

ALUMNI NOTES

Class of 2001

Wycliff "Ngiraked" Rechemang



Earned his Certificate of Achievement (CA) degree in General Electronics Technology. He interned at PNCC then hired immediately upon graduation. He has been with PNCC for the past 11 years. He was a cable TV Technician, then moved to Transmission, and now is in the IT department where he is a Network Technician. *Message: Study hard and stay away from drugs and alcohol.*

Class of 2005

Gwendolyn Rengül



Earned her Associate of Science (AS) degree in Education - Special Education. She has been working at MOE for 12 years. While a Resource Teacher at KES, she completed her degree at PCC. She transferred to Special Education where she is the Speech & Language Teacher, and earned her Bachelor's degree through the PCC Online SDSU program. *Message: Being a wife, mother & working, you can still get a degree. The cohort program allows you to get a higher education while here in Palau.*

Class of 2010

Eleos Tellei



Earned her Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Office Administration. She holds the position of Accounts Data Entry at Shimbros. Prior to being a full-time employee, she worked part-time while taking classes at PCC. *Message: Strive to be the best in what you do!*

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

Annalisa Ngiraklei	Oct 01
Jade Kloulechad	Oct 02
Ann Sabra Ngirarorou	Oct 06



Happy Birthday To You!

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ists and school choirs contributing to the musical event. The magnificent collaborations with Iwet Demei, Iwa Blesam and Jun-Jun Meltel performing the Palauan reggae hit "Secret Admirer" with Taka on the keyboard, the 2nd grade class of Koror Elementary singing a beautiful rendition of the Palauan National Anthem, Malo Paulis artfully rendering an original song he recently composed called "Better Days" and Howard Charles singing a smooth and soulful "Georgia On My Mind" made the Act of Congress trip even more successful.

The last day in Palau, AOC group with PCC staff, PVA representative and some local artists toured the beautiful rock islands. The members were excited to have had the opportunity to see the wonders of Palau. With a jam session during lunch, diving with jellyfish and seeing sharks & turtles, the trip was marvelous.

US Embassy-Koror expresses its sincere appreciation to Palau Community College, Palau Visitor's Authority, Ministry of Community & Cultural Affairs and all supporters of this marvelous initiative.

Thanksgiving Endowment Fundraiser Coming Soon!

Support the PCC Thanksgiving Endowment Fundraiser by purchasing your tickets for a chance to win fabulous prizes on November 21, 2012 (Wednesday).

Contact Development Office at 488-2470/2471 ext. 251, 252, 253 for information.

Donations are tax deductible.

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Salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum
- (2) Math Instructor, Learning Resource Center
Salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum
- (3) Counselor, Student Life Office
Salary range: \$12,650 - \$19,479 per annum
- (4) Researcher/Aquaculturist
Salary: \$30,000 per annum
- (6) Assistant Director of Admissions & Financial Aid
Salary range: \$16,010 - \$24,647 per annum

Vacancy Announcement

- (7) Librarian
Salary range: \$16,010 - \$24,647 per annum
- (8) Associate Professor, Business Accounting
Salary range: \$18,009 - \$27,725 per annum
- (9) Instructor, Air Conditioning & Refrigerations
Salary range: \$16,010 to \$21,191 per annum

For application forms and information, please contact Harline Haruo at PCC Human Resources Office at 488-2470/71, ext. 227, email hr@palau.edu or download form at www.palau.edu

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MESEKIU'S NEWS



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SY 2012 ASPCC, Student Trustee & State Leaders Elected



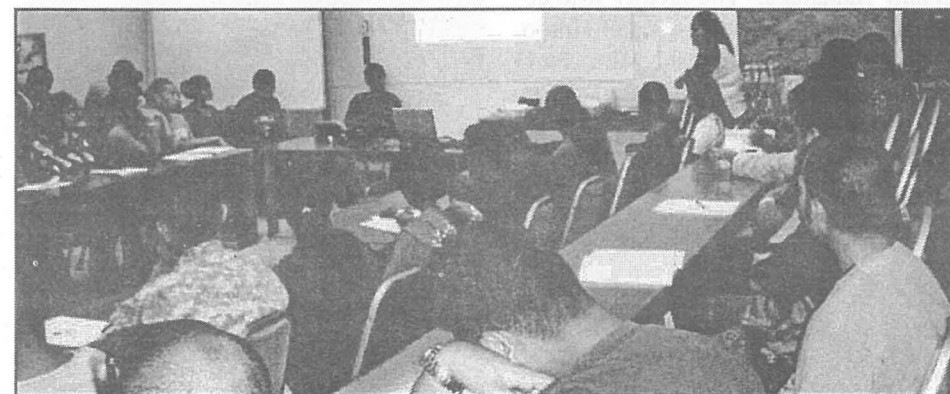
Students receiving ballots and instructions from Student Activities Supervisor, Norman Sato.

