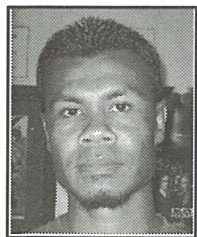


Alumni Notes

Class of 2000 (PCC)

Hiram Recheke -



2000 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in General Electronics Technology (GET). Recheke works at Palau National Communications Corporation (PNCC)

as a Telecom Technician 1 and has been working there for the past 7 years.

Class of 1996 (PCC)

Odelaffi Sato -

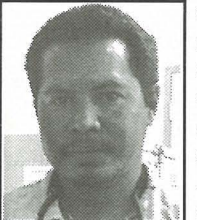


1996 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Police Science (PS). Sato works at the Bureau of Revenue, Customs, and Taxation- Division of Customs office as a

Customs Officer. She has been working there for the past 10 years.

Class of 1988 (MOC)

Jesse Sengebau -



1988 MOC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in General Office Clerk (GOC). Sengebau works at Environmental Quality Protection Board (EQPB) as a Lab

Technician and 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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More Creative Writing- Part IV

Below is another writing by a student in Midori Mersai's English summer class who also submitted a paper for the in-class creative writing contest. Good work, kids. Look for additional installments in next week's *Mesekiu's News*.

"My First Accident": by Ty Saiske

On October 1999, it was a Sunday morning and my parents went to church and nobody was at the house except me. I woke up that morning, freshened up and went outside. While I was outside, my neighbor who had a party until morning were planning to go to the Rock Islands and asked me to go, so I said "yes." I remembered that everybody was excited and drunk. We went to the BBI dock and the boys started loading the boat, while the ladies went to the store and bought beers, and the ingredients for the Bar-B-Q. After we loaded everything and the ladies came with the shopping, we started going to Ngermeaus. Everything went smoothly...we laughed and sang and most of all we had fun. Most people were so drunk, even the boat operator. When the sun set, we started again loading the boat and returned back. We didn't know that the boat operator was very drunk, but he insisted on driving the boat. The boat was running smoothly when we left the rock island. Suddenly we went to "Kekerei el Toi" and then we hit a small island. The boat was very fast and I think the boat was running at 60 to 70 knots. I was so scared because two people of the crew were already dead, and most of us were injured. As for me, I broke three of my ribs and my arm. When I was about to jump off the boat, blood was everywhere and I started to think about the sharks. One of the crew members asked me to get out of the boat, and I asked him to help me to get off the boat. When I went down, I swam to a big rock and sat down. I prayed to God to ask for help and suddenly he answered my prayers. Two boats passed by and saw us, so they stopped and helped us. When we went to the hospital, the news spread, but my parents didn't know. I told one of the nurses everything about the accident and asked her to call my parents. When my father took the phone, and my mom looked at my father, she knew that there's something wrong. When my mother knew, she almost had a heart attack. They both came to the hospital and suddenly my mom cried. They followed me to get my x-ray and after that we went to one of the rooms at OPD. My father asked me to close my eyes and pray with them. While we were there, the nurse fixed a brace on my arm and pushed me to the surgical ward. I stayed in the hospital for almost a month. All I did was exercise and eat healthy foods. And now I am grateful and lucky to have survived the most dangerous accident I've ever been in.

What's Happening in Adult High School?

By: Christez Ongrung

Throughout the years, PCC Adult High School (AHS) has been helping the people of our respected nation through education. Approximately 132 students have graduated from the Adult High School program. Some alumni are working for the government, private sectors, and some of them are continuing their education here at Palau Community College (PCC).

AHS program helped many people reach a higher and better goal in life. The PCC Adult High School is a great opportunity for those who wish to continue their education. PCC AHS is a

blessing and one of the few and great opportunities for the nation.

AHS Director Laura S. Mangham wishes to inform that the orientation for Adult High School fall 2007 was held yesterday at the PCC Cafeteria. New and continuing students attended the orientation. There are currently over seventy students enrolled this semester.

For more information about the AHS program, please call AHS office at 488-0826.

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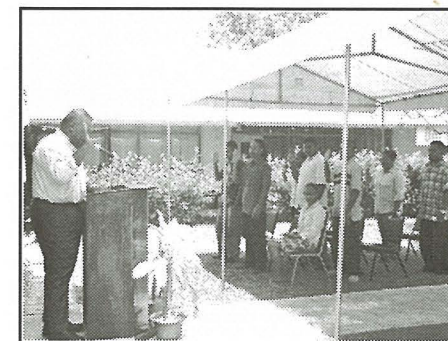
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New Student Trustee, SBA Senate Members Take Oath of Office



New Student Trustee and Student Body Association Senate Members take a group photo with PCC Board of Trustees (BOT) Chairperson Bilung Gloria G. Salii (8th from left) and President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei (behind BOT Chairperson) during last week Friday's Swearing-in and Induction ceremony at Mesekiu Bai.

