

## Alumni Notes

### Class of 2000 (PCC)



**Edson Chiokai** - 2000 PCC graduate with a CA in Criminal Justice. He is currently working in the Ministry of Finance as an Officer for the Division of Customs.

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**Scott Chiokai** - 2000 PCC graduate with a CA in Criminal Justice. He is currently working in the Ministry of Justice as a Police Officer for the Bureau of Public Safety.

Great Job, you make us proud!

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*.



## Celebrating Birthdays

Wilma Sukrad	September 13
Howard Charles	September 15
Sidney Kemper	September 15
Dr. Gregory Dever	September 16
Wilma Tmecherur	September 16

**Happy Birthday To You!!!**



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### VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

**Position:** (1) Counselor

**Salary** : \$12,653.00 to \$19,479.00 per annum  
(Depending on qualifications)

#### Examples of Duties

Under the supervision of Director of Student Life, a Specific duties will include, but not limited to: new student orientation, assist in program planning and evaluation, conduct student needs assessment, identify, train and develop individual education plans for each participant; provide participants with information on educational opportunities, guidance, counseling services, academic advisement, assist students who are seeking to continue their education at a four year institution.

#### Minimum Qualification Requirements

- At least a Master's Degree or Bachelor's Degree in Guidance and Counseling, Education or related field preferred; excellent written and oral communication skills, experience with disadvantaged students in promoting educational opportunities.
- At least two years experience in vocational guidance and employment counseling, trade or occupational experience.
- Experience in working in cross-cultural situations is highly desirable.

#### General Information

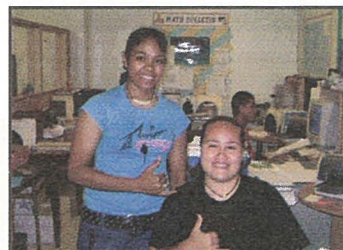
Application forms can be obtained from Human Resources Division at the above address or at our website: [www.palau.edu](http://www.palau.edu). Send completed application with transcripts, resume, and verification of previous employment(s), if any, to same address. For further information, call the number above or come in and see us.

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## Images around PCC Campus:



Students looking cool inside the PCC dining room!



Hanging loose at school!



PCC students voting for their officers!



PCC students relaxing after their lunch break!



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## PCC Holds Elections for Student Trustee and SBA Officers

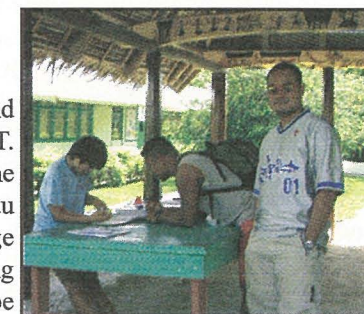


PCC students taking time to vote for their candidates.

Yesterday, PCC held its student elections for Student Trustee, officers of the Student Body Association (SBA) and officers for the Palau Student Organization (PSO). This is an exciting time as droves of PCC students took time out of their busy schedule to vote for their favorite candidates. The election of student representatives introduces students to the democratic process while encouraging them to make a difference in their community through the power of their votes. The election for student officers was held at the Mesekiu Bai from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. The election process was coordinated by the PCC Student Life Office. This year's candidates are Shane M. Salvador and Thomas O. Marcello for Student Trustee. For SBA President, we have only one candidate, Travis August and only one candidate for the SBA Vice President:

Kazue Sugiyama. Vying for the office of SBA Secretary we have Heston A. Kebou and Ngeaol J.

Kelmal. Candidates for office of SBA Treasurer are: Terra Temong and Shelley Remengesau. For Freshmen Representative we have Tammie K. Sokau and Beverly M. Subris. The Sophomore Representative candidates are Anisa Hanser and Chandis T. Cooper. PSO President has only one candidate: McNale Yuri. For the PSO Vice President's office, the two candidates are Spencer Rufino, and Meluat Meluat. PSO Secretary candidates are Tammie Sokau and Ayla Ubedei and for the PSO Treasurer we have Paloma Swei and Josh Ngraswei. The College would like to wish these candidates the best of luck on their election and looks forward to working closely with them to making PCC an even better place to learn. Final results for election will be announced in next week's issue of the Mesekiu News, so be sure to check it out!



PCC students registering to vote.

## PCC's CRE Division Holds Community Outreach Program



Thomas Taro, PCC-CRE VP poses with Governor Skebond, members of Ngaremlengui State Legislature and members of the community.

