

Alumni Notes

Class of 1995 (PCC)

Ghandi Ngirmidol-



1995 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Business Accounting (BA). Ngirmidol who has been with the Ministry of Finance for 11 years is a Senior Accountant and a Grants

Management Officer.

Class of 1994 (PCC)

Noria Manahan-



1994 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Business Accounting (BA). Manahan has worked for 12 years as an Accountant with the Ministry of Finance.

Class of 1980 (MOC)

Ngellomes Remasech-



1980 MOC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in General Office Clerk (GOC). Remasech has been with the Ministry of Finance for 26 years as an Accounting

Technician.

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
Midas Ngiracheluolu Sept. 8
Joshua Ngirngbedangel Sept. 9
Happy Birthday To You!

More PCC and ROP personnel Show Support for Endowment Fund



New instructors Keiden Kintol and Samantha Bells have decided to follow the steps of other faculty members before them and join the PCC Endowment Fund. Like their colleagues, Kintol and Bells will be donating a sum on a bi-weekly basis to the fund. And since PCC is a nonprofit organization, both are entitled to refunds at year's end.

Donating to the PCC Endowment Fund is not exclusive to PCC personnel only. Hundreds of non-PCC

employees both in government and private agencies have been regular donors of the fund for many years. The following non-PCC employees recently enlisted their support to the Endowment Fund: **Balkuu Kumangai of Land & Survey Office; Mitsue Ngirailemesang, Darla Mathew, Pauline Kumangai of the PCAA Head Start Program; and Amania Ngiraikelau of the Ministry of Health.**

PCC welcomes the new Endowment Fund supporters and encourages others to also consider giving to our only college-PCC.

You too can become a supporter. Just contact the PCC Development Office at 488-2471, ext. 253.

Continuing Ed. Training

PCC Continuing Education (CE) program will be conducting a computer training for the staff at the Ministry of Health (MOH). The training will begin on September 26.

Also working in conjunction with the Behavioral Health division of the MOH, the CE program will also be offering the fourth round of the Crisis & Clinical Counseling class. Registration is now open for interested individuals. For information or registration about CE training programs, please contact Taruu Nakamura at 488-6223.

Upward Bound-Math & Science

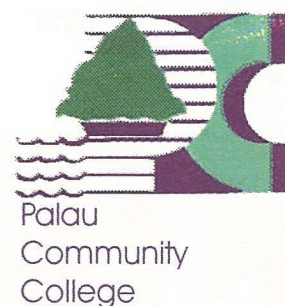
Applications are available at UBMS office or via PCC website: <http://www.palau.edu/ubmath.htm>. UBMS' academic services will begin on September 30, 2006 with a student orientation.

UBMS is a member of the TRIO program funded by a grant from the US Department of Education.

Senator Tmetuchl Donates Winning Catch to PCC



(l-r) Portfolio Yalap of Palau Sports Fishing Association (PFSA), PCC student Fredy Fredrick of Pohnpei state and PCC Board of Trustees member Buk Emil Ramarui are dwarfed by the 248 pounder Blue Marlin which was donated to the college by Senator Mlib Tmetuchl. The marlin won senator Tmetuchl first place in the billfish category during the Palau Sports Fishing Association-sponsored fishing derby held last weekend. PCC which has always been a benefactor of the annual fishing derby, extends its profound appreciation to senator Tmetuchl and PFSA for their most generous donation. The fish will be prepared by the cafeteria for dorm students' meals.



