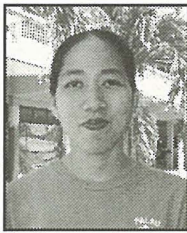




**Alumni Notes**  
**Class of 2000 (PCC)**  
 Jun Ushibata -  
  
 2000 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Business Accounting (BA). Ushibata works at the Ministry of Health as an Accounting Technician. She has been working there for the past 7 years.

**Class of 1996 (PCC)**  
 Darlynn Takawa -  
  
 1996 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in General Office Clerk. Takawa works as a Assistant Analyst at the Ministry of Resources & Development- Palavis Office. She has been working there for the past 12 years.


**Class of 1980 (MOC)**  
 Erena Sebalt -  
  
 1980 MOC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Secretarial Science (SEC). She works at Melekeok Elem. School as a Computer Lab Manager. She has been working there for the past 7 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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**Celebrating Birthdays**

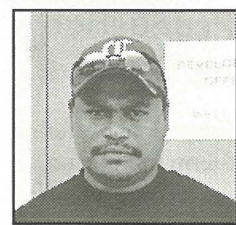
Epimachus Moses	January 28
Winfred Recheungel	January 28
Rennetta D. Meyar	January 31
Felix Sengebau	January 31

 **Happy Birthday To You!**

## More Show Support to PCC Endowment Fund



Robin Abraham



Clifton Rubasch

Palau Pacific Resort Security Officer, Robin Abraham, Food Service Employee, Clifton Rubasch, and a Division of Customs Employee, Duane Tochi (not pictured) are the newest members of the 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, or Koyungil at the Development office at 488-2470 ext. 253.

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Offensively, Mesekiu got on the board in the first inning on a single by lead-off batter, Bedor Kyota, who stole second base and was later brought home on a single by Dekei Ngramengior. Their next score came in the third inning on a single by catcher, Cleofas Iyar, who scored on a stand-up double by cleanup batter, Melngis Uchel. In the fourth inning, Mesekiu scored another run when Jasan Mongkeya walked, stole second base, and reached home on a single by Kyota.

Mesekiu took a commanding 6-3 lead in the fifth when lead-off hitter Ngramengior sent a 1-0 pitch deep over the left field fence for a solo homer. Two more runs would score in the same inning, when Uchel and Ngirailemesang reached base on base-on-balls and a single, and Omsuul Yalap doubled down the left field line. PCC scored two more in the sixth inning when Kyota reached base on a single, Ngramengior reached base on an error, and Uchel tripled deep to center-left for two RBIs. Ngramengior scored again in the eighth inning for the final score of 9-3.

Kyota finished the game with three singles, scored twice and drove in 1 run; Iyar with a single and a run; Ngramengior scored three times, an RBI on solo homer; Uchel scored twice, three RBIs on a double and a triple; Ngirailemesang scored once and had two hits; Yalap has 2-RBI double; Caleb Meltel reached base once on a base-on-balls; Mongkeya scored once; and Saiske reached base on a base-on-balls.

The Mesekiu players and coaching staff thanks everyone for the support and ask that all continue to show their support by coming out to the field and cheer for the team. Be sure to wear your blue or green! Special thanks to the Cafeteria staff, Upward Bound, and CRE for their support.

The following is Mesekiu's first round schedule:

- Jan. 11 Red Torch vs. Mesekiu *Rained Out*
- Jan. 13 Kayangel vs. Mesekiu *Rained Out*
- Jan. 19 Ngardmau vs. Mesekiu *Win (9-3)*
- Jan. 22 Koror vs. Mesekiu
- Jan. 25 Ngerbeches vs. Mesekiu
- Jan. 29 Ngerbeched vs. Mesekiu
- Feb. 2 Airai vs. Mesekiu

**2007 Ngerulmud Half Marathon (Walk & Run)**

Saturday, February 10, 2007

Time: Afternoon, 4pm @ Capitol

Event: 5km up to 10 miles (Walk or Run)- Individual Choice

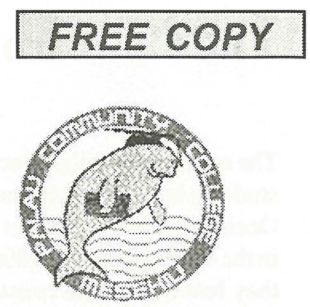
Pick-up: 2-3pm @ PCC Parking Lot  
 Pick up Participants to Ngerulmud

*Highlight: Tour of Capitol, Give-aways, & Refreshments*

Call PNOG now at 488- 4367 and Register for free.

