

## Alumni Notes

### Class of 1985 (MOC)

*Margie (Bechab) Carlton*



Earned her Certificate of Achievement (CA) in General Office Clerk. She worked at the PCC bookstore and Upward Bound. Then she left to the United States, and upon her return in 1993 worked for Labor until 1996. She then moved to FIB where she has been working for the past 15 years. She is also a legislator at Ngijwal State.

Message: *Stay in school & study hard.*

### Class of 2008

*Yoshi A. Okabe*



Earned his Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Electrical Technology. He is working at PCC as an electrician in the Maintenance Department.

### Class of 2009

*John Stills*



Earned his Associate of Science (AS) degree in Environmental Science. He began working at PRR and WCTC until 2010 when he got a position at Social Security as an Employer Service Clerk. He is currently working at the SS Office as the HCF Billing Clerk. Message: *Stay*

*in school.*

**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*.

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### Celebrating Birthdays

Rogelio Vergara	Sept 20
Hedrick Kual	Sept 23
Tutii Chilton	Sept 30
Annalisa Ngiraklel	Oct 01
Jade Kloulchad	Oct 02

Happy Birthday To You!

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were able to come home. He paid tribute to the United States of America for their protection. Honorable Richard McCrensky, US Charge d'affaires expressed that people around the world were affected by this event, and have been touched as they gravely remember the events of 9-11. He read a message by President Obama on the

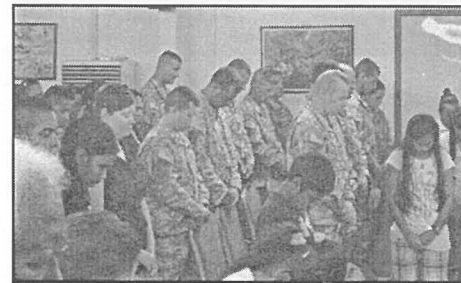
meaning of the 10th anniversary of 9-11. All three speakers made references and paid tribute to the fallen Palauan soldiers who paid the ultimate price for our freedom with their lives. In no specific order, they are JC Meluat, Sonny Moses, Meresebang Ngiraked, Jasper Obakirairuur, and Filton Ueki.



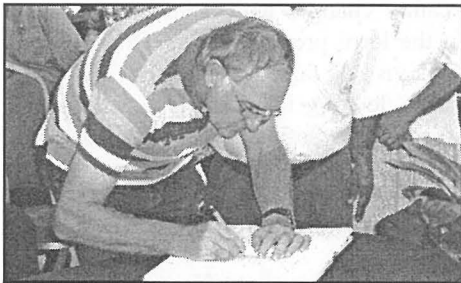
PCC Music Club members performing a very moving rendition of "Look for Me" that brought many to tears.



Koror Evangelical Church Choir.



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Visitor signing the guest book.



Onlookers waiting to sign the guest book.

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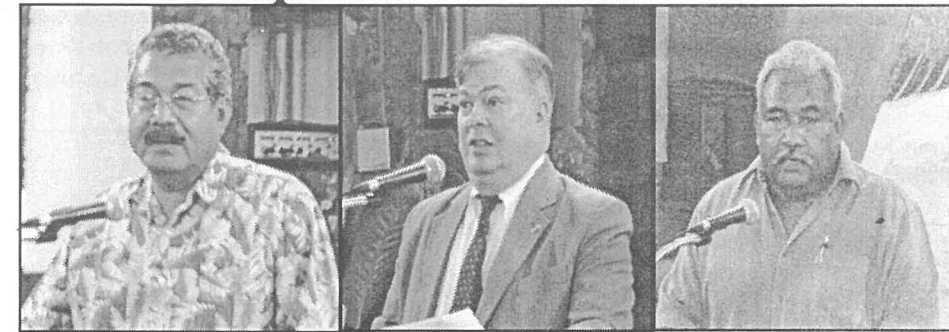


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Weekly Newsletter

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## Remembering 9-11: From Ashes to Hopes to Freedom



His Excellency President Johnson Toribiong, US Charge d'Affaires Richard McCrensky and PCC President, Dr. Patrick Tellei.

