

## Alumni Notes

### Class of 2001 (PCC)



**Chester Piyerigyal** - 2001 & 2003 PCC graduate with a BA in Agriculture and Criminal Justice. He is currently working as a Landscaper for the Palau Pacific Resort.

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**Benjamin Piyelmai** - 2001 & 2003 PCC graduate with a BA in Small Engine and Business Administration. He is currently working as a Cost Accountant for the Palau Pacific Resort.

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

Becheseldil Nakamura September 19  
Rogelio Vergara September 20  
**Happy Birthday To You!!!**

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## Endowment Contributors Club: PCC Librarian Is Newest Member of the Club!



Gretchen Reynolds

The PCC Endowment Contributors Club continues to grow as we welcome one (1) new member. This week, we welcome our very own **Gretchen Reynolds**, PCC Librarian, as our newest member. Thank you for joining your other colleagues in supporting our college's endowment fund drive.

Thank you all for showcasing your commitment to the continued existence of Palau's only institution of higher learning. Together, let us ensure that future generations have the same opportunity and access to higher learning as presently provided by our college, Palau Community College!

As always, PCC is most grateful for the tremendous support it has received and continue to receive for its Endowment Contributors' Club and profoundly thanks all supporters. Add your face to the many that have joined the Endowment Contributors' Club by contacting Hulda Lukas, Dilubch Samil or Temmy Temengil at PCC-telephone number 488-2471 ext 253.

## Vacancy Announcement

**Position:** Academic & Information Systems Coordinator  
(Depending on qualifications)

**Salary:** \$20,000.00 to \$22,500.00 per annum  
(federally funded program)

### Examples of Duties:

- Incumbent is responsible for academic and computer instructional services coordination.
- Monitor student's progress, teach computer classes, plan and coordinate extracurricular activities for the project.
- Develop and maintain project database system, install, upgrade, diagnose, and maintain a variety of computer software and hardware.
- Configure various computers according to TRIO's standard.
- Evaluate system capacity, determine feasibility of expanding, enhancing system and recommend improvements to the system.
- Provide assistance to system users to ensure the system can meet objectives, standards and program specifications.

### Minimum Qualification Requirements

- Applicant for the position must have a bachelor's degree in computer science or related fields
- 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 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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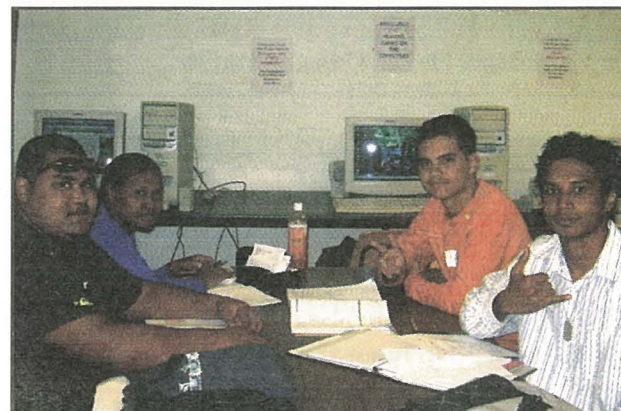


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## PCC Congratulates New Student Trustee, SBA Members, and State Leaders



Shane Salvador Student Trustee Elect in orange poses (second to the right) with fellow PCC students at the Project Beacon Skill Center. Mr. Salvador is also a student peer tutor for Project Beacon.

Congratulations to the following winners of the Student Trustee, Student Body Association and Palau Student Organization general election held at the Mesekiu Bai on September 8, 2005. For the Student Trustee, we have Shane Salvador who garnered 152 votes against Thomas O. Marcello with 32 votes. The President of the Student Body Association is Travis August who ran unopposed and received a total of 156 votes. For the SBA Vice President we have Kazue Sugiyama, who also ran unopposed with a total of 149 votes. For the SBA Secretary, we have Ngeaol J. Kelmal with 99 votes followed by Heston "Aluka" Kebou with 72 votes. The SBA Treasurer is Shelly Remengesau who won with an astounding 121 votes against Terra Temong with 59 votes. For Freshmen Representatives we have Tammie K. Sokau and Beverly M. Subris with 99 and 92 votes respectively and who both ran unopposed. For Sophomore Representatives, both of whom ran unopposed we have Anisa Hanser with 11 votes and Chandis Cooper with 4 votes. For the Palau Student Organization (PSO), the President is McNale M. Yuri who ran unopposed and received a total of 89 votes. The PSO Vice President is Spencer Rufino who won with 74 votes and was closely followed by Meluat Meluat with 61 votes. For the PSO Treasurer, we have Tammie K. Sokau, who had 88 votes and was followed by Ayla M. Ubedei with 52 votes. For PSO Secretary, we have Paloma Swei with 81 votes and coming in second was Josh Ngiraswei with 56 votes. Representing our neighbors in Micronesia we have Julita L. Kobeney, the Republic of the Marshall Islands State Leader, Mark J. Tolenoa, Kosrae State Leader, Nixon Helgenberger, Pohnpei State Leader, Victor Yatilman, Chuuk State Leader and Mendilla F. Haron, Yap State Leader. The results are unofficial and the candidates will be officially inducted in a formal swearing-in ceremony on Tuesday, September 20, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. at the Mesekiu Bai. This special event will be attended by the PCC Board of Trustees and PCC President, Dr. Patrick U. Tellei. Everyone is encouraged to attend. The College expresses its congratulations to everyone and wishes a very happy and productive year to all the Class Officers.

