

## Alumni Notes

### Class of 1988 (MOC)



Willess Tmecherur - 1988 MOC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Carpentry. He is employed by the PCC Physical Plant department as a Maintenance & Operations Supervisor.

Operations Supervisor.

### Class of 1997&99 (PCC)



Virginia Ikeya - 1997 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Secretarial Science and 1999 (CA) in Business Accounting. She is working for PCC as an Accounting Technician.

**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*.

## Celebrating Birthdays

Epi Moses January 28  
Joan Philip January 28  
Rennetta Meyer January 31  
Felix Sengebau January 31  
Vernice Yuzi February 2

Happy Birthday To You!

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## SAT 10 Test (from page 2)

school students fared better in the test, especially when their test scores were averaged separately and not with the public schools' test scores. Dr. Tellei agreed that the test is a good indicator of how our students are performing and offered to work with the Ministry of Education in offering the test in the future. He concluded by saying that it must be a collective effort to strengthen our Ministry of Education and said he believes that the SAT 10 test would be one mechanism to indicate where the effort should begin. Copy of the SAT 10 test scores is available at the PCC Library.

## PCC Endowment Club

### New Members:

Delina Remengesau - G.B. Harris Elementary School  
Rikel Kual - Aimeliik Head Start  
Charla Caleb - Ministry of Justice  
Flory Esebei - Ministry of Justice  
Hasinta Liep - Ministry of Justice  
Prince Idelkei - Ministry of Justice

### Current members- increased contribution:

Deborah Elibosang - Ministry of Health  
Sadako Tadao - Ministry of Health  
Willie Mays Towai - Ministry of Justice  
Margaret Chin - Ethic Commission

Palau Community College thanks all the new members of the Endowment Fund and also recognizes those current members who have elected to increase their allotment amount. Thank you one and all! For those interested in finding out about how to join the Endowment Program, please contact Lu or Hulda at 488-2471, ext 253.

### Financial Aid Night Schedule For 2006-2007 School Year

DATE (JANUARY 2006)	HIGH SCHOOLS	# of Seniors	TIME	PLACE
19 - Thursday	Mindzenty (MHS)	41	7:00pm	MHS Cafeteria
23 - Monday		149		
24 - Tuesday		-		
25 - Wednesday	PHS	-	7:00pm	PHS Resource Center
26 - Thursday		-		
27 - Friday		-		
26 - Thursday	Betharia (BHS)	16	7:00pm	EHS Cafeteria
26 - Thursday	Emmaus (EHS)	9	7:00pm	
28 - Saturday	Belau Modekngei (BMS)	7	9:00am	CE Training Room
30 - Monday	Palau Mission Acad. (PMA)	25	7:00pm	CE Training Room
Total Seniors		247		

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Weekly Newsletter

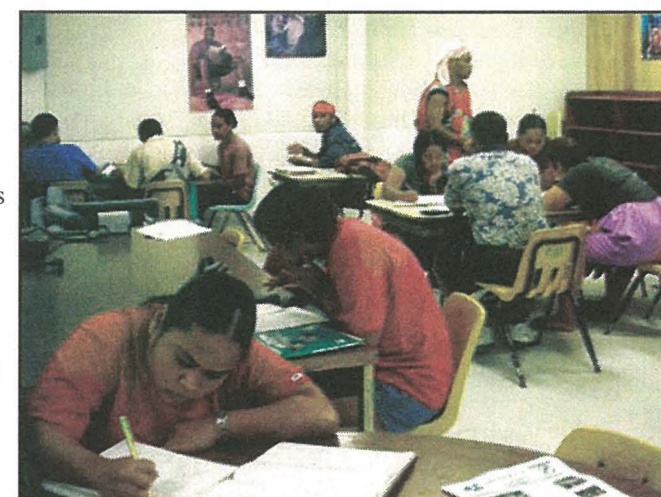
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## Over 190 Classes Offered this Spring OA Program Has Most Students

Based on the official class schedule for this spring semester 2006, there are over 190 classes offered. According to the registrar's office, this is an increase from last spring semester's 170 classes.

More classes in math, english and computers were opened this semester to accommodate the additional students this spring. This move necessitated the academic affairs office to hire adjunct part-time instructors to carry the added courses. The Dean of Academic Affairs Alvina Timarong said that the college tapped into some of its staff as well as hire others from the outside to fill in the vacancies created by the slight influx.