PCC's Cooperative Research and Extension (CRE) department held a Research Outreach Program at Ngaremlengui State this past August 31, 2005. The program was held at the Ngaremlengui State Old Age Center. The program was opened with welcoming remarks from Governor John Skebond followed by several presentations conducted by PCC-CRE staff. The presentations were on Agriculture, Crop Protection, Aquaculture, Family and Consumer Education, Personal Sewing, Environmental Education and Water Quality, and Clinic on Agricultural Technology and Needs Assessment. Closing remarks were given by Thomas Taro CRE Vice President. The Cooperative Research and Extension (CRE) Department is one of the three departments at Palau Community College. The department focuses on research and extension programs that brings research-based information and technology directly to the people of Palau. The divisions at the CRE department are Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Education, and Family and Consumer Education. There are several important

agricultural issues facing Palau that CRE addresses with research and demonstration projects at the Research and Development Station in Ngaremlengui State. The mission of Cooperative Research and Extension of the Palau Community College is to collaborate with partners and clients to generate, develop and disseminate practical, relevant and sustainable technologies and knowledge in agriculture, environment, food and human sciences to benefit the people of Palau. For further information please contact the Cooperative Research and Extension Department at (680) 488-2746.

## PCC Student is First Palauan to Enter Japanese Language Program

(Reprinted from a Press Release from the Embassy of Japan)



(l-r) PCC Instructor Junko Kobayashi, PCC student Zillah Mereb and Special Assistant Mita Takeshi of the Japan Embassy pose for a picture.

The Japanese Embassy of Japan is pleased to announce the acceptance of Ms. Zillah Riuch Mereb, a second year student at the Palau Community College, to attend the Japanese Language Program, Overseas Student (Outstanding Students) 2005. This is the first time that Palau qualifies for such a program due to the increase in the number of students studying the Japanese language in the schools of Palau. Furthermore, there are 78 participants from around the world including one (1) participant from each of the following Pacific Island nations: Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Marshall Islands, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Tonga, and Vanuatu.

The program is made available through the Japan Foundation, a non-profit government organization created to facilitate and promote the study of the Japanese culture, language and history around the world. The purpose of the program is to sponsor the opportunity to students of the Japanese language of universities, colleges and other educational institutions around the world to visit Japan to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the Japanese Language, society and culture. The length of the program is fifteen (15) days from September 7 to September 21, 2005. All expenses regarding the training including airfare, accommodations in Japan, transportation in Japan and basic incidentals will be provided by the Japan Foundation.

In line with the aim of the Japan Foundation, the program will consist of lectures on Japanese language, social and cultural aspects of Japan; experience of Japanese culture; visit to cultural, industrial facilities, and historical sites; and home stay. Zillah will indeed have a deeper understanding of the Japanese language, culture and history after returning home.

## Upward Bound Math and Science Looking for New Recruits

The PCC Upward Bound Math and Science (UBMS) Program is conducting its recruitment drive for the Fall 2005 semester. UBMS has just recently concluded recruitment visits to all high schools in Koror as well as the Palau Mission Academy in Airai, the Belau Modekngai School in Ibobang and Bethania High School in Ngaraard.

The program is geared for selected college bound high school students (9th to 12th grades) to help strengthen their math and science skills. The program goal is to help the participants recognize and develop their potential to excel in Math & Science and encourage them to pursue post-secondary degrees in the fields of math and science.

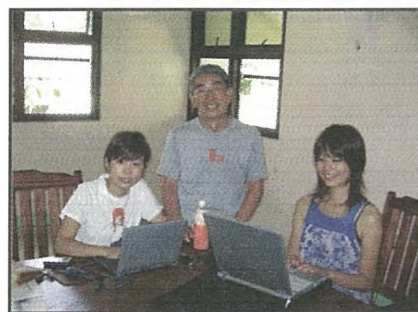
The UBMS program serves 50 high school students each year from all the six high schools in Palau. Eligible program participants must have completed the 8th grade and, once entered into the program, will be served until their graduation. UBMS is still recruiting so those interested are encouraged to apply. The deadline to apply for entrance to the program is September 16, 2005. For more information please contact the friendly UBMS staff at 488-3965.

## UBMS Thanks Ms. Marilyn Whipps



The Upward Bound Math and Science Center would like to extend its special thanks to Mrs. Marilyn Whipps (Surangel and Sons) for donating 29 Spanish/English Dictionaries. These dictionaries will be used in Conversational Spanish Classes offered during its Summer Programs.