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PCC to Host 5th Anniversary of 9-11 Tragedy

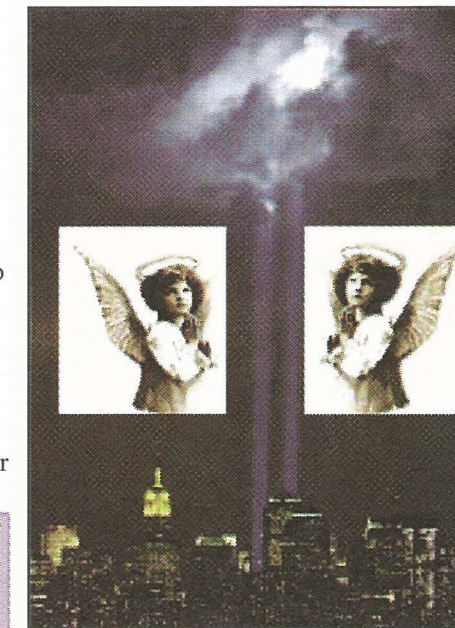
Palau Community College will host a national memorial service on Monday evening, September 11, 2006 on the grounds of the PCC campus. The memorial service will be to remember the victims and their families and to memorialize the 5th year since the ghastly terrorist attacks that befell the United States of America on the ill-fated day of September 11, 2001.

The entire leadership of the Republic of Palau is expected to attend the service,

including church heads and choir members who will share bible scriptures and sing hymns in tribute to the numerous lives, both young and old that were abruptly ended five years ago this Monday. The general public is invited to take part in the observance.

In 2001, two weeks after the attacks, Palau Community College held the first national memorial service to mourn the victims, and again organized the first year anniversary of the catastrophe in 2002.

PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, on behalf of the Board of Trustees and the entire Palau Community College family of Students, Staff, Faculty and Administrators, Join the Republic of Palau in Memorializing the 5th Year Anniversary of the September 11 Terror Attacks on the United States of America.



<www.september11pictures.com>

In New York, the September 11 memorial-Tribute in Light-reminds us to always remember and honor the memories of those who were tragically lost on September 11, 2001.

Palau Association of Libraries to Host PIALA 2006

Palau Association of Libraries is counting down the days to PIALA 2006, the annual conference for the Pacific Islands Association of Libraries and Archives. Librarians from Palau Community College, Palau Supreme Court, Belau National Museum, Ministry of Health, and others are actively involved in the planning and preparations for this exciting event.

PIALA 2006 is an important opportunity for professional development and networking in the Pacific Library community. Librarians will take part in training and updates on many library topics, and have a chance to share information about library projects with other librarians in the region.

This year's event is divided into three parts. There is a Pre-Conference from Monday to Wednesday afternoon, which will feature engaging workshops in Advocacy, Information Literacy, software programs, and other topics. The Conference itself will open on Wednesday evening and close on Friday evening.

During these days, presentations will focus on information sharing, networking, and regional matters. The PIALA annual meeting will also be held during this time. Finally, on Saturday, participants will attend an optional Post-Conference dealing with patron-centered services in libraries.

Currently, Palau Association of Libraries is working on fundraising for the conference. This is an excellent opportunity for members of the business community to help support libraries, literacy, and education. The Fundraising Committee is seeking sponsorship for snacks, supplies, and Opening and Closing ceremony activities. All sponsors receive ample benefits, including advertising and corporate membership in PAL. For more information about PIALA 2006 or to learn about sponsorship options, please contact PAL Treasurer Lori Isao at the Palau Supreme Court Library at 488 4979, or Gretchen Reynolds at Palau Community College Library at 488 3540.

Message from Dean of Students



Dear New Students:

My name is Marensia Edward and I am the Dean of Students. I am excited to have the opportunity to welcome you to the community at Palau Community College on behalf of all Student Services Staff.

College provides you with an opportunity to expand your education and knowledge in the classroom. However, equally important, it gives you the opportunity to expand your experiences out of the classroom as well. Being involved both in and out of the classroom is important at PCC, whether you are a commuter student or a resident student.

