

Alumni Notes

Class of 1974 (MOC)

Oingerang Madrahehluib



Earned his Vocational Certificate of Achievement (VCA) in Carpentry. Worked at Lane Construction in Guam for 5 years, and return to Palau where he was hired at Public Work in 1979. He is now retired from Public Work after 30 years of service as a carpenter. Now, he is

enjoying life!! *Message: Wake up guys, life is hard.*

Class of 2011

Cara Cruz



Earned her Associate of Science (AS) degree in Tourism & Hospitality - Hotel Management. She completed her internship at Cliffside Hotel. She was immediately hired as a front desk clerk upon completing her required hours. She took one week to vacation, and

went right back to work.

Class of 2011

Samantha Rechelluul



Earned her Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Automotive Mechanics Technology. During the summer, she interned at WEST Auto Repair Shop. After she completed her internship hours, she was hired to work as a mechanic.

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*.

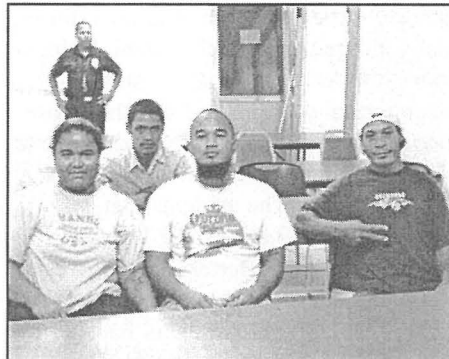
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Celebrating Birthdays

Ann Sabra Ngirarorou Oct 02
Miano Sowraenpiy Oct 06

Happy Birthday To You!

PCC Donates Tables & Chairs to DOC



Potential students who helped set up tables & chairs.

This Fall 2011 Semester, PCC donated 4 long tables and 16 chairs to the Department of Corrections (DOC) to assist the inmates who wish to continue their education. This effort is in line with PCC's mission to provide help to meet the needs of students and the communities by promoting learning opportunities. According to Chief of Corrections, Julio Omtei Ringang, classes will begin on October 03, 2011 and so far, 18 individuals have expressed interest in taking classes during the evening.

Uros, Skato, Saiang, Skirts

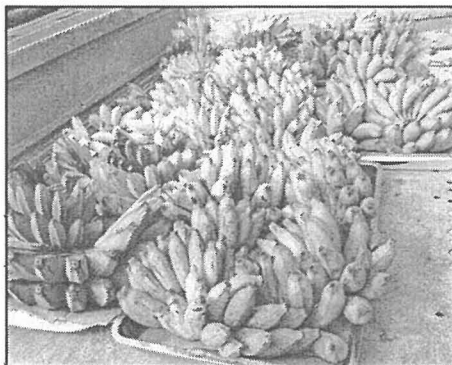
Beautifully sewn Micronesian skirts are available now at the PCC Bookstore. There is only a LIMITED supply, so hurry and make your purchase.

Recycling Bins

The PCC - CSO (Chuuk Student Organization) is joining the cause towards a clean and "Green-er" environment by placing cans-only recycling bins around the campus. Everyone is asked for his/her support, so please do your part, and place cans in the recycling bins. **THANK YOU!!**

Banana Donation by Chairwoman

On Monday, September 19, 2011 Chairwoman Bilung Saliu donated 178 lbs of fresh and delicious bananas to the cafeteria for the students. Thank you so much for your generous donation.



Vacancy Announcement

- (1) *English Instructor, Learning Resource Center*
Salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum
- (2) *Math Instructor, Learning Resource Center*
Salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum
- (3) *Financial Aid Counselor, Adm. & Financial Aid*
Salary range: \$12,049.0 - \$20,607 per annum
- (4) *2 Part-Time Math Instructors/Tutors (UB)*
Salary range: \$100 to \$200 biweekly (depending on qualification)
- (5) *2 Part-Time English Instructors/Tutors (UB)*
Salary range: \$100 to \$200 biweekly (depending on qualification)
- (6) *2 Part-Time Science Instructors/Tutors (UB)*
Salary range: \$100 to \$200 biweekly (depending on qualification)
- (7) *3 Part-Time Academic Instructors/Tutors (UB) to be at BHS, BMS & EHS*
Salary range: \$100 to \$200 biweekly (depending on qualification)

For application forms and information, please contact Karen Mobil at PCC Human Resources Office at 488-2470/71, ext. 227.