## PCC's CE Office Holds Orientation for Masters Degree Program



This past week, PCC conducted an orientation for individuals interested in acquiring their Masters Degree in Educational Leadership from San Diego State University through PCC. During orientation, participants were welcomed by PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, who also encouraged them to participate in this wonderful learning experience that will help them gain new skills and valuable experience that will enable them to adapt to the ever changing job market and improve their career opportunities. The Masters of Arts in Education with a concentration in Educational Leadership is offered in collaboration with the Center for Pacific Studies at Interwork Institute/SDSU, the Department of Administration, Rehabilitation, and Postsecondary Education within the College of Education at SDSU and Palau Community College. This course is designed for Education and Human Services Professionals desiring to earn a graduate degree focusing on leadership and administration. These programs are specifically designed and delivered to accommodate the working adult. All instruction is delivered on-island or through distance learning. Interested individuals are encouraged to apply. Applications are available at the PCC Continuing Education Office. For more information please call, Taruu Nakamura or Sharon Elbelau at 488-6223, or 488-2471, ext. 238.

## PCC Security Staff to Graduate from 14<sup>th</sup> Police Academy



Midas Ngiracheluolu, PCC Security Service Officer and President, 14<sup>th</sup> Police Academy of the Republic of Palau.

Midas Ngiracheluolu, a Security Service Officer for Palau Community College was selected by his fellow cadets as the President of the 14<sup>th</sup> Police Academy of the Republic of Palau. This prestigious title was bestowed upon him for his tireless dedication, hard-work and solid leadership. Despite being one of the oldest cadets in the academy, Midas's dedication to a healthy lifestyle and his daily exercise program enabled him to easily keep pace with many of his younger comrades in the academy. Midas is a positive example to us all here at the College and we are all proud of him for his accomplishments. Midas graduated with his fellow cadets from the 14<sup>th</sup> Police Academy in a formal ceremony held at the PCC Cafeteria today. Midas Ngiracheluolu said, "As President of the 14<sup>th</sup> Police Academy I would like to thank PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, PCC Vice President, Jay Olegeriil, and fellow PCC staff for providing us with donations, equipment and supplies for our activities as well as space for our fundraising booth during the Seventh South Pacific Mini Games. We could not have had such a successful academy without your generous and kind support. I would like to express a special thank you to Ismael Anastacio for his assistance during our special functions and events. Thank you to you all!" The College commends Midas for taking on the additional challenge and for seizing the opportunity to enhance his knowledge and skills.

## PCC Welcomes New Staff Member



Mary Arius is PCC's New Library Aide.

PCC would like to welcome PCC's newest family member, Ms. Mary Arius. She is the new Library Aide to the PCC Library. She is a graduate from Palau High School who previously attended PCC prior to her employment here at the College. Mary said she wanted to apply to the position of Library Aide because she loves books and finds working in the library to be a very interesting and a fulfilling career. She previously worked at the Palau

Public Library during her years as a student at PHS. Asked about how she likes the job so far Mary said, "My coworkers are real nice and helpful and I am really learning a lot of new things from them." Mary's hobbies are listening to music, reading books and hanging out with friends. PCC welcomes Mary to the family and wishes her much success and a warm future here at the College!

## ETS Conducts Recruitment Drive

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.

## Vacancies Abound at PCC-Upward Bound

The Palau Community College Upward Bound Program announces the following job opportunities:

- **English Instructor/Tutors (Part-time Positions).**
- **Two (2) Math Instructor/Tutors (Part-time Positions).**
- **Science Instructor/Tutors (Part-time Positions).**
- **Japanese Tutors (Part-time Positions).**

\$150.00 Biweekly [Duties include providing tutoring in the subject areas to UB students, monitoring the success of participants, maintaining records of tutorial sessions and performing other related assigned duties.

Application forms for the above job opportunities can be obtained from the Palau Community College Human Resources Division (HRD) or Upward Bound Office. Submit completed application with academic transcripts, resume, and verification of previous employment(s), if any, to: **Palau Community College - UPWARD BOUND PROGRAM - Post Office Box 857 - Koror, Palau 96940.**

PCC is an Equal Opportunity Action Employer.

## Deadline for Mesekiu's News Articles

Articles for Mesekiu's News are due on Wednesdays every week. Please submit your articles to any Development Office staff before 3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. You can also send your articles through our PCC network to Temmy's shared document or e-mail them to temmyt@palau.edu. Thank you for helping us put together our newsletter every week.

