

Alumni Notes

Class of 2005 (PCC)

Mayleen Rdechor



2005 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) Degree in Criminal Justice (CJ). Rdechor works as a World History Teacher at Palau High School. She has been working there for a year and a half year.

Class of 2002 (PCC)

Evita Ngirmeriil



2002 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) Degree in Tourism & Hospitality. Ngirmeriil works as a Tourism & Hospitality Teacher at Palau High School. She has been working there for 3 years.

Class of 2002 (PCC)

Leonora Bates



2002 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) Degree in Tourism & Hospitality. Bates is a Business Teacher at Palau High School. She has been working there for a year now.

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 PCC Personnel Show Support for Endowment Fund



PCC Library Staff, Mary Arius

PCC Library Staff Mary Arius has enrolled in the PCC Endowment Fund. PCC welcomes the new supporters of the Endowment Fund and invites others who have not signed up to show their support as well. For more information about the PCC Endowment Fund, please contact Hulda, Dilubch, Charlene, Koyungil, or Armstrong at the Development office at ext. 253.

Continuing Education Training

PCC Continuing Education will be offering Home Inspection Training. It is designed to provide basic skills and knowledge in home inspection. The training will enable trainees to learn the basic blue print reading that includes understanding of alphabet lines, symbols, notations, and scales usage (metric and others if applicable). The trainee will also learn to understand construction layouts, plumbing, welding, and electrical symbols, and test used for concrete mixing. Trainees will know what to look for and why. Part of the training will bring trainees to the job site to be able to relate what is taught in the classroom to actual construction application.

The training is scheduled to begin on September 25, 2006 - October 19, 2006, Monday to Thursday only, starting at 5pm to 7pm, at Koror State Capital Building Assembly Hall. Registration is now open.

Please call Taruu at PCC 488-6223 for more information. Instructor for the course is James Kimo Wong, a U.S. certified contractor doing construction business in Palau.

PCC Security Guard Bids Farewell



Former PCC Security Guard, Charley Lonno

For 15 years, Charley Lonno dedicated his time working as PCC's Security Guard. He officially resigned on September 15, 2006 and will leave Palau on October 4th to join the U.S. Army; therefore, he would like to express his gratitude to those he has come to know.

"To PCC Security Guards and all my PCC friends, thank you all very much. It's been a great opportunity to work with you in this great institution.

I enjoyed working here. We have been through so much, and am glad I overcame the challenges with you. I believe that we are improving in our work and so I humbly ask each of you to work harder.

Once again, thank you for your patience and for accepting me to work with you for all these years.

Lastly, to the dorm residents, please obey the rules. Please be good students and be good people of the community".

Thank you and GOOD BYE,
Charley Lonno



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Salvador Wins 2nd Term as Student Trustee



Shane Salvador, PCC Student Trustee for 2006-07

On September 13, 2006, Shane Salvador, a PCC sophomore majoring in Liberal Arts, won over opponent Shelly Remengesau, a freshman majoring in Secondary Education and Environmental Science in the run for the student trustee seat. Salvador received a total of 164 votes while Remengesau received 66 votes. With a total of 649 students attending PCC this fall semester, 237 students, comprised of 214 freshman and 23 voted.

Salvador will serve a second term as student trustee for the new 2006-07 school year. During his tenure as student trustee last year, he was the Chair of Student Affairs and a member of the Committee on School Facilities.

Japan Foundation Donates to PCC

by: Republic of Palau's Embassy of Japan

The Japan Foundation, a non-profit and special legal entity associated with the Government of Japan, has again donated Japanese Language Teaching Materials to Palau Community College and Palau High School. The donation was made possible under the Program for the Donation of Japanese Language Teaching Materials.

A student trustee's responsibilities include being the voice on behalf of the students on policy making, ensuring that any issues pertaining to the students are dealt with appropriately, receiving monthly updates from PCC President and board members, making recommendations to the school about improvements, and at the same time, he has full voting rights.