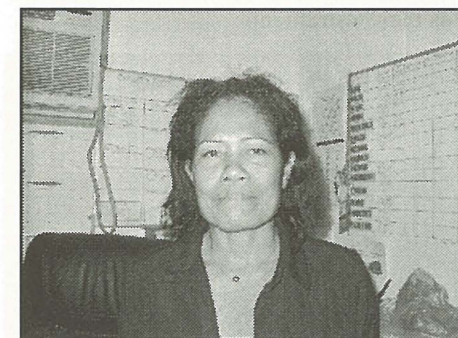


# Palau Community College MESEKIU'S NEWS



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## PCC Adult High School Receives \$13K UNESCO Funding



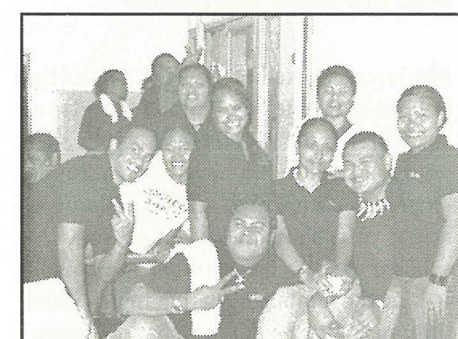
Laura S. Mangham, Director of Adult High School & Talent Search Program.

PCC's Adult High School (AHS) received a Participation Program Funding from UNESCO worth \$13,000. Last year, AHS sent in a proposal to UNESCO to solicit monetary funding to help support the technology learning center for the students, particularly to purchase the necessary equipment for the learning

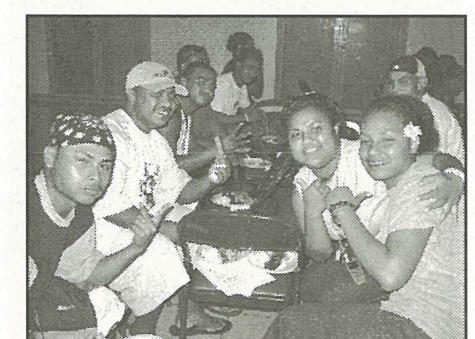
center. The proposal also requested money to update their life-skills books to reflect Palau. Currently, AHS is using life-skills books from Northern Marianas College, which only reflects issues of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Now, AHS can update and change the contents of their books to reflect Palau. AHS was able to get funding from UNESCO because it was in-line with UNESCO's initiatives.

"I'm very excited about finally updating the life-skills' books. Its been one of my goals to make life-skills books be more practical for the students. I hope to have all the necessary equipment in place for students' use as soon as possible and have the life-skills books updated and ready for use by the end of the year", commented Director Mangham.

## SBA Hosts Welcome Banquet



SBA officers pose for the camera at the 2007 Welcome Banquet held at PCC Cafeteria. The banquet was held last week Friday and included dinner, games, prizes, and dance with special guest appearances by several local musicians.



Students are all smiles after having their special dinner, which was prepared by PCC Cafeteria Staff. Close to a hundred students attended the Banquet.

## President Tellei Appoints Committees for Science Fair & Voc/Tech Education Week

Earlier this week, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, appointed the following College staff to serve on the Science Fair Committee and Vocational/ Technical Education Week Committee:

- Science Fair Committee:**
- Thomas Taro- Co-Chair
  - Tchuzie Tadao- Co-Chair
  - Kuye Belelai
  - Debra Neas
  - Sherry Ngimeriil
  - Angelio Antonio
  - Keith Ignacio
  - Leilanie Rechelluul
  - Larry Wakakoro
  - Geraldine Rengiil
  - Aurora Del Rosario
  - Jolene Joseph
  - Scarlette Rechirei

- Voc/ Tech Education Week Committee:**
- Sherman Daniel- Chair
  - Armstrong Debelbot
  - Vincent Ito
  - Clement Kazuma
  - Frutoso Tellei
  - Jade Kloulechad
  - Don Hanser
  - Elizabeth DeJong
  - Ezra Takeo
  - Soledad Garcia
  - Eugene Uehara
  - Jemmy Blelai
  - Victoria Maui
  - Lester Rekemesik

Both the Science Fair and Voc/ Tech Educational week are slated to be held during the second week of March to coincide with the MOE Awareness Week. For more information, call Sherman Daniel or Thomas Taro at 488- 2470/ 2471.