## BITS AND PIECES...

### PCC's CE Office Offering Free Mandarin Class....

The Continuing Education Office will be offering FREE classes on BASIC MANDARIN CONVERSATION for those who want to learn basic Mandarin. If you wish to take advantage of these FREE classes, please call Taruu or Sharon at the CE Office at 488-6223, or 488-2471 ext.237/238 for more information.

### Intramural Sports Tournaments to Begin.....

The intramural co-ed volleyball and basketball tournament is scheduled to begin on September 21, 2005. Be sure to go out and check out your favorite team and cheer them on to victory. Cash prizes will be provided to the first three winning teams for each tournament.

### PCC's CE Office Has the Program for You....

The following PCC Continuing Education classes are open for registration. Minimum number of participants required for each class to begin is ten.

- Basic Clerical Skills
- Basic Palauan Conversation
- Business Math
- Computer Training

For more information or to register for the above classes or other classes of interest, please call Taruu Nakamura or Sharon Elbelau at 488-2470/1 or 488-6223.

### Boat Racers Wanted....

The Palau Boat Racing Association is now accepting interested contestants for the most anticipated boat race in connection with the 11th Independence Day celebration at the Japan-Palau Friendship Bridge.

There will be 13 categories to be contested namely (1) 0-35hp, (2) 36-59hp, (3) 60-70hp, (4) 71-85hp, (5) 86-115hp, (6) 116-140hp V4 & V6, (7) 141-175hp, (8) 200hp, (9) 225hp, (10) TWIN 200hp & up, (11) open-single engine, 135HP to 200HP, (12) Open and (13) tunnel boats. Registration is at the Shell office in Malakal until the competition day at the bridge. The fee is \$50 for categories 1 to 5 and \$100 for 6 to 13. For more details call Arlene at 488-6464/6565. All participants must sign a waiver.

## Study Tips to Help You Make the Grade!

(Study Tips are taken from: <http://www.mangrum-strichart.com>)

### Taking Notes in Class

In classes, your teachers will talk about topics that you are studying. The information they provide will be important for you to know when you take tests. You must be able to take good written notes from what your teachers say. Taking good notes is a three-stage process in which there are certain things you should do **before** class, **during** class, and **after** class. Here are the three stages of note-taking and what you should do during each stage.

#### 1. Get Ready to Take Notes (Before Class)

Review your notes from the previous class session before you come to class. This will help you remember what was covered and get you ready to understand new information your teacher provides. Complete all assigned readings before you come to class. Your teacher will expect that you have done this and will use and build upon this information. Bring all note-taking materials with you to class. Have several pens and pencils as well as your notebook.

#### 2. Take Notes (During Class)

Keep your attention focused on what your teacher is saying. Listen for "signal statements" that tell you that what your teacher is about to say is important to write in your notes. Examples of signal statements are "The most important point..." and "Remember that..." Be sure to include in your notes information that your teacher repeats or writes on the chalkboard. Write quickly so that you can include all the important information in your notes. Do this by writing abbreviated words such as med for medicine, using symbols such as % for percent, and writing short sentences.

Place a ? next to information you write in your notes, but about whose meaning you are not sure.

#### 3. Rewrite Your Notes (After Class)

Rewrite your notes to make them more complete by changing abbreviated words into whole words, symbols into words, and shortened sentences into longer sentences. Make your notes more accurate by answering any questions you had when writing your notes in class. Use your **textbook** and **reference sources** to obtain the information you need to answer your questions. If necessary, ask your teacher or other students for help. Check with other students to be sure you did not leave out important information. Having good class notes will help you to be better prepared for tests.

## Looking for Mr. and Ms. Independence Day!

Do you got the look? Do you want to be crowned as Palau's Mr. or Ms. Independence Day? Well, if you got the looks, the 11<sup>th</sup> Independence Celebration Committee is looking for you. In commemoration of the Republic of Palau's 11<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary, the Committee will be holding its second Mr. and Ms. Independence Day Pageant and Fashion Show. If you are interested here are the following criteria:

1. A candidate for the Miss and Mister Independence Day Celebration must be a citizen of the Republic of Palau.
2. A candidate shall have attained the age of 18 but shall not exceed the age of 31.
3. A candidate must be free of any use of illegal substances or drugs
4. A candidate must be a high school student, high school graduate, possess a GED, college student or college graduate.
5. A candidate must not have any tattoos that are openly visible.
6. A candidate must be a person of good moral quality.
7. A candidate must be single and never have been married.
8. A candidate must not have a history of ever being pregnant.

Deadline for Registration: Sept. 21, 2005. For registration and inquiries, please contact: Jennifer Olegeriil-Lakobong at 488-2423/5407 or Mycelynn Edeyaach at 488-2332/3064 or Eloisa Senior at 4882701. Admission is FREE!