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IT/ES Students Attend Hawaii Conference

Contributed by Dannies Uehara (IT), Persis Omelau (ES) and Itungelbai Bells (ES)



Environmental/Marine Science major student Itungelbai Bells presenting at the IOA-LSAMP Conference.

On July 31 – August 05, 2011, Dannies Uehara (IT), Persis Omelau (ES), and Itungelbai Bells (ES) of Palau Community College (PCC) were sent to attend the 4th Annual Islands of Opportunity Alliance – LSAMP Student Conference (IOA-LSAMP) held in Hawaii. The students were nominated by their instructors to attend the conference based on their academic achievements. They were escorted by Geraldine Rengiil, a college representative

and science instructor, to Hawaii on a six day outreach and recruitment program to a 4-year institution within Hawaii or other IOA-LSAMP partner institutions. Upon their arrival, Kim Morishige, a Keaholoa STEM intern, accompanied them to the Ala Moana Hotel where they were housed and also where the oral and poster presentations were held. On July 31st, the students were happy to see their very own college president Dr. Patrick Tellei during the conference.
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Tellei Meets Student Entities



Tellei speaks to groups of students in the Assembly Hall.

Dr. Tellei met with students from Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei, Yap, Republic of Marshall Islands, and Republic of Palau students that

began on September 12th through the 16th, 2011 at 11:30 am each day. He wanted to
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ASPCC President Sworn In



Seklii saying her oath in front of Dean Daniel.

On September 14, 2011, Dean Sherman Daniel swore in Fenny Seklii to become the 2011-2012 SY ASPCC President. Last semester, Seklii was voted in as the President elect. On September 21, 2011 the elections for the new Student Trustee, President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Freshmen and Sophomore Representatives and the Senators from each entity was held at the Mesekiu Bai. Official results will be announced next week. Be on the lookout for the date of swearing in of the new Student Trustee and officers.



Display for PTHSE at Women's Gathering.

PTHSE Hosts Women's Gathering



Invited guests with Ambassador Helen Reed-Rowe, First Lady Valeria Toribiong, Bilung Gloria G. Salii, Ebil Reklai Gracia Yalap and the PTHSE instructors and students.

U.S. Ambassador Helen Reed-Rowe hosted the 3rd Women's Gathering at the Palau Tourism & Hospitality School of Excellence (PTHSE) on September 14, 2011. With PTHSE still in the process of securing the equipment for the school, the students didn't do any cooking, but were able to serve the food brought by the guests. At the same time,

they showcased the different variety of taro products that were created by the CRE-EF-NEP instructor. Instructor Maui and Garcia presented the students who are majoring in Tourism that were serving the women as this was part of their training in learning about the profession they have chosen for their career.

Scientists Presents to Science Classes

On September 19, 2011, the six member team from Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution were speakers at the Environment/Marine Science classes and presented what they are researching in Palau. The team consisted of Dr. Anne Cohen, Associate Scientist, Biogeochemistry; Dr. Steven Luntz, Senior Scientist, Physical Oceanography; Dr. Kathryn Shamberger, Post Doctoral Fellow, Chemical Oceanography; Dr. Alexi Shalapyonok, Biologist, Research Associate; Hannah Barkley, PhD Student, Ecology and Conservation; Kathryn Rose, Research Associate. With them from The Nature Conservancy (TNC) were Steven Victor, Regional Conservation Planner and Mr. Umiich Sengebau, Deputy Director for Conservation and from Palau International