The Office Administration (OA) program with 147 students signed up so far continues to top all programs with the most students. Tourism & Hospitality and Education programs each have 59 and 50 students respectively. "The office administration continues to be the program of choice for students, especially the ones who've just graduated from high school," observed the college registrar, Leslie Adachi. The tourism & hospitality and education programs have stable enrollments as more and more students realize the better prospect for employment in such fields after graduation.



Students work on their assignments and prepare for class in the Project Beacon's counseling area (above). The Project Beacon program (above) offers tutoring and counseling services to students needing help in courses such as math and English.

This semester, two english classes are being offered online (EN 112 & 114), freshmen and advanced composition. Instructor Marianne Temaungil said that she has a total of 45 students between both classes this spring. Last semester, she had one online English course with 32 students.

Also offered this semester are courses in air-conditioning & refrigeration tech., automechanic tech., agricultural science, business accounting, criminal justice, construction tech., education, environmental/marine science, information tech., library science, nursing, office administration, tourism & hospitality, and liberal arts among others.

For more information about PCC and its course offerings, please contact the Registrar's office at 488-2471, ext. 257.

## Business Administration Program Gets Nod from ACCJC

The college received great news from the Accrediting Commission for Community & Junior College (ACCJC) last month, approving PCC's

proposal to add the Business Administration (BU) A.S. degree program to its list of degree offerings.



Dr. Patrick U. Tellei,  
PCC President

Dr. Barbara A. Beno, President of ACCJC in her letter to PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei said that the commission's committee on substantive changes met and upon review of all information and documentation in support of the Business Administration (BU) A.S. degree program, gave its approval. Dr. Beno further said that the committee appreciated the time and attention paid to providing the information in support of the proposal and wished to commend the institution for continuing to respond to community needs.

In addition to the recent approval of the BU program, the ACCJC also gave its approval in the fall of last year to two other programs, the Information Technology (IT) and the Library & Information Services programs.

With the ACCJC's approval, PCC now offers a total of 18 programs.

## Senior JICA Volunteer Shares Shouchu Production Know-How at Workshop



Senior JICA Volunteer Mitsko Kobayashi (foreground) works with PCC-CRE staff in testing the acidity level of various local produce that could be used as additives in making shouchu.

Senior JICA volunteer Mitsko Kobayashi of the Palau Community College-Cooperative Research & Extension teamed up with her colleague and research assistant Lyndon Masami to conduct a shouchu production workshop last week. Held at the PCC-Continuing Education training room, the workshop focused on the methods of making the famed Japanese drink locally, using various locally grown products such as taro, cassava, and rice.

According to Kobayashi, the shouchu production process that was shared with the 28 enthusiasts attending the workshop focused more specifically on using taro as one of the main additive in shouchu preparation. By mixing ground taro, rice *koji* (extract), and water, one should be able to extract shouchu through distillation method in about 3 weeks.

Kobayashi credited Dr. Kazunori Takamine of Japan's Kagoshima Prefecture Technical Center (KPTC), who is a leading expert on shouchu brewing for sharing his expert knowledge with PCC-CRE. Further passing on Dr. Takamine's expertise, Kobayashi and Masami showed workshop participants the different equipments and the step-by-step process needed to produce shouchu, and also the two distillation methods (vacuumed & non-vacuumed) in which the alcoholic drink can be successfully distilled.

Kobayashi also said that they were fortunate to receive additional expert assistance from Masaaki Yamamoto, a *koji* maker also from Kagoshima, in helping analyze taro samples from Palau. According to test results, Palau taro is a great additive as it has a high starch content and gives the shouchu drink a distinctively good smell and taste.

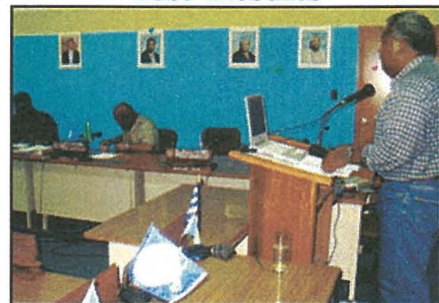
Attending the shouchu production workshop were individuals from various government and private agencies such as Palau EQPB, Palau Organic Farm, Oiph's Farm, Continental Airlines, Bureau of Agriculture, and Palau International Coral Reef Center. JICA-Palau executives and members of the ROP's New Products Development Committee also took part in the workshop.