On September 12, 2011, PCC held the 10th year commemoration of the 9-11 event to remember those who were lost on that day. Dr. Tellei gave the welcoming remarks. In his remarks, he spoke of the first 9-11 ceremony and how holding the ceremony each year helps us remember events, people and why people are important, and why they matter in our lives. We need to begin the

process of forgiveness of those who we begin to hate because of ethnic origin or spiritual beliefs. His Excellency Johnson Toribiong, ROP Presidents spoke of being thankful that we live in peace and enjoy our freedom, free from disasters and terrorism. Even though Palauans were in New York on 09-11-01, no one was hurt and they

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## AHS Receives Grant from UNESCO

Contributed by Laura Mangham

The Palau Community College Adult High School is a grateful recipient of UNESCO's Participation Programme for 2010-2011's financial assistance for its Biology course's Portable Laboratory. The \$23,000.00 financial assistance will provide the students of the PCC Adult High School the much needed lab equipment such as microscopes and other equipment and materials for their biology course training. The lab will prepare them for post-secondary programs requiring a strong science background such as Nursing, Marine or Environmental Science program. The funding also provides

for publication of resources for the Biology course and for meetings and field trips re-

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Dr. Visasio Pongi, Director of UNESCO Office for the Pacific State & Interim Secretariat for the 18th Consultation of the Pacific Heads of Education Systems (PHES) and Dr. Patrick Tellei.

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## Financial Aid Awards Students

The Financial Aid Orientation 2 sessions that began on August 26, 2011 were concluded on September 06, 2011. According to Financial Aid Counselor Silil, there were 704 students eligible to receive financial aid. Total number of students in Palau is 693 while 11 are cohort students in Yap. In order for students to receive their award letters, they were mandated to attend the orientation. Those who attended the orientation were 515 while 178 students were not able to attend the scheduled session. Office of Admissions & Financial Aid encourages students who missed their orientation session to check their mailboxes for the bulletins and financial aid handbook, and to review both before coming in to see the Financial Aid Counselor. Students who missed Orientation 2 need to complete an Orientation 2 quiz, sign an SAP agreement and then receive their award letters.

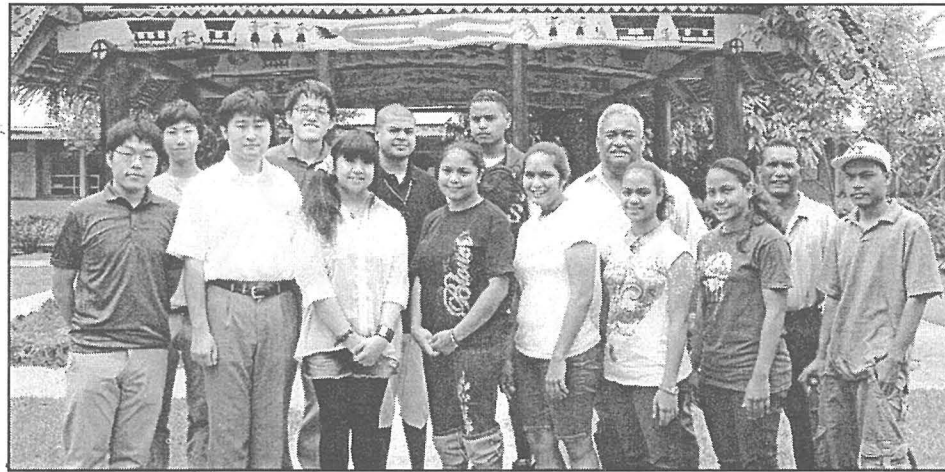
## ASPCC Elections

Remember to cast your vote for Student Trustee, President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Freshmen and Sophomore Representatives and Senators.

**VOTE on Wednesday,  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2011  
Mesekiu Courtyard.**

# Waseda University Students Visit PCC

Contributed by Sherman Daniel



Dr. Tellei and Dean Daniel (backrow - right) with members of Waseda University and ASPCC leaders.