Coral Reef Research Center (PICRC) were Lukes Isechal, Researcher, Shirley Koshiha, Research Coordinator, Geory Mereb, Research Assistant, Jay Andrew, Research Assistant, and Yimnang Golbuu, Chief Researcher. Dr. Cohen's presentation was on ocean acidification. She explained how the green house effect was having a great impact on our ocean. The team is studying reefs to see what areas are able to resist or have a slower rate of affect by the climate change crisis. Alarmingly, 25% of carbon dioxide emissions are being absorbed by the ocean, thus having a negative effect on marine life organisms because it turns into carbonic acid, causing acidification and reducing carbonate ions that is needed for the survival of the marine life.



Dr. Cohen presenting information on reef acidification, and the research her team is in Palau doing.

FSA Elects New Officers

When the Faculty Senate Association (FSA) met on September 15, 2011, they elected new officers for SY 2011-2012. The result of the election is as follows:

President: Dr. Isebong Asang
 Vice President: Johvanna Yaoch
 Treasurer: Robert Ramarui
 Secretary: Midori Mersai

The FSA also moved to amend their by-laws to extend the terms of Officers' from 1 year to 2 years. This motion was adopted and the by-laws to be amended during the FSA's next regular meeting.



Dr. Isebong Asang



Johvanna Yaoch



Robert Ramarui



Midori Mersai

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re-affirm his position that he believed all students have the ability to pass all their classes, provided they attend their classes and get help when they need it. He reiterated that PCC faculty and staff are here to make sure students succeed. If a student feels that he/she wasn't doing well, he/she should see the advisor immediately, speak to the deans and to walk into the President's office, as he said his door is opened for anyone to come in and see him about their education. Tellei also mentioned that everyone at the college are ready to assist students including Rose Aliven Kohama, who in addition to doing her tutoring duties is also assigned to help the students from FSM & RMI. Therefore, FSM & RMI students who have concerns or need assistance are also encouraged to see Rose, so that she can work with the Dean of Students to assist and support students to succeed in their classes/programs. Dr. Tellei also reminded students that they are here to attend school, but they shouldn't forget about socializing. He strongly encouraged them to get to know each other, to meet students from other States or RMI. And with all the socializing, he reminded them that their grades and education come first, to work on doing their best.

BITS AND PIECES...

Scholarship Information

FSA Scholarship Application - The deadline has been moved to September 30, 2011. Application and all required documents need to be submit on or before September 30, 2011.

Non-Instrument Navigation

PCC & Micronesian Voyaging Society announces that the next Non-Instrument Navigation class will begin in the 1st week of October with Master Navigator, Sesario Sewralur on the *Alingano Maisu*. The class centers on reviving the ancient knowledge of navigation without the use of modern navigational instruments. Learn to identify and name the stars for navigation and directional purposes; observe and predict weather conditions; and know the functions and operation of traditional sailing canoes. COME and SIGN UP. Space is limited. Contact Norma at 488-2470/2471 for more information.

Apology

Mesekiu's News apologizes to Virginia Ikeya for misspelling her last name. Mesekiu's News inadvertently spelled her last name in the Accreditation Updates Recommendation III committee as Ikeda. Our apologies. Mesekiu's News also apologizes to Elaine Arurang for inadvertently listing her degree as a Certificate of Achievement in Business Accounting - Bookkeeping. Elaine earned her Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Office Administration in 2006. Please contact Adora at 488-2470 to correct erroneous information.