SY 2012-2013: The Associate Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC) held elections for ASPCC Officers, Student Trustee and Republic of Palau State Orga-

nization (RPSO) officers on September 21, 2012. Two hundred ten (210) out of the Fall 2012 enrollment of 680 students exercised their rights by voting as follows:
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FAO Holds Information Sessions

Contributed by Financial Aid Office



Students attending the sessions presented by Financial Aid Counselor TessieMarie Kodep.

The week of Sept. 04 - 18, 2012 found the Office of Admissions & Financial Aid conducting Orientation 2 sessions. It is mandatory that all financial aid applicants attend

Financial Aid Orientation 2 before they are able to receive their federal student aid funds. For two hours each day, counselors

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PCC UBMS To Close In 90 Days

Contributed by Tchuzie Tadao

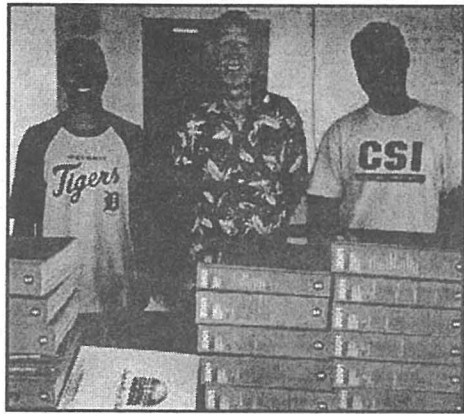
The Palau Community College Upward Bound Math & Science (UBMS), with its inception in 2003 to help low income, first generation high school students enroll in post secondary schools and eventually graduate in math and science related fields, loses funding for the next 5 years. The U.S. Department of Education in its letter dated September 6, 2012, informed the college and UBMS program director that the college's grant application did not score high enough during the last grant competition to be recommended for new grant award. This will bring to an end one of the TRIO pre-college program at PCC serving 50 college bound high school students. It provides students with after school tutoring, counseling, and six-week intensive summer classes.

PCC UBMS is in preparation to complete a program close-out by November 30, 2012. This includes securing students and program records, disbursement of equipment and supplies and preparing the final performance report.

Palau Community College is an accessible public educational institution helping to meet the technical, academic, cultural, social, and economic needs of the students and communities by promoting learning opportunities and developing personal excellence.

Cliff Terry Donates Books & Catalogs

Submitted by: Suzette Hinojales



On September 18, 2012, local architect and entrepreneur Cliff Terry stopped by PCC to meet with students in the Architectural Drafting class to donate reference books and catalogs that will assist them in their class and other ongoing programs. Students were excited to see so much reference books and were all smiles as they perused through them. On hand to receive the donations were students Seth, O'Hara and instructor Suzette Hinojales.

Thank you Cliff for your generous donations!

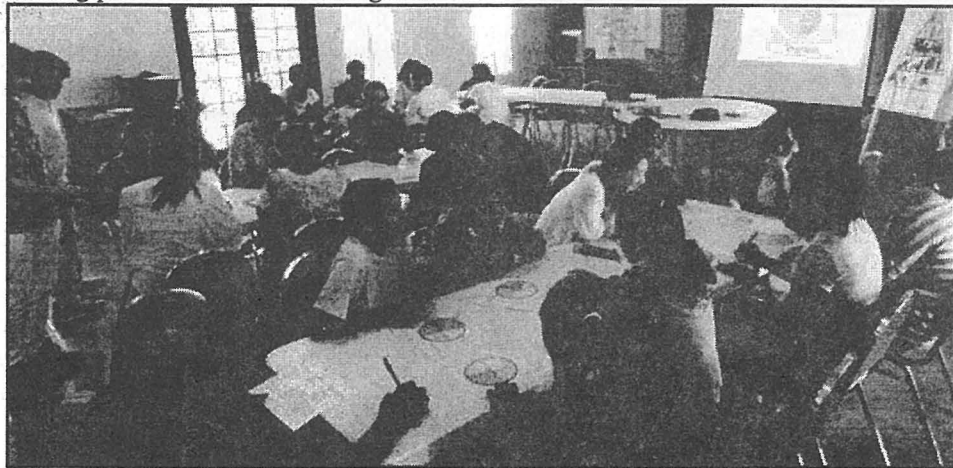
L-R: Seth Techitong, Cliff Terry and O'Hara Skebong.

Osaka University Presents Views On Palau's Health Issues

Four graduate students from Osaka University's Overseas Field Study Program were in Palau from September 10 - 19, 2012. The students' visit to Palau was an opportunity for them to examine issues related to the health environment. They did observations and interviews, looking into issues such as lifestyle diseases which have become popular among the contemporary Palauan people possibly caused by the shift of lifestyle mainly due to modernization and globalization. The students' goals were to try and identify how the process of modernization and globalization affected people's health environment by observing and interviewing ordinary people as well as by visiting public institutions. The gathered

information were then analyzed and students attempted to indicate possible future prospects for the alleviation of the health problems. The forum held at the Palau Tourism & Hospitality School of Excellence (PTHSE) dining area was to give students the opportunity to give their findings to the community and gather from those present, feedback on the information that they had gathered.

