

Alumni Notes

Class of 2007 (PCC)

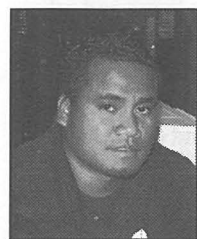
Ramsey Ngiraibai -



2007 PCC graduate with an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Construction Technology (CT). Ngiraibai is an Inspector with the Koror State Government Planning, Building & Zoning Commission.

Class of 2005 (PCC)

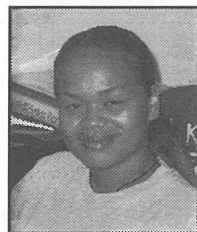
Kaleb Meltel -



2005 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Office Administration (OA). Meltel has been working for three years as a GIS Technician for Koror State Government.

Class of 2004 (PCC)

Sorch Meyar -



2004 PCC graduate with an Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Criminal Justice (CJ). Meyar work as a Programs Coordinator at Koror State Government. She has been there for the last

three years and hopes to spend many more productive years with KSG.

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

Miguel De Los Santos	September 29
Tutii-Elbuchel Chilton	September 30
Ann Sabra Ngirarorou	October 6
Lori Joseph	October 10
Debra Neas	October 14
Mason Ngiramolau	October 14
Sherman Daniel	October 15

Happy Birthday To You!

Phase II of Real Estate Appraisal Training Set for November

The Continuing Education (CE) office will offer the second phase of the Real Estate Appraisal training this coming November. The training will be held from November 10-15, 2008 at the CE training room every evening from 6:00 p.m to 8:00 p.m. Tutoring classes will also be held every morning from Monday, November 10 to Friday, November 14 for those who want to retake the test, which was administered back in March when the first phase of the Basic Principles of Real Estate Appraisal training was held.

Mark Gruber of the Micronesian Appraisal Associates based in Guam will again be conducting the training. Registration is open until the end of October 2008. For more information, please contact Taruu Nakamura or Dean Willy Wally at CE office at 488-6223.

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(former instructor) was read. In it were words of encouragement and well-wishes. Advin and Pioria, both successful alumni themselves and active supporters of the CSO shared positive experiences from their years at PCC. They reminded everyone to work hard and not lose sight of their educational goals. Recognition also went around for those who made honor roll last spring semester as well as those who made dramatic improvements in their GPAs. The CSO thanks to VP Jay Olegeriil, Advin and Pioria, Advisor Rose Aliven-Kohama, Uroi Sali and the rest of the PCC-CSO members and supporters.

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Former Mandarin Instructor Now at WWU



Wenling Su

Wenling Su, a volunteer Mandarin language instructor from the Republic of China who taught at the College

from June 2007-June 2008 is now teaching Mandarin to 1st year and 3rd year Mandarin language students at Western Washington University in Bellevue, Washington State. Su who loves kids said that she has also signed up to help Chinese-American children in her neighborhood learn Mandarin every Sunday. Su who fell in love with Palau's beauty and charm says she plans to visit Palau again in the very near future.

She said that she will forever treasure her beautiful memories and experience in Palau and thanks President Tellei, Vice President Olegeriil, Deans Timarong & Wally and the entire PCC family for their support during her one year assignment in Palau.

Japan Univ. Student Sees Top of Palau



Naoko Takada (standing-left), a graduate student from Okayama University in Southern Honshu, Japan toured the island of babeldaob during her recent study-visit to Palau last month. Takada who stayed for a week on campus and then two weeks with a host family visited the historical site of Badrulchau in Ngarchelong State, and also the highest point in Palau- top of Ngerchelechuus Mountain in Ngardmau State. She was accompanied by PCC staff Debelbot and Suzuki.

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Non-Instrument Navigation Class Begins



The traditional voyaging canoe Alingano Maisu docking at Neco Marine during its recent round-trip voyage from Palau to Yap. PCC Dorm Manager Ephraim Ngirachitei (standing-center) and former PCC interim president and now Palau's Minister of Education Mario Katosang flew to Yap to catch the Yap-Palau leg of the voyage. Captained by Master Navigator and Instructor Sesario Sewralur of Yap State, the vessel now serves as a floating classroom/laboratory for the students enrolled in PCC's Non-Instrument Navigation class.

This semester, PCC in partnership with the newly-established Micronesian Voyaging Society introduced a new class which teaches students traditional sailing and non-instrument navigation classes aboard the voyaging canoe, Alingano Maisu. Classes which are held every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings offer classroom instructions which centers on crew safety in the

with the enthusiasm and progress of his students and stated that next weekend the class will be outfitting the canoe and taking it out for the first time.