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, dilubchs@palau.edu, and 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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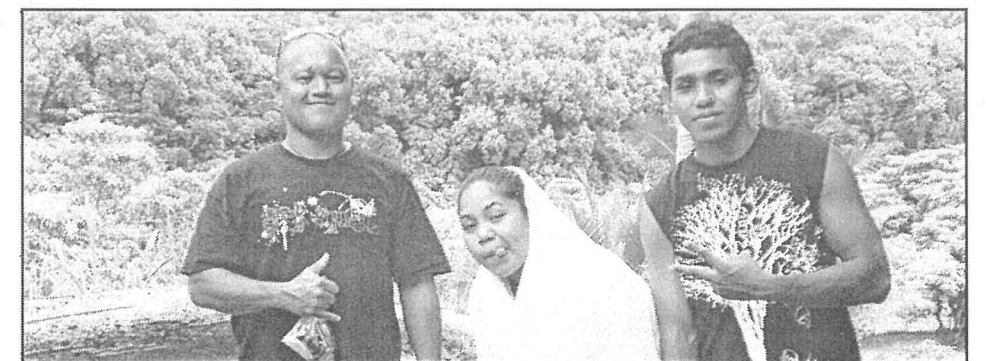
ence registration and reception at the Ala Moana Hotel ballroom. The PCC president was there as part of the IOA-LSAMP governing board along with Dr. Dan Brown of UH-Hilo who is the IOA-LSAMP project director. The reception was an informal one with guest speaker Aulani Wilhelm from NOAA. Afterward, the students had the opportunity to mingle with other conference participants from neighboring pacific islands and regions including several IOA-LSAMP staffs. The students met Jazzmin Cabanilla, the IOA-LSAMP Hawaii coordinator; and Pelika Bertelmann, University of Hawaii LSAMP internship facilitator. Other IOA-LSAMP partakers had the opportunity to introduce themselves as well. While welcoming the students, Ms. Pelika briefed on what was expected in the following days.

On August 1st, students including Dannies, Persis, and Itungelbai to presented their projects in the morning. Poster presentations took place in the afternoon. The conference participants took a field trip to the University of Hawaii-Manoa later that afternoon and in the evening, Dr. Carlos Andrade of University of Hawaii, Manoa spoke to the group during dinner.

The students also attended the Hawaii Conservation Conference (HCC) that was held in Hawaii Conventional Center on August 02 - 04. The 4th annual HCC was sponsored by the Hawaii Conservation Alliance (HCA) and Hawaii Conservation Alliance Foundation (HCAF). The conference theme was "Island ecosystems: The year of the Forest". HCC is an annual event for those involved in the protection and management of Hawaii ecosystems, both terrestrial and marine. On August 2, W.S. Mervin, a renowned poet laureate, and William N. Kosta of Pohnpei, the Executive Director of Micronesian Conservation Trust, were the

keynote speakers. After their speech on the importance of an island ecological biodiversity, each student was given the opportunity to select a session of their interest. They were required to evaluate the attended session after conclusion. On August 3, the Governor of Hawaii, Neil Abercrombie, and his selected Cabinet members addressed his vision pertaining to developing a sustainable, resilient, and secure future for Hawaii through conservation, renewable energy, and food self-sufficiency. On August 4, James "Jim" Juvik, professor of UH-Hilo, was the luncheon keynote speaker. The sessions that were attended by the PCC students included: the effects of climate change, the marine and coastal systems, the effects of native and invasive species on hydrological components of Hawaii watershed, forest and watershed conservation, the management tools and technology, and integrated knowledge systems and methodologies.

On the final day, the conference participants visited Hiilei Kawelo, the Executive Director of Paepae Heeia, and her Heeia fish pond that she had been trying to restore for years. The half day activity at the pond included Hiilei's lecture on the importance of preserving the pond and collection of algae by participants to help restore the pond to its old state. In the afternoon, the students participated in a recreational trip to a place where the Hawaiians are trying to preserve several of their indigenous plants. The preservation project is carried out through replantation of such plants on the upper hillside of Kahaluu, Oahu. Overall, the 4th Annual IOA-LSAMP student conference was a tremendous success and the PCC students left the island of Hawaii with knowledge that will be beneficial for them as they pursue their educational goals especially in the area of Environmental Science.



L-R: Dannies Uehara, Persis Omelau and Itungelbai Bells posing during an activity to a site.