On Friday, September 09, 2011, five students from Waseda University visited Palau Community College. This is part of an ongoing friendship between Japan and Palau students through the organization of Japan University Students Council (UNISC). During their campus visit, they were welcomed by President Tellei. They also had the opportunity for an exchange meeting and luncheon with the ASPCC officers. A short tour of the campus with the ASPCC officers ensued after the lunch meeting.

Last year in November 2010, Waseda University student Kazuki Kawa visited PCC and invited PCC students Jewish Omtab Ngirakelau and Leilani Etpison to visit Japan in February of this year. During their meeting, the Japanese students again, extended another invitation for two PCC students to visit Japan in March of 2012. PCC is thankful for this extended friendship and is looking forward to continue this relationship and exchange program with Waseda University.

## PCC Accreditation Updates

Contributed by ALO Deikola Olikong

President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei appointed members of Recommendations 1 – 4 Subcommittees on September 12, 2011. Members of the four Recommendations Subcommittees will be working along side with chairs and co-chairs in the writing of the College's 2012 Follow Up Report which is due to the Accrediting Commission for Community & Junior Colleges (ACCJC) in March 2012. Chairs and co-chairs of Recommendations 1 – 4 will be calling their first meeting before Friday, September 23, 2011. Members are required to attend meetings called by Recommendation Subcommittee's chair and co-chairs. The following list are members as appointed: **Recommendation I: Improving Institutional Effectiveness - Chair: Tchuzie Tadao, Co-Chair: Kuye Belelai.** Members: ASPCC President Fenny Seklii, Alvina Marcil, Ligaya Sara, Jessica Brooks, Debra Ngiraingas, Ezra Takeo, Geraldine

Rengiil, Leilani Recheluul, Losii Olkeriil, Fredrick Abraham, Keith Ignacio, Lakolani Olingellel, Maile Andreas, Angelio Anthonio, Hellen Immanuel, Larry Wakakoro, Sherman Daniel, Dahlia Katosang, Lesley Adachi, Hilda Ngiralmu, Hulda Lukas, Norman Sato, Elenita Brel, Mekreos Silil, Tutii Chilton, Marianne Temaungil, Margeline Buban, Damiana Kunihiro, Loyola Darius, Reiko Kawamura, Alex Gachalian, George Nena, Samantha Bells, Jemmy Belelai, Gamberlyn Ngirmeriil, Vernice Yuji, Dr. Isebong Asang, Megan Beard, Terry Ngirmang, Keiden Skilang, Robert Ramarui, E-Van Ongerung, Danka Ledgerwood, Soledad Garcia, Galindez Kiep, Suzette Hinojales, Ala-Lofty Ongalibang, Rogelio Santos, Nobby Enano, Lester Rekemesik, Jerry Taroy, Frutoso Tellei, Joel Yabes, Joshua Ngirgebangel, Jay Olegeriil, Omdasu Ueki, Bruce Rimirch,

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lated to the biology course.

UNESCO supports national and regional projects in the areas of education, information and library, research, and marine science among other things; to help promote peace and stability in the world through the promotion of education.

UNESCO is a United Nations agency with global networking bodies known as national commissions. The National Commission of the Republic of Palau for UNESCO is made up of Chairperson Masa-Aki Emesiochl, who is currently the Minister of Education and Secretary General, Dwight Alexander. The members comprise of representatives from various organizations in Palau like PREL, MOE, Bureau of Arts & Culture, LIS, PCS, Palau National Commission for UNESCO, and Palau Community College.



Director Laura Mangham and National Commission General Secretary Dwight Alexander.

To date, Adult High School has received funds three times over the past years -- first for \$20,000.00, then \$15,000.00, and now \$23,000.00 -- to make a total of about \$55,000.00. The funds have gone to support the Adult High School curriculum purchasing books, revising and printing student textbooks and workbooks, and course-related materials and supplies.

This year we were fortunate to have Dr. Visio Pongi, who is the Director of UNESCO Office for the Pacific State & Interim Secretariat for the 18th Consultation of the Pacific Heads of Education Systems (PHES) here in Palau for the conference, to present the check in person to Palau Community College President, Dr. Patrick U. Tellei.

PCC Adult High School program would like to thank the National Commission General Secretary Mr. Dwight Alexander and Minister of Education Masa-Aki Emesiochl for their support in obtaining these much-needed assistance from UNESCO.