## PCC Environmental/ Marine Science Students Go Beach Profiling

By Shelley deBlair Remengesau, EMS student

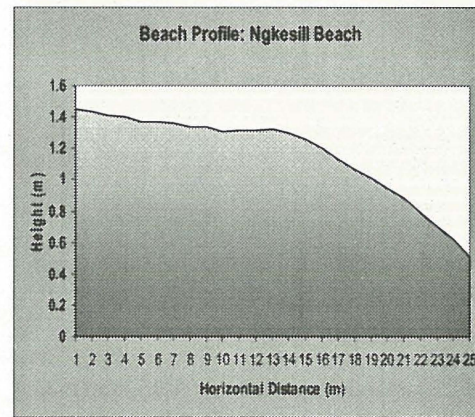
The environmental/marine science students in SC201 Introduction to Oceanography carried out a lab project in the Fall Semester of 2006 in which they learned how to construct beach profiles and analyze sand samples to observe the influence of wave actions and weathering on the physical appearance of the beach. Beach profiling involves using a simple instrument called a leveler. The instrument was mounted on the vegetative side of the beach. A student would stand on the shoreline holding a 3-meter stick upright, while another student looks through the scope of the leveler. The process continued with the student holding the 3-meter stick moving at 1-meter intervals until reaching one meter from the front of the leveler. To keep the student with the 3-meter stick moving in a straight line towards the leveler, the students' laid a fiberglass meter tape on the beach from the base of the leveler to the shoreline as a guide.

Sand samples were collected at 5-meter intervals from the shoreline to the vegetative end of the beach along the same straight line. The samples

collected were taken from the top layer of the beach surface. At the lab, the sand samples were rinsed thoroughly with freshwater and placed in trays and left to dry at room temperature. The samples were weighed, sieved, and weighed again to determine grain-size composition from the shoreline to the vegetative end of the beach. Data from analysis of sand samples from Ngkesill beach showed that as one moves from the shoreline to the vegetative end of the beach, composition becomes mostly fine grains and less of the coarse grains. This is due to ocean waves, continuously depositing new coral and shell fragments on the shoreline. The longer the sand grains are exposed to the natural elements they continually weather away and decrease in size. On the vegetative end of the beach, the sand has a softer texture due to the decrease of grain sizes as compared to the coarse beach along the shoreline. Students also took pictures of some of the sand samples and attempted to determine the shape and origin of the sand grains by observing them under dissecting microscopes.

Data for the profiling were calculated and profiles were constructed for three different beaches. The students were able to construct profiles for Kltalrirs, Ngkesill, and Ulong. However, only sand samples for Ngkesill beach profile were analyzed. Below is a profile of Ngkesill beach and some of the pictures of the sand samples.

This field experience would not have been possible if it was not for the continued support and expertise of the researchers at PICRC. We would like to extend our appreciation to Steven Victor, head of research department at PICRC, for lending us their instruments.



## Why Adult High School?

Have you ever done anything just for the pure joy of it? Whatever your reason for doing something, getting a high school diploma is probably something that most of us have taken for granted, but for others it may seem an impossible dream. Well, we at the PCC Adult High School believe that "It is never too late to get that high school diploma." And it isn't.

Meet Mr. Lawrence Ierago, PCC Adult High School's oldest student. He is 78 years old and has been retired for many years, and does not need a high school diploma for the hope of getting a good job to support his family. Mr. Ierago has already done his job stint, and his family is grown. He says he is attending the Adult High School to encourage some of his family members to go back to school.

And how did he hear about the PCC

Adult High School program? From his daughter, Mrs. Laura Ierago Miles, who had encouraged him and assisted him in applying to the program. Mr. Ierago



Mr. Lawrence Ierago

was Chief of Immigration Office for many years – thirty-four years with the Palau Government, or the Trust Territory Government. He completed the highest grade level allowed by the Japanese during his school days – 8 years of schooling - 5 years of grammar and 3 years of vocational education.