Salvador ran for student trustee because of Director Vernice Rechebei. She was the one who encouraged him to run for she knew he had the potential. Salvador extends his gratitude to Director



PCC students voting at PCC Mesekiu Bai

Rechebei for encouraging him to run. He has learned tremendously from this experience. He has gained more knowledge about the school in how it is structured, organized, and run. He has

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This program donates every year a variety of teaching materials to overseas educational institutions offering regular Japanese language courses.

The donations consist of Japanese-language textbooks, audio-visual aids, dictionaries, reference books, computer-

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Former Japan Embassy Employee Now PCC Instructor



Political Science Instructor, Mr. Takashi Mita

Takashi Mita, a former Japan Embassy employee, is now PCC's new Political Science Instructor. Instructor Mita worked in the Embassy as a researcher for the past three years before he started working here at PCC.

He teaches only one class on every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Aside from teaching, he is also a Ph.D candidate for Political Science at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. His dissertation is entitled "State-Making of Small Island States".

Mita plans to teach at PCC for two years, however, if possible, he may stay longer. Mita believes education is the key to success. For that reason, he is very happy and extremely honored to be involved in the process of developing and molding future Palauan leaders.

If there are any PCC students who are planning to attend schools in Japan, Instructor Mita can offer advice for undergraduate and graduate scholarship programs. Please see Mita for further information at the Part-time Office behind Academic Affairs or call 488-2471 ext. 245.

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learned about policy making process, and how to deal with situations with the law regarding the school and students. Because of his previous experience, Salvador ran again for the 2006-07 student trustee election as it is a good opportunity and one can learn so much from this position.

Salvador attended Koror Elementary School and then graduated from the biggest high school in Palau, Palau High School. He is now attending PCC as a sophomore majoring in Liberal Arts. As soon as he receives his Associate of Science degree in Liberal Arts, he plans to further his education at the University of Hawaii at Manoa majoring in Civil Engineering. Asked what he sees himself doing in 5 years, he replied, "I would already have my Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and would be working part-time and pursuing a Master's Degree".

Salvador is a peer tutor for Project Beacon, Upward Bound Math & Science, and Emmaus High School, a local private high school.

Salvador would like to thank all the PCC students for believing in him. He also looks forward to continuing to work with PCC President and board members to improve services for the students. He also encourages PCC students to work hard!

2006-07 SBA/PSO General Election Results

On September 13, PCC held its annual Student Body Association (SBA) General Elections. The following are the new officers: President-Ramon M. Adelbai; Vice President-Emrei Takeo; Secretary-Dollyne Ketebebang; Treasurer- Sofla Orukei; Sophomore Representatives- Chandis T. Cooper and Ltlatk H. Fritz; and Freshman Representatives-Nicole K. Ngirmekur and Meluat S. Meluat.



SBA Pres. Ramon Adelbai



SBA VP Emrei Takeo



SBA Sec. Dollyne Ketebebang



SBA Tres. Sofla Orukei



Sophomore Rep. Chandis Cooper



Sophomore Rep. Ltlatk H. Fritz



Freshman Rep. Nicole Ngirmekur



Freshman Rep. Meluat Meluat

The Palau Student Organization (PSO) also held its elections and the results are as follows: President-Husayn Beketaut; Vice President- Whitney Y. Kloulubak; Secretary-Barbra M. Rdialul; and Treasurer-Emolyn Mesubed.



PSO Pres. Husayn Beketaut



PSO VP Whitney Kloulubak



PSO Sec. Barbra Rdialul



PSO Tres. Emolyn Mesubed

Palau National Leader- Husayn Beketaut; Yap State Leader- Mendilla F. Harong; Chuuk State Leader- Ador Shirai; Pohnpei State Leader- Ioakim E. Rodriguez; Kosrae State Leader- Mark J. Tolenoa; and Marshall Islands National Leader-Emja Aikuj.

APU Students' Seminar Class Concludes

From August 24- September 12, six APU students and their professor arrived in Palau to conduct research for their seminar class. The six students were divided into two groups. The first group reserched about Palau diving shops and how they operate. The second group conducted interviews with the locals on their knowledge about the Ngermeduu Conservation Area and hoped to start a kayak business on the area that would help promote eco-toursim.