Kobayashi and Masami said that based on the questions and feedback from the workshop, there is definitely a genuine interest in the shouchu production business. "Palau already has a comparative advantage in that it has a pristine environment in which raw material for shouchu production can be propagated", said Kobayashi. "All we need to do is teach those interested through workshops such as this the proper methodologies needed to produce shouchu", she added.

PCC-CRE extends its appreciation to JICA-Palau and Yukio Tanaka, JICA Specialist; Casmir Remengesau of the New Products Development Task Force, and Kagoshima Prefecture for their support and assistance in this Taro Shouchu Workshop and Taro Shouchu Project.

For additional information about the Taro Shouchu Project, please contact Mitsko Kobayashi, Senior JICA Volunteer at PCC-CRE Office at 488-2746.

## Dr. Tellei Summoned by HOD to Decipher SAT 10 Test Results



PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei was asked by the House of Delegates' Health & Education Committee last Tuesday to explain in further details the results of the SAT 10 test that were recently made available to the public. Dr. Tellei fielded questions from a number of committee members who wanted to know how Palauan students who took the test fared with students from other US schools. Dr. Tellei said that results indicate that we do have Palauan students who are performing up to par compared to their US counterparts. He also said that private

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## Security Guard's Parents Visit Palau, Meet President Tellei



(Sitting l-r) Charlie's parents Sapuro Lonno and Mumeko J. Sapuro. Standing is Charlie Lonno with his son and PCC President Dr. Tellei.

Charlie Lonno, a PCC security guard who has been employed with the college for nearly 15 years had the pleasure of showing his visiting parents from Kosrae around Koror and also the college campus. While touring the campus, Mr. & Mrs. Lonno has the opportunity to meet with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei. The Lonno's also met and had lunch with PCC Vice President of Administration and Finance Jay Olegeriil and his staff.

## BITS AND PIECES...

### SDSU Masters Program to Start Next Month ....



Dean of Continuing Ed. Willy Wally

The 2nd SDSU master's program cohort is slated to begin in March this year, according to Dean of Continuing Education Willy Wally. Twenty-six applicants submitted applications for the program and if all are accepted will attend the orientation

next month. Candidates for the program include employees of the ministry of education and PCC employees.

### Upward Bound Student Spend \$1000 at Workshop ....

To reiterate the importance of managing the many challenges that high school students face in their daily lives, the Upward Bound (UBP) conducted its third monthly student workshop for school year 2005-06.

The workshop which was held on January 21 oriented students participants on how to cope with some of the responsibilities namely budget management, applying for financial aid, and exploring various career interests.

The first part of the workshop dealt with budget management with a simulated auction activity where students were placed in and given \$1000 to bid for career values that were of significance to them. After the auction, freshmen and sophomores were acquainted with their Career Interest Inventory results and advise by UB counselors on their progress in their respective high schools.

The juniors and seniors learned how to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to better prepare them to be more prepared when they go to college.

The Upward Bound Program conducts monthly workshops to help their student participants in successfully completing high school and continuing on to attend college.

## ETS Students Visit Babeldaob Sites

Angelio Anthonio, ETS Counselor

On January 21, 2006, Educational Talent Search Staff including three of their tutors from Koror Elementary School took the six graders for a cultural field trip around the island of Babeldaob.

The purpose of the trip was to visit and learn about several historical sites on Babeldaob. The trip also doubled as a science field trip as students, with the guidance of tutors, learned about the various terrains and the different trees and vegetation that covered them, and how important a role the plant life played in the overall function of the area.

During the field trip, TS participants, staff, and tutors also made a stop at Ollei Port to enjoy a wonderful afternoon and have lunch. Some of the students took the time to tour the area around the port after lunch and went for a swim.

Continuing on the trip, the group visited the ruins of Badrulchau in Ollei (Ngarchelong). Students had to walk down with the tutors to visit the wonderful historical site of

Ngarchelong and experience the baderulechau site. After Badrulchau, the trip continued through the east coast. Coming to the last stop of the trip, the trip made a stop at the Palau's future capitol site in Melekeok. Students took pictures and made a quick tour through the new capitol buildings.

After the capitol site visit, the trip continued back to Koror. On the way, other students sang songs while others continued the identification of plant species that lined the side of the road.

The trip was fun and yet educational. The students learned a lot as well as some of the staff.

Special thanks to the Minister of Education, Mr. Mario Katosang for his continued effort to help the Talent Search Program.

Thank you Mr. Katosang for your undivided effort to see that our field trip was made possible.