Last Friday was a special day for the newly elected Student Trustee and Student Body Association (SBA) Senate members as they were officially sworn-in and inducted as the new trustee and officers for 2007-2008. This special ceremony, witnessed by PCC Board of Trustees (BOT) Chairperson Bilung Gloria G. Salii, faculty, staff, students, and family members began

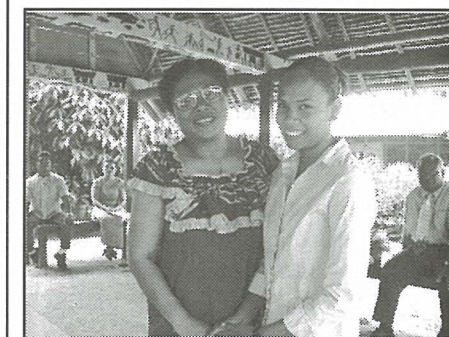


President Tellei swearing-in the SBA officers and members last Friday in front of Mesekiu Bai.

around noon with welcoming remarks by PCC President Patrick U. Tellei followed by Dean of Students, Ms. Marensia Edward introducing the new Student Trustee and SBA Senate members. The elected officers, excluding the newly elected Student Trustee, took their oath which was officiated by President Dr. Tellei as BOT Chairperson Bilung Gloria G. Salii, swore-in- the elected student trustee, Leena Muller. SBA President, Emrei Takeo also delivered brief remarks welcoming the new officers. Before the signing of oath of office, BOT Chairperson Bilung delivered the closing remarks saying that they will all be working hard to make PCC the best community college in Micronesia. After the ceremony concluded, the inducted officers enjoyed refreshments and met with fellow students and family who witnessed this special event.

Muller Confident to Fulfill Duties

By: Elway Ikeda, Work-Study Student



President Tellei (back right) looks on as Board of Trustees Chairperson Bilung Gloria G. Salii shakes hands with Student Trustee Leena Muller after Muller signed the oath of office.

On September 07, 2007, Leena Muller, a PCC sophomore, won over opponent Evadne Nakamura, a freshmen, in the run for the student trustee seat. Muller won by a landslide, receiving a total of 135 votes while Nakamura received 72 votes.

Muller will replace Shane Salvador, who served two terms as student trustee from 2005-2007. A student trustee's responsibilities include attending meetings with the board of trustees on policy making and other issues pertaining to the college. A student trustee will also be able to vote as he/she has full voting rights.

Muller decided to run for student trustee because she wanted to take up on the challenge. She added that she also wanted to learn and take part in the policy making process.

She was very happy and excited to be elected as student trustee. She also said that knowing students believe in her

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SBA Holds Orientation at The Penthouse Hotel

By: Student Life Director, Deikola Olikong



National/State leaders present at the orientation this past Saturday at The Penthouse Hotel.

The newly elected SBA officers and members had their orientation after their induction ceremony last Friday. The SBA Orientation was held last Saturday, September 15th at the Penthouse. All 14 members were oriented with the SBA Constitution, Parliamentary Procedures, Student Government Leadership Styles, and began the work of setting their goals and planning of activities this school year. During group work, members voiced out concerns of academic probation, tutoring and dormitory study hall, and the trash issue around the campus. Groups began assessing different issues, made suggestions and shared ideas on how to

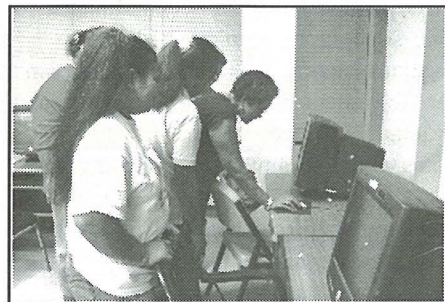
go about addressing these different issues. Each group had a chance to present their issues, ideas, and was asked to further the discussion in their first official meeting this month. Also in attendance were the Republic/State secretaries who attended a separate session on Proper Channel, Letter Writing, Filing and Minutes of Meetings with Counselor Alexander.

We would like to take this time and thank the presenters, Supervisor Anastacio, Manager Ngirachitei, Counselor Ngiralmu, Counselor Alexander and Secretary Ngirkelau for making this training possible.



SBA officers and Student Trustee Leena Muller (front left) working on their group presentation.

Students Active in CS Program



Medical librarian Mina Saiske (far back) shows LS students some of the computer resources in her library.

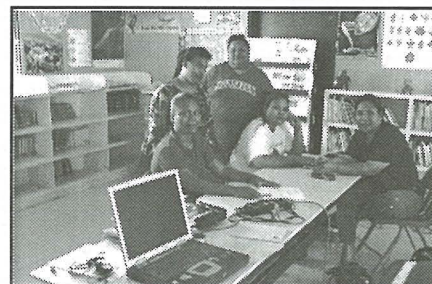
On a recent Friday in August, students beginning their study on the Library and Information Services program visited a number of libraries throughout Koror. Their mission? They wanted to learn more about the services of each library and their patrons.