The graduate students who participated in this field study are Takayuki Harada, Miyuki Hasegawa, Miyuki Hotta and Tamami Yamanaka. The faculty who accompanied the students are Kaori Honjo, Ph.D & MPH and Takashi Mita, Ph.D and a former Associate Professor at PCC.



Faculty & students participating in the forum presented by the Osaka University students.

Election cont'd from p.1

Board of Trustee:
Summer R. Saunders (100)

ASPCC President:
Yosko C. Aichi (193)

ASPCC President-Elect:
Kornelia I. Thomas (205)

ASPCC Secretary:
Mariah K. Kual (205)

ASPCC Treasurer:
Donna J. Ngiraungil (203)

Sophomore Representatives:
Kesina K. Tadao (33)
Sean U. Lawrence (30)

Freshmen Representatives:
Kamrul Zaman (147)
Latoya B. Rengguul (151)

The following are the results of the State Organization elections:

Republic of Palau State Organization:

President: Elsei Tellei
Vice President: Melnguis Mesubed
Secretary: Georgette Isao
Treasurer: Glendalyn Lemari

Republic of Marshall Island State Organization:

President: Henson Lalimo
Vice President: Ronnie Thomas
Secretary: Pauline Kobeney
Treasurer: Kamita Koniske

Yap State Organization:

President: Paulus Tamannaloo
Vice President: Charlotte Yomai
Secretary: Evelyne Tachibelmel
Treasurer: Alvin Deffimew

Chuuk State Organization:

President: Pedreama Rechy
Vice President: Abraham Shirai
Secretary: Imoreen Mori
Treasurer: Emma Nero

Pohnpei State Organization:

President: Maynard Solomon
Vice President: Kenry Boaz
Secretary: Tommy Obet
Treasurer: Valeen Alexander

Kosrae State Organization:

President: Tolenoa Tulensru
Vice President: Joshua Mongkeya
Secretary: Marvin Waguk
Treasurer: Jennifer Mongkeya

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Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

Hours of Operation:

Monday to Thursday: 8am - 8pm
Friday: 8:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday: 9am - 6pm
Sunday: CLOSED

For information call 488-3540.

Important Dates To Remember

October 1 (M) Holiday: Independence Day
October 2-5 (T-F) Mid-Term Period
October 19 (F) Last day for all withdrawals
October 24 (W) Holiday: UN Day
October 25-26 (Th-F) Pre-Registration - SP 2013

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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 est. 251/252/253 if you intend to submit your article after Monday or for more information.

PCC Students Perform With AOC

Contributed by U.S. Embassy-Koror



Iwet, Iwa, Jun-Jun & Taka on keyboard performing with AOC band members at the International Night Market Concert: Chris Griffin (guitar), Adam Wright (mandolin), Tim Carroll (double-bass) and Bethany Borg (violin).

In partnership with the Palau Visitor's Authority (PVA), Palau Community College (PCC), and the Office of President Johnson Toribiong, the U.S. Embassy Koror welcomed to Palau the Birmingham, Alabama based singer-songwriter group, the Act of Congress (AOC). Playing acoustic guitar, fiddle, mandolin and bass, AOC wowed audiences and jammed with Palauan students and musicians during their two day visit.

The Act of Congress band has a sound that is unique while meshing several genres of music together. Their first performance of the debut album Declaration sold out at Work-Play Theater in Birmingham in 2008. The group is a member of the American Voices Organization - one of America's great cultural engagement and diplomacy organizations. The organization was founded by the Executive Director John Ferguson who was

also in Palau with the band members this past week. The Organization includes various artists playing different styles and has been presenting summer youth performing arts academies, workshops and concerts in over 110 countries around the world for 16 years. American Voices collaborated with the US Department of State for their International Tour. This is their first tour of the East Asia Pacific region and US Embassy-Koror grabbed an opportunity for the band to visit Palau.

Act of Congress played two concerts. The first concert was at the Bethlehem Park where an International Night Market was organized by Palau Visitor's Authority to coincide with the band visit. The second concert was held at the PCC Cafeteria Hall. Both were a huge success with Palauan art-
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from the Office of Admissions & Financial Aid discussed and explained the 2012-2013 Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Policy, including the new policy regarding Pell Grant lifetime limit. Those who have completed their financial aid applications and attended their scheduled sessions will receive their Financial Aid Award letters. Sessions do not only cover SAP policies, but helps motivate students to work hard on their studies in order to maintain their eligibility and remain in compliance with new regula-

tions. Eighty-two percent (82%) of the eligible students attended the sessions.

The students who did not attend the sessions were required to take the financial aid quiz and review their results with Director/Counselor, and signed the SAP policy before their Financial Aid Award letters were issued.

For more information or clarification on the new SAP policy, contact the Office of Admissions & Financial Aid at 488-2470 ext. 234.