APU Student, Shiori Hatsuda

All of the members have left, except for Ms. Shiori Hatsuda who is working on her internship at Palau Pacific Resort as a recreation staff. Hatsuda is set to depart from Palau on September 29.

15th Police Academy Launched

The 15th Police Academy has started with 25 students in training. Commander and Chief of Patrol Division, Ismael Aguon, along with Deputy Commander Bradley Rimirch, a PCC CJ graduate, are both in charge of this year's academy. The training will last for 13 weeks from 7am-5:30pm.



15th Police Academy Trainees

The students are mainly from private sectors, Koror and Peleliu State Rangers and Immigration Officers.

If anyone is interested, do join their Physical Training at PCC Track and Field from 4:30pm- 5:30pm.

BITS AND PIECES... New Security Guard



Mr. Herman Rdechor, PCC Security Guard

Mr. Herman Rdechor is PCC's new security Guard as of September 6th. Rdechor worked at Palasia Hotel as a Fitness Attendant for the past eight years. Welcome Mr. Rdechor!

THANKS

Palasia Hotel Donates to PAL

Director of Administration, Alex Chen, donated \$1,000 on behalf of Palasia Hotel to Palau Association of Libraries (PAL). This donation is to help sponsor the Pacific Islands Association of Libraries and Archives (PIALA) Conference to be held on November 13-17, 2006. PIALA would like to thank Palasia Hotel for their continuous support.



PIALA Conference Org. Chair Gretchen Reynolds (l), Fundraising Chair Laura Mangham, & Palasia Hotel's Alex Chen

REMNDR STOP

KILL Everything...

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.

Upward Bound Math & Science



On September 9, 2006, the Upward Bound Math and Science (UBMS) held its SY 2006 orientation for its new and returning students at the PCC Cafeteria. At the orientation there were 16 new students from various high schools such as MHS, BMS, PMA, and PHS. UBMS now serves a total of 50 as required by U.S. Department of Education guidelines. The following topics were discussed with the new and returning students: a) tutoring services, b) academic advisement, c) student workshops and seminars, d) postsecondary admission assistance, e) campus visitations and career advisement; and f) TOEFL and SAT.

All of these services officially began on September 11, 2006. For any question, contact UBMS office at 488-3965.

(Continued from page 1) assisted-instruction materials, and computer software based on the request of the language teachers in each institution. For the fiscal year 2006, each educational institution is allotted an equivalent of ¥100,000 or approximately \$1,000 for teaching materials. The Japan Foundation is responsible for all expenses incurred for sending the teaching materials from Japan including packing fee, Japanese custom tax, and shipping.

In a simple hand-over ceremony on Friday, September 15, 2006 at the Embassy of Japan, the Charge d' Affairs a.i., Hon. Naotake Yamashita presented the teaching materials to the Dean of Academic Affairs of the Palau Community College, Ms. Alvina R. Timarong and the Principal of Palau High School, Mr. Theodoro Borja. The teaching materials donated to PCC and PHS will

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.

elevate further the quality of Japanese language courses in both schools.

This is evident in the acceptance of two (2) PCC students who have participated in the Japanese Language Program-Overseas Outstanding Student for 2005 and 2006. This program is also sponsored by the Japan Foundation to offer outstanding students of Japanese language institution in foreign countries the opportunity to visit Japan to deepen their knowledge of the Japanese language, society, and culture for further encouragement in their studies.

Donations of this kind serve as another symbol of the maturing mutual friendship between Japan and the Republic of Palau and also enhance and enrich the teaching as well as the learning of the Japanese Language.



PCC Dean of Academic Affairs Alvina Timarong (l) & Japan Charge d'Affaires Notake Yamashita. Bottom right: Yuko Sawada, PCC Japanese Instructor

Dean of Academic Affairs Alvina Timarong would like to thank Japan Embassy and the Japan Foundation for their continous support in providing language materials to PCC.