Along with their instructor Pam Bidwell, the students visited Palau Public Library, Palau Community College Library, Meyuns elementary school library, Belau hospital library and the library at the Palau International Coral Reef Center. These

represent the range of libraries that exist here in Palau: school and academic, community and research libraries.

Finding out how different libraries operate is very important for library students, as it will help them to understand how they can provide the best services to users in their own libraries.

The visits were all arranged to be held in a single day to make it easier for some Library Services students who live in outlying areas, including one student living on the island of Angaur.



School librarian Melissa Gabriel (front) sits with LS students (l-r): Paloma Soaladaob, Evelyne Sidoi, Tanya Ngirkuteling and Ilong Roduk.

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gives her the confidence to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of a student trustee.

Muller attended Koror Elementary School, and then graduated as class valedictorian from the biggest high school in Palau, Palau High School. She is now attending PCC as a sophomore majoring in Environmental Science. She plans to finish her Associate of Science Degree in Environmental Science at PCC and move on to a four-year university where she plans to continue studying environmental science and environmental resource policies.

Other than being a student trustee, Muller is also a Student Support Services (SSS) – Project Beacon peer tutor for science. She is also a member of the Environmental Club and the Palau Polynesian Dance Group.

Muller wants to remind all PCC students to keep up with their studies, and if any student needs assistance regarding any schoolwork or any other school related problems, she is willing to help.

BITS AND PIECES...

ANNOUNCEMENT

Faculty Senate Association Elects New Officers...



On September 11th, College faculty members met to elect the new officers for 2007-2008. As a result, the new Faculty Senate Association Officers are (l-r): Karen Miovas- Secretary; Wilma Sukrad- President; Vicki Maui- Vice President; and Soledad Garcia- Treasurer.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Basic Tagalog Starts Next Week...

Continuing Education (CE) office would like to announce that the Basic Tagalog class is set to begin next week, September 25th (Tuesday). Classes will be held every Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at CE Training room from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. For more information, please call CE office at 488-6223.

REMINDER

Important Dates to Remember...

Sept. 28 (F)	Last Day to Remove Incomplete Grades for Summer Session
Oct. 1 (M)	Holiday: Independence Day

Library Hours...

8am-8pm (Mon-Fri.)

9am-6pm (Sat.)

12pm-6pm (Sun.)

Setting Goals

Taken from Study Tips.com at www.how-to-study.com

A **goal** is something you want to achieve. A **short-term goal** is something you want to achieve soon. Examples of short-term goals are finishing your homework and doing well on tomorrow's test. A **long-term goal** is something you want to achieve at some later date. Examples of long-term goals are writing a paper and passing a class. To set appropriate goals, you must know what is important for you to accomplish. Then you must set specific and clearly stated goals. If you do not have clearly stated goals, your effort will lack direction and focus. Write your goals to have a record of them.

The Three Ws of Goals

Each goal you set should state **what** you **will** do and **when** you will do it. For example, a goal relating to writing a research paper might be stated as follows: *I will finish gathering information for my research paper by November 20.*

Characteristics of Appropriate Goals

Your goals should be:

- within your skills and abilities.** Knowing your strengths and weaknesses will help you set goals you can accomplish.
- realistic.** Setting a goal to learn the spelling of three new words a day is realistic. Trying to learn the spelling of fifty new words a day is not realistic.
- flexible.** Sometimes things will not go the way you anticipate and you may need to change your goal. Stay flexible so when you realize a change is necessary you will be ready to make the change.
- measurable.** It is important to be able to measure your progress toward a goal. It is especially important to recognize when you have accomplished your goal and need to go no further. Failure to measure your progress toward a goal and recognize its accomplishment will result in effort that is misdirected and wasted.
- within your control.** Other than when working as part of a group, accomplishment of your goal should not depend on other students. You can control what you do, but you have little or no control over what others do. You may do what you have to do, but if others don't, you will not accomplish your goal. Many times your *parents, teachers, and counselors* will set goals for you. Be accepting when they do. These are people who know what is important for you and are very concerned with your success. They can also help you accomplish the goals they set.

Set Goals in School that Provide You with Direction and Lead to Success!

PCC Attracting Students From All Over

By: Elway Ikeda and Glowly Demei, Work-Study Students



Natalie C. Senarathpalipanage

Palau Community College continues to see new students from not only Palau and Micronesia, but also students from around the world. Natali Corena Senarathpalipanage, a student from Sri Lanka enrolled at PCC this fall semester. Senarathpalipanage, who is planning on

following her father's footsteps, chose to begin her college education here at PCC. Her major is undeclared due to the delay of her documents but she plans to major in Office Administration. She has added a new ethnic identity this fall semester to the diverse culture of PCC. She is actually the fourth Sri Lankan national to enroll at PCC. Pushparani Gamage enrolled in 1989; Vijitha Priyantha Gamage in 1996; and Jayamohan Jayaraj in 2004. Senarathpalipanage moved to Palau in February of this year with her family. She says that she enjoys attending classes here in PCC. She also said that she enjoys staying here in Palau with her family.