Mr. Ierago started at the PCC Adult High School last semester, Fall 2006, and is a straight A student. His message to all young and old who have not had the chance to earn a high school diploma is not to be ashamed about attending school; that no matter what age you are, it is never too late to earn a high school diploma. But he advises that once you begin, do not give up. He finds the Adult High School courses interesting and educational, and is happy that he had finally started attending classes.

## BITS AND PIECES...

### ANNOUNCEMENT

#### Video Production Training Offered...

PCC Continuing Education is offering a noncredit, short-term training on video production to anyone who is interested to learn. Registration is open until at least ten people sign up. Detailed schedule will be decided after enough participants sign up. The same course will be offered for credit this coming summer. For more information and registration regarding this opportunity, please contact Taruu or Leona at PCC CE at 488-6223.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

#### Attention 5th to 8th Graders...

Koror State Government Youth & Cultural Affairs and PCC Continuing Education (CE) office will be offering an Art Class on Water Color for 5th to 8th graders starting on Saturday, February 3, 2007 at 8am-12 noon at CE Training Room. For more information, please contact Taruu Nakamura or Leona Blaluk at 488-6223.

### THANKS

#### Talent Search Thanks Mr. Blelai...

The Talent Search office would like to thank Rechediouel Jemmy Blelai for volunteering to conduct the In-Service Training to the Talent Search Tutors on December 22, 2006. There were about 20 tutors and TS staff who attended the morning training session. Rechediouel shared his expertise on *Learning and Teaching Styles*, giving the tutors good teaching and tutoring tips. An animated discussion followed the session on various strategies in dealing with students. Once again, the Talent Search staff thanks Rechediouel Jemmy Blelai for volunteering his time and expertise in sharing with the TS tutors and staff.

## Environmental/ Marine Science Scholarship

Applications are still being accepted for the Environmental/ Marine Science Program Scholarship. Application are available at the Development Office for those interested. This scholarship program is for citizens of Palau and the Freely Associated States. The following are the criteria for student applicants:

#### High School Student Applicant

- Must be a high school graduating senior
- Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50
- Have been accepted to Palau Community College
- Must have TOEFL score

#### PCC Student Applicant

- Full-time student
- Enrolled in Environmental/ Marine Science Program
- Have a minimum GPA of 2.5

#### Other Student Applicants (Undergraduate)

- Currently enrolled as full-time student in an accredited or recognized post- secondary institution
- Have a cumulative minimum GPA of 2.5
- Provide current college transcript
- Maintain full-time status

#### Other Student Applicants (graduate)

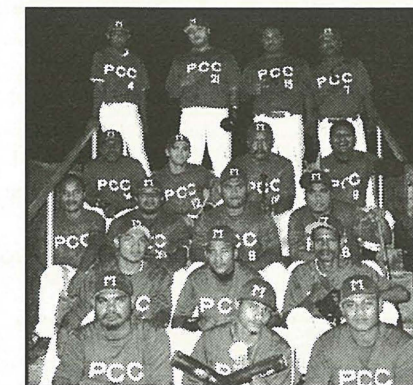
- Currently enrolled as full-time student in an accredited or recognized post-secondary institution
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0
- Provide current college transcript
- Maintain full-time status

#### Supporting documents to be submitted with the application:

- Copy of Palau, FSM, or RMI Passport or notarized copy of birth certificate
- Copy of acceptance letter from PCC or other accredited or recognized post-secondary institutions
- Official school transcripts
- Copy of high school diploma (high school student applicants only)
- Copy of degree (graduate student applicants only)

All applicants are required to submit their completed application forms with supporting documents to the PCC Development office by Friday, February 9, 2007

## Mesekiu Wins Opener



2007 PCC Mesekiu Baseball Team

The 2007 PCC Mesekiu baseball team opened the season with a convincing win over Ngardmau Pirates by a score of 9 to 3 last week Friday.

Behind superb pitching by starter, Sureor Ngrailemesang and reliever Ty Saiske, Mesekiu quickly took the lead and let its potent offense put the game out of reach. In six complete innings, Ngrailemesang struck out 12 Ngardmau batters while reliever Saiske struck out 3 in three innings. *(continued on page 4)*