For more information about the non-instrument navigation class, you may contact Ephraim Ngirachitei at telephone number 488-3074, or Instructor Sesario at 488-4033

KES Students Visit

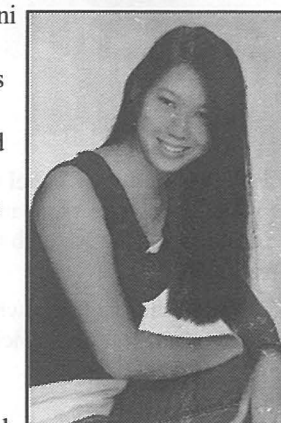


PCC President Tellei(l) and Music Instructor Howard Charles with the KES students and their teacher during their visit to the campus.

Koror Elementary students and their teacher recently paid a visit to Palau Community College. The group was taken on a tour of the campus by Music instructor Howard Charles and also had the opportunity to meet with PCC President Tellei. The KES students will join PCC music students at Bethlehem Park during the holiday season caroling.

Nursing Alum to Test for US Nursing Career

PCC Alumni Michelle Ramos has been recognized as eligible to take the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX-RN). The exam, which is required by the



PCC Nursing Program Alumni Michelle Ramos.

Board of Registered Nursing in California, will allow Ramos to practice nursing within the United States. Upon completing the NCLEX-RN testing requirements, Michelle will be the first alumni of PCC's nursing program to be eligible to practice in the United States.

According to Michelle's former nursing instructor, Terry Ngirmang, Michelle is very bright and will do well on the test. Ramos who is a registered nurse at the Belau National Hospital says her quest is one day be able to practice the profession that she loves in the United States. GOOD Luck Michelle!

Our Condolences

The PCC Family of Staff and Students mourn the tragic loss of fellow student Kayla Ngiraungil; and Extend Condolences and Sympathies to her Family during this most difficult time of sorrow and grief. Funeral Services for Ngiraungil will be held tomorrow.

FSA's Independence Day Booth a Success

The PCC Faculty Senate Association (FSA) held its first ever fundraising event on October 1, 2008 at the Palau-Japan Friendship Bridge. The FSA was among the many organizations that setup booths at the bridge selling various goods ranging from foods to plants and souvenirs. FSA would like to take this opportunity and extend their sincerest appreciation to all those who supported their booth making it a great success and allowing them to raise over \$1000 dollars that will help secure scholarship funds for future PCC students. If you would like to make a donation, please contact the FSA Officers: Vicki Maui, Jemmy Blelai, Soledad Garcia, or Samantha Bells at 488-2471.



Non-Faculty Members

- **President Patrick U. Tellei** who donated 15 local brooms with handles (skobang), 7 wooden spoons, 2 taro pounders (beob), 2 fish club (techotech), and 2 coconut cups (kual).
- **PCC Maintenance Crew** who setup the tents and delivered the tables and benches.
- **PCC Cafeteria c/o Ezra** who donated 2 cases of water.
- **PCC Agriculture Club** who donated 1 case chicken and 14 papayas.
- **PCC Tourism Club** who donated various food products and assisted in selling.

Faculty Members

- Evangeline Andrew who donated 100 pieces of plates, spoons, forks, and napkins.
- Samantha Bells who donated 30 servings of potato salad, ice cubes, and charcoal.
- Margeline Buban who donated 2 packs of hot dogs and 20 pcs of billum.
- Howard Charles who donated 3 packs of hot dogs.
- Joe Tutii Chilton who donated 2 cases of water.
- Elizabeth de Jong who donated \$16 dollars cash.
- Nobby Enano who donated 1 case water.
- Alexander Gachalian who donated 2 packs of hot dogs.
- Ramon Garcia who donated 8 bottles of slush base, 6 bags of sugar, 150 plastic cups, and 1 pack of straw.
- Soledad Garcia who donated 4 plants, 19 kebui, and 6 bananas.
- Damiana Kunihiro who donated 30 servings of fried rice.
- Danka Ledgerwood who donated 30 pieces of assorted clothing items.
- Vicki Maui who donated 1 case chicken and 83 pieces of assorted items.
- Midori Mersai who donated 50 servings of stir fry papaya
- Renette Meyar who donated 50 servings of tapioca and 15 bags of ice.
- William Mitchell who donated several pieces of assorted items.
- Adora Nobuo who donated 12 brownies and 16 cookies.
- Joseph Pflazer who donated 1 ½ case of assorted soda.
- Robert Ramarui who donated 60 bags of sugar cane and 6 bags of kingkang.
- Winfred Recheiungel who donated 75 servings of kimchee.
- Lester Rekemesik who donated 8 packs of taro.
- Natalia Rekemesik who donated 75 servings of red rice and 4 items of clothing.
- Keiden Skilang who donated 40 coconuts and 4 hand carved key chains.
- Jerry Taroy who donated 1 case of assorted soda.
- Frutoso Tellei who donated 50 coconuts and fish.
- Joel Yabes who donated 1 case water
- Johvanna Yaoch who donated 34 bags of sugar cane, 14 coconuts, 30 bags of betelnut, 12 brownies, 12 rice crispies, and 20 cupcakes.
- Terry Ngirmang who donated 2 packs of chicken wings and 2 packs of hot dogs.