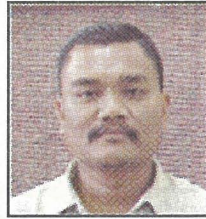
PCC offers variety of activities to get involved in. You may be interested in joining one of our varsity teams (basketball, volleyball and baseball) or joining one of our intramural teams.. Maybe you would like to join one of our clubs and organizations, actively participate in programs/activities sponsored by Student Body Association (SBA), and other volunteer activities on and off campus. Whatever your desire maybe, the staff, faculty, administration, and continuing students are more than willing to encourage and support your passion.

Make your college experience count. I would encourage you to get involved in anything that interests you. Getting involved helps you meet friends, learn new skills, and create memories that will be with you for years to come.

Finally, please schedule a regular visit with your counselor/advisor at the Office of Student Life. They stand ready to assist you in setting realistic goals, developing an action plan, and

Upward Bound Program Produces Alumni Palau Can Use

by: Upward Bound Program



Jay Olegeriil
Vice President, Admin. & Finance



Deikola Olikong,
Director, Student Life



Maurine Alexander
Counselor/Instructor



Deidre Yamanguchi
Upward Bound
Counselor/Advisor



Jovanka Koshiba,
Instructor, English



Samantha Bells
Instructor, Criminal Justice



Keiden Kintol, Instructor
Math & Computer Literacy



Leilanie Rechelluul
CRE Extension Assistant

After more than twenty-three years in existence under Director Kuye Belelai, the Upward Bound program has been proven successful through the educational achievements of its alumni.

This year alone, 100% of its selected high school students graduated from their respective high schools and enrolled in either PCC or some other post-secondary institution outside of Palau. In addition to those Upward Bound participants who graduated are some of the program alumni from four years ago.

A number of them are still in the process of obtaining their baccalaureate degrees while others have completed and are continuing on in pursuit of their master degrees while others have begun their careers working in Palau.

The most distinctive indication of the program's accomplishments is perhaps through those alumni who have returned to back to Palau and are now working at Palau Community College.

sustaining your efforts to achieve your goals. We plan to keep in touch with you through campus newsletter (Mesekiu), e-mails, campus mails at Student Services, phone calls, messages through your instructors, notes through student workers and notices through bulletin boards.



Howard Charles,
Instructor, Music



William H. Moses
Instructor, Criminal Justice

Jay Olegeriil- Vice President, Admin. & Finance
Deikola Olikong- Director, Student Life
Jovanka Koshiba- Instructor, English
Maurine Alexander- Counselor/Instructor
Samantha Bells- Instructor, Criminal Justice
Keiden Kintol- Instructor, Math & Computer Lit.
William Hayes Moses- Instructor, Criminal Justice
Leilanie Rechelluul- CRE Extension Assistant
Howard Charles- Instructor, Music
Deidre Yamanguchi- Upward Bound Counselor/Advisor

But these are mere glimpses of the Upward Bound program's success. The real measure of how successful it has been is the continued existence and the achievements of the rest of the alumni that are too many to mention.

Make commitment now to be actively involved in your learning process! Good luck in the semester and throughout your PCC career. Again, welcome to our PCC family, we are thrilled to have you!

Sincerely,
Marensia Edward
Dean of Students

BITS AND PIECES... Former PR Manager to Fill UN Post



Temmy Temengil

Temmy Temengil, a former Public Relations Manager for Palau Community College has accepted a position to be the Deputy Chief of Mission- Palau Mission to the United Nations.

Temengil who was a PR manager for the college for two years (2004-06) played a key role in showcasing PCC's programs and services to the community, both locally and regionally. During his two year stint as PR Manager, Temengil also served as Special Asst. to PCC Dr. President Patrick U. Tellei during his tenure as Con-Con II member and secretary. Congratulations Temmy!

Thank You for Keeping PCC ADA Compliant



Many thanks to everyone for keeping handicap parking spaces free and available to people with bona fide disabilities. Your full cooperation in this area plays a big role in contributing to the college's ongoing efforts to comply with the American Disabilities Act (ADA). Compliance with such Act is required by the college as we are an accredited institution under the US Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC)- Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).