## BITS AND PIECES...

### ANNOUNCEMENT

#### PCC Based Scholarships Available

**DEADLINE: September 21, 2011**

IP & E Scholarship  
Moylan's Insurance Scholarship  
Pierantozzi Scholarship  
Prince Leeboo Scholarship  
Roman Tmetuchl Scholarship

**DEADLINE: September 26, 2011**

Deloitte & Touche Scholarship

All applications are available for pick up at the Development Office. Please see Dilubch, Adora or Alvina.

### SCHOLARSHIP Announcement

#### FSA Scholarship Application

**DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 30, 2011.**

ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO DEVELOPMENT OFFICE ON OR BEFORE THE DEADLINE.

### Employment Announcement

Looking for mature, reliable, and punctual PCC students to work as lab assistants for the Online Lab and the Open Computer Lab this 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 ext. 256.

### 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.

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Uroi Salii, Clement Kazuma, Vincent Ito, Don Hanser, and Dei Olikong. **Recommendation II: Library and Learning Support Services - Chair: Jessica Brooks, Co-Chair: Sherman Daniel & Tutii Chilton.** Members: Vernice Rechebei, Midori Mersai, Maria Joseph, Pauline Jerry, Johvanna Yaoch, Howard Charles, Pioria Asito, Megan Beard, Miriam Kual, Verna Kyoto, Laura Mangham, Grace Merong, Annalisa Ngiraklei, Teongel Ngirkelau, Tanya Ngirkuteling, Glendalyn Ngirmeriil, Adora Nobuo, Winfred Recheiungel, Grace Salvador, and Husto Ulengchong. **Recommendation III: Human Resources - Chair: Jay Olegeriil, Co-Chair: FSA President & Omdasu Ueki.** Members:

Vicky Maui, Epi Moses, Harline Haruo, Karen Mobel, Tutii Chilton, Todd Ngiramengior, Arlene Ignacio, Sherman Daniel, Grace Alexander, Jackie Immanuel, Willy Wally, Thomas Taro, Virginia Ikeda, Jade Kloulechad, Sherly Pagador, Uroi Salii, and Kuye Belelai. **Recommendation IV: Leadership and Governance - Chair: Todd Ngiramengior, Co-Chair: Ephraim Ngirachitei & Thomas Taro.** Members: Patrick U. Tellei, Ed.D, Jay Olegeriil, Willy Wally, Tchuzie Tadao, Omdasu Ueki, FSA President, Hedrick Kual, Ligaya Sara, Akiko Udui, Dilmei Saiske, Norma Etibek, Renetta Meyer, William Mitchell, and Evangeline Andrew.

## Palau Researched by Osaka University

Contributed by LA student Dante Rengiil

Palau had recently been the focus of a research project, headed up by a group of graduate students from Osaka University- Overseas Field Study Program. It was designed to look at the effects of global weather changes and economic demands on the local produce, taro. They spent a week visiting farms, water ways, and other places, looking for possible consequences or possible solutions. The following is a simple summary of their findings that they presented on Thursday, September 08, 2011 at the Assembly Hall.

They went throughout Honto to discover the effects of weather on the individual taro farms and discovered that through two major faults, could the taro be eradicated from our way of life. First, the demand is lowering gradually due to increased favoritism towards foreign food such as rice. Secondly, through global changes, particularly global warming, the sea levels

are rising. Through their natural resource of water ways called Haisuis, the seawater creeps back up to the farms and drowns the taro plant. Thus the lack of demand of taro leads to lack of care and eventual loss of the taro plant. The students made some suggestions to fix the problem.

The two major suggestions they brought forth were meant to bring life back into the plant. First, change the way we consume it. By altering such things as recipes, we can alter the way we look at it by making it look better than a simple starch. They also suggested something as to the care of the plants growth, gates. Gates would protect the plants by filtering the water ways and prevent seawater from seeping back into the farms. These simple suggestions if implemented could drastically aide the future of this precious plant. Thank you to the Osaka University students for attempting to help our way of life.



Community members, PCC students and the Osaka University students and professors.