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Palau Bar Assoc. On Campus Next Week...

The Palau Bar Association will be on campus next Thursday October 16 to discuss the twenty-two (22) Constitutional Amendments that will be on the ballot during the general election in November. The discussion will be from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM. PCC encourages all student voters and the rest of the voting community to attend the discussion and be informed of the possible impact their votes may have on Palau's future laws. Thank you Professor Tutii Chilton and Trustee Elway Ikeda for providing the information!

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Former PR Manager Readies for Grad School...



Koyungil Kebekol

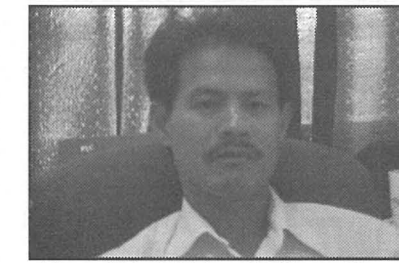
Ms. Koyu Kebekol, who served as the College's PR Manager from 2006-Sept. 2008 has settled in Honolulu, Hawaii and is now hunting for part-time employment while taking preparatory courses for the GMAT Test, a test she will need to enter graduate school. Kebekol who has a bachelor's degree in business management from Ritsumeikan-Asia Pacific University in Japan says she plans to start grad school in the Spring of 2009 and is eyeing schools either in New Zealand or Australia.

KOMENASAI

In the September 26, 2008 issue of the Mesekiu's News story "Okayama University Wants Ties with PCC", we inadvertently referred to Okayama University student Yuya Fukui as Liaison Officer Setsuko Otake. Our apologies to Yuya Fukui for the error.

PCC Trio Personnel Attend COE Conference in Washington D.C.

Upward Bound Math and Science (UBMS) Director Tchuzie Tadao and his executive assistant Larry Wakakoro recently attended the Council for Opportunity in Education's 27th Annual Conference in Washington D.C. The conference, which took place from September 17-20, involved 1,500 TRIO program directors, alumni, and advocates. Topics of interest in conference workshops included new formats for each TRIO program's Annual Performance Reports (APR), overviews of



Director Tchuzie Tadao, PCC Upward Bound Math & Science Program

U. S. congressional laws affecting TRIO programs, and presentations from Universities and College TRIO programs across the U.S which have implemented new and successful methods of instruction and student retention. With the recent reauthorization of the Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965, TRIO programs will need to work closely with the US Department of Education to implement new regulations now governing all TRIO programs. The HEA of 1965 created grants, loans and other programs to help underprivileged students obtain education beyond secondary school. Staff from the PCC SSS Project Beacon, and the Talent Search offices also attended the conference.

For more information about the COE Trip, please contact Tchuzie Tadao at telephone number 488-3965.

Environmental Club Organizes for School Year 2008-09

By: Ngedikes Benedict, EMS student

The PCC Environmental Club held its first meeting on Wednesday, September 24. There were 13 members who showed up, 8 of which are Environmental/Marine Science majors. Among the meeting's proceedings was the election of the club's officers. The new elected officers are as follows: President Ngedikes Benedict, Vice President Ngelulei Ililau, Secretary Renee Benardo, and Treasurer Carson Mesubed. The club discussed designs for club uniforms and fundraising ideas among other topics.

The club's goal is to provide the opportunity for students to participate in environmental associated activities, and to help educate and make the public aware of environmental issues in our community. The club is happy to see new members join and welcomes any and all student who are interested in joining the club to attend future meetings.

Meeting notices will be posted on campus bulletin boards.

CSO Gathers for a Good Ole Time

By: Chuuk Students Organization

Last month, the PCC Chuuk Student Organization (PCC-CSO) along with friends and supporters held a "Chuukese-cuisine" barbecue to formally welcome new and current students back from summer break. Advisor Rose Aliven-Kohama brought local foods from Chuuk; husband and wife, Advin and Pioria brought sashimi, with fresh fish donated by Vice President Jay Olegeriil. The group enjoyed an afternoon of good food, beautiful Chuukese songs, and words of encouragements from supporters. An encouraging email from Ms. Uroi Salii



PCC Chuuk Student Organization members