With the ongoing rolling blackouts, all offices are reminded to turn off COMPUTERS, BATTERIES, and SURGE PROTECTORS to protect against equipment failure from EXTREME POWER SURGE generated when the power comes back on line. Your utmost cooperation in this matter is required. Thank you for your continued care in the use of all scarce college properties.

CRE Staff Back from Fiji Meeting

by: PCC-CRE Program

Dr. Aurora G. Del Rosario, a Researcher at the PCC Research and Development Station in charge of the Tissue Culture Laboratory, has just returned from the Pacific Regional Tissue Culture Meeting held in Suva, Fiji from August 21 – 25, 2006. The Meeting was organized by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community - Regional Germplasm Centre with financial support from the Australian Government (AusAID). The aim of the meeting was to bring together all researchers and scientists working on plant tissue culture in the Pacific Region to share information and experiences and network better in problem solving. This would increase the impact of tissue culture in the region and improve services to growers thereby making a significant contribution to improving national security and income generation.

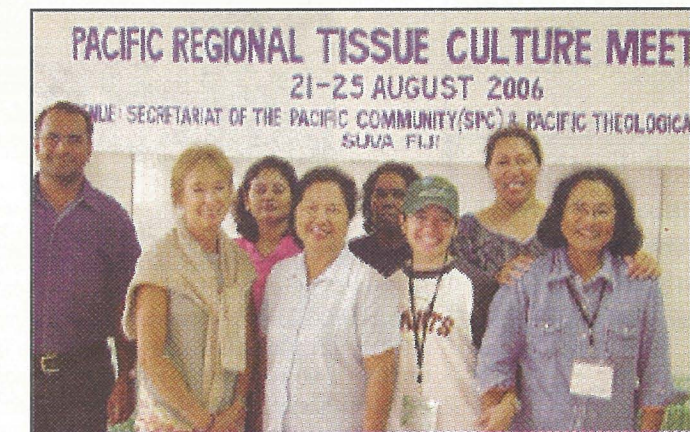
There were twenty two participants working on plant tissue from 13 Pacific Countries and territories including staff of the SPC Land Resources Division and Regional Germplasm Centre. Country reports on current plant tissue culture activities was given by representatives from different countries and the Regional Germplasm Centre. This gave us an insight on the extent of utilization of the technology which is mostly for the in vitro conservation of major crop plants in the Pacific. Among the crops grown in tissue culture were taro, cassava, sweet potato, potato, yam, banana, vanilla, breadfruit, kava, black pepper, ginger, citrus, coffee, passion fruit, coconut, oil palm, calla lilies, anthuriums, and orchids.

The meeting was a very good forum to enable plant tissue culture researchers to share their experiences, problems and solutions encountered in their work. There were also practical sessions on virus indexing, cryopreservation of taro, microform formation in taro and somatic embryogenesis of taro, as well as tissue culture of breadfruit, kava, and black pepper conducted at the Regional Germplasm Centre.

An e-mail group called the Pacific Tissue Culture Network was formed to ensure a flow of relevant information to all network members and a forum for efficient and effective problem solving. A register of tissue culture experts in the Pacific Region was also established to provide technical support for research and a regional resource for capacity building.

The meeting agreed that there was an urgent need to raise awareness as to the contribution tissue culture has made, and can bring to agricultural development. Raising this awareness amongst all stakeholders (from farmers to policy makers) would also work to strengthen the gene bank to farmer linkage, as the benefits gained by farmers with access to "clean" planting materials (traditional varieties) and improved varieties would be more apparent.

The network considered how tissue culture can contribute to trade and income generation, and to this end develop and implement commercialization strategies.



Dr. Aurora Del Rosario (front-center) with other participants to the Pacific Regional Tissue Culture Meeting that was held in Suva, Fiji last month. Dr. Del Rosario is a senior researcher with the college's Research and Development station in charge of research on tissue culture.