names of the plants, from the tropical almond (*Terminalia catappa*) tree out front to the many species of *Halimeda* that inhabit the intertidal area of Taoch er a Idederach.

I remember I walked around PCC campus with my head held high and with confidence. I was confident in the things I was taught and the services I received. More importantly, I was confident in those around me, the PCC family. I was also walking around full of pride for I knew I was going to be a better individual when all was said and done. After all, I've had the greatest mentors, advisors, instructors, and friends.

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BITS AND PIECES...

THANKS

Big Thanks to Instructor Chilton...

While everyone else was relaxing at home with their families and friends during the long holiday weekend, instructor Tutii "Joe" Chilton volunteered his time and cleaned the comfort rooms at Btaches building. The College thanks Chilton for his absolute dedication and hopes others continue to work harder to make our campus a better, cleaner environment for studying.

VOTE!!

PCC Elections Next Week...

Election for the 2008-2009 Student Trustee, Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC) officers, and class representatives will be held next week Wednesday, September 10, 2008 at PCC Mesekiu Bai starting from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All students are strongly encouraged to come out and exercise their right to vote for those they believe in.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Library Welcomes All Patrons..

The PCC library welcomes all patrons to check-out its collection which includes various magazines, newspapers, fiction and non-fiction books, and helpful reference materials. Friendly library staff are always willing and eager to help you. Stop by and visit. We are open 7 days a week.

Mon.-Fri. 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Sat. 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sun. 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Over 30 Students Attend AHS Orientation

Submitted by: AHS office

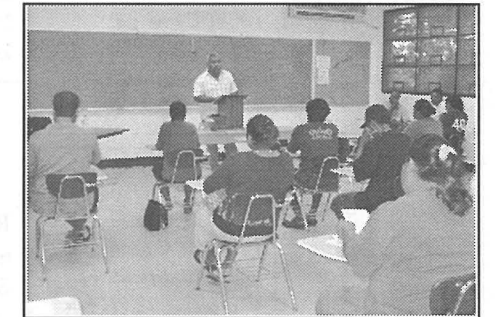
On August 27, 2008, Wednesday evening, the PCC Adult High School (AHS) had their 8th year Student Orientation in at Btaches Building. Over thirty (30) new and continuing students attended the orientation. Students from the Airai State cohort program were also present at the orientation, with their instructor Johnson Joshua. Mary Rengulbai attended the orientation on behalf of Airai State Government.

President of the College Dr. Patrick U. Tellei gave the welcoming remarks and reiterated the importance of the program and its commitment to meeting the educational needs of the students. Tellei said that the program is unique as it has an "open-entry, open-exit" policy which allows the adult students who already have responsibilities at home and work to take courses when convenient, and at their own pace.

After Dr. Tellei gave the opening remarks, Dean of Continuing Education Willy O. Wally emphasized the importance of the program and its positive impact on their lives and their families. Social Science Professor Tutii Joe Chilton who was also invited to the orientation, gave a brief remark, urging students to work hard.

He shared his own struggles in school and his experience in the military. He shared with students that it is important to have a vision, and a goal to work towards. "The best students always knew where they were going. It didn't matter that they had money, or came from the best families or lived in the best places or had the best I.Q. They succeeded because they knew where they were going", he said.

Director of the AHS Program Laura S. Mangham concluded the orientation with the introduction of teachers. Howard Charles, Laura Ierago Miles, Karen Mobel, Masaharu Tmodrang, Fuana Temarsel, Seit Andres, and Dilmai J. Saiske will teach classes this Fall Semester which will begin on September 8, 2008.



President Tellei delivers the opening remarks during the Adult High School (AHS) student orientation last week Wednesday.

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Enrollment by State/Country	
Palau	429
Yap	25
Pohnpei	20
Kosrae	19
Chuuk	25
Marshalls	22
China	1
Japan	1
Saipan	1
New Zealand	1
Philippines	2
Taiwan	2
USA	7

Enrollment by Majors	
AC	6
AG	20
AM	37
BA	13
BU	8
CJ	16
CT	37
ED	29
ENR	2
ES	15
ET	28
GE	40
IT	15
LA	38
LS	6
NU	19
O A	127
SE	18
TH	60
UNC	13
UND	28