## PCC Bids a Warm Farewell to APU Professor and Students



Professor Hatada (center) poses with his students at the PCC dormitory.

Dr. Nobuyuki Hatada, a tourism & hospitality professor at Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU) in Japan returned to PCC last month with tourism students to conduct field research on sustainable tourism for a class project. The professor and his students were here for two weeks visiting with some local businesses as well as government agencies to conduct interviews for their research work. They have also met with PCC tourism instructor Vicki Maui and attended selected tourism & hospitality classes.

This is the fourth group of scholars from Ritsumeikan-APU to come to Palau to conduct studies in Sustainable Tourism since Palau Community College signed a memorandum of agreement with the Japanese university in the Fall of 2001. The agreement promotes, among other things, the exchange of faculty and students between the two institutions, such as the current visit by professor Hatada and his students. Professor Hatada and his students stayed on campus at the PCC dormitories. PCC bids farewell to Professor Hatada and his APU students from Japan and we look forward to strengthening our already warm relationship which PCC shares with the Asia Pacific University.

## BITS AND PIECES...

### ETS EAGER TO SERVE YOU.....

It is a new school year for all Palau elementary and high schools, and the PCC Educational Talent Search (ETS) program is ready and eager to recruit and serve Palau's students. ETS staff will begin a recruitment drive for elementary schools throughout Palau. We are excited that more and more schools located in Babeldaob are also interested in joining the program. As such, arrangements have been made to meet the needs of those students in these schools.

Some of the many programs and services provided by ETS include but are not limited to the following: Tutoring, Mentoring, Workshops for both students and parents, Educational and Cultural Field Trips, etc. To obtain more information, please contact Veronica Kloulechad, Angelio Anthonio, or Jolene Joseph at (680) 488-2470/2471/3926.

### PCC Students Wanted for Intramural Sports.....

There will be intramural co-ed volleyball and basketball tournament is scheduled to begin on September 14, 2005. Any interested student may register his/her team. Deadline to register your team is September 9, 2005. Cash prizes will be provided to the top three winning teams for each tournament.

### PCC Expresses Sympathy

*The College mourns the loss of Reverend Apollinaris Thall, S. J. (Society of Jesus) Episcopal Vicar for Yap State of the Federated States of Micronesia and Sister Hildegard Thien, Founder of Bethania High School (1955). Our prayers and warm wishes are with their family, friends and community in their time of bereavement.*

## Study Tips to Help You Make the Grade

The following exam study tips help students make the most of their opportunity to earn the desired grades. These tips may make the difference between a good and a bad grade. Note the following tips, heed them and remember them when you take your exams:

- 1. Be Prepared**  
The most important factor in exam success is preparation. No matter how many helpful hints you employ, nothing works as well as making sure you've studied enough.
- 2. Do Your Homework**  
Often an exam question will parallel a homework assignment. Doing your homework regularly will give you practice where you need it.
- 3. Review Regularly**  
If you spend a few minutes each week reviewing your notes, your final studying will be a review, not an attempt to learn the entire term's work.
- 4. Study Your Weakest Subjects First**  
Why? You'll be fresher and therefore better able to deal with difficult areas, and you'll have more time to deal with any problems that arise.
- 5. Ask for Help**  
If you're having trouble with a particular subject, do not be afraid to ask for help. Your teacher and fellow students will be glad to give you a hand.
- 6. Understand vs. Memorize**  
You may pass your exams if you memorize the material, but you'll improve your grade considerably if you understand what it is you're memorizing. You'll also find the material easier to remember.
- 7. Look at Old Exams**  
They can be useful study tools, as long as you don't limit your studying to them.
- 8. Eat Well and Get A Good Night's Sleep**  
Take care of yourself during exam week - you're going through a lot of stress. Make sure you hold up well.

## Check Out The Library, Your Best Study Tool!

The PCC Library provides information, resources and services necessary to support academic programs and research for faculty, students, staff and the college administration. The library serves as a community resource, open to everyone in Palau. With this in mind, the library staff make every effort to meet our patrons' needs in regard to their research or reading enjoyment.

Some of the available services are:

- Self-service Xerox machine
- Online catalog
- Technology center for research
- Email computers for PCC students

Patrons are encouraged to use the online catalog to search for their materials. Not all materials are available online, other very useful materials are only available in our vertical files or you may find them in the back issues of our local newspapers. Plan to spend some time in the library, and ask assistance from the library staff in doing your paper. You will be surprised to find that there may be more materials and information available, and the staff are friendly and willing to help you.