

Alumni Notes

Class of 1985 (PCC-MOC)



Imengel Mad - 1985 PCC-MOC graduate with an AS degree Secretarial Science. Ms. Mad is a Library Technician for the PCC Library.

Class of 1997/99 (PCC)



Keith Ignacio - 1997-1999 PCC graduate with a BA in General Office Clerk and an AS degree in Secretarial Science. Mr. Ignacio works as an Administrative Assistant for the Upward Bound Math and Science Office.

Great Job, you make us proud!

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

Moses Bells	October 17
Debra Neas	October 17
Marianne Temaungil	October 18
Helene Moros	October 20

Happy Birthday To You!!!

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information regarding how to make a career choice. For fun and relaxation, "Boboy", a local guy, brought his karaoke and we all had a blast, singing and dancing, cheering others on. "Boboy" started off the singing with an exciting rendition of "Lambada", which brought everyone running. Majority of us said Chandis Cooper was the best singer, while Moses and Tyrone were granted the most hilarious voices. Hercules wowed the girls with his soft crooning and Victor bravely took the mike, to his friends' surprise. Kwan-I won hands down as the most demonstrative singer while Vicente drove all wild with his unique dancing. In addition to the karaoke singing, some of us enjoyed challenging each other to a few games of tennis, others went swimming, and still others explored the island on bicycles borrowed from the locals.

After lunch the second day, we got our things ready and we all bid farewell to the Kayangel people and their wonderful hospitality. Before we came to Koror, we decided to swim alongside one of Kayangel's atolls and had the most wonderful time swimming in the blue-green shimmer of Kayangel's lagoon. All in all, we had the time of our lives as well as a great learning experience.

SSS-Project Beacon staff and Student Services would like to thank the following individuals who made possible this cultural trip to Kayangel State: Governor Harris Kambalang and the people of Kayangel for their warm hospitality and the wonderful meal that was prepared for us on Friday night (especially the delicious "aho" and corn soup), and especially to Johnson Bandarii, Billy Graham Kemesong, Ungilreng Takawo, Virginia Kekerechad, Brenges Delekuu, Antonio Iyechad, "Boboy", and Kurt the boat driver for making this cultural exposure trip a memorable one; Ms. Loyola Darius for accompanying us as a representative from the Bureau of Arts and Culture; Norman Sato of PCC-Recreation Department, for helping chaperone and also helping with the cooking of meals; Carl Innocencio and McQuay Postol for the wonderful barbecued chicken and meat and all the yummys too; and finally, the SSS-Project Beacon participants and Dorm residents whose camaraderie and mature behavior allowed the chaperones to relax and have fun themselves. **THANK YOU ALL FOR THE UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE!**

Great job guys and Thank you all for your hardwork!



Clement Kazuma, Director of PCC's Physical Plant, members of the Palau National Olympic Committee and fellow PCC staff enjoy an ice-cream break after a hard day's work picking trash. The community clean-up effort was part of 11th Independence Day Festivities.



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Senator Moses From the FSM Visits PCC



(l-r) FSM Senator Resio S. Moses poses with Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, PCC President and John Ehsa, FSM Director of Administration and Budget.

The honorable Senator Resio S. Moses, Chairman of the Health, Education and Social Affairs Committee, of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia met with PCC President, Dr. Patrick U. Tellei to discuss various educational, financial and academic issues facing students from the FSM who are currently attending the College. The Senator was accompanied by John Ehsa, the FSM Director of Administration and Budget. Senator Moses also met with Dahlia Katosang, Director of the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid office to address eligibility requirements for financial aid programs available to FSM students. In addition, Senator Moses met personally with students from the FSM to hear their concerns regarding financial assistance from the FSM government as well as gain valuable feedback so that he may make recommendations to the FSM President and FSM Congress. The meeting was held at the PCC Cafeteria and was attended by almost a hundred PCC students from the FSM. PCC President Patrick U. Tellei stated: "On behalf of the College, I thank honorable Senator Resio S. Moses for taking time out of his busy schedule to meet with us. Senator Moses, a longtime friend of the College, is a dedicated proponent of education and a valuable partner in our efforts in providing the best educational opportunities possible for our students."

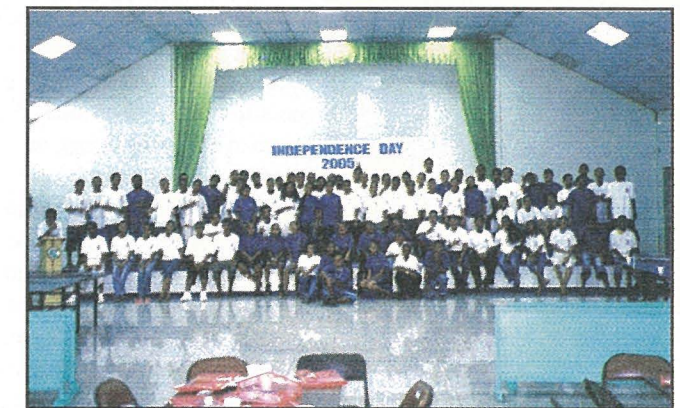
Trustee Donates Student Bags



(L-R) Todd Ngramengior, Special Assistant to the President poses with BOT Vice-Chairman, Masa-Aki N. Emisioch.

Masa-Aki N. Emisiochl, Vice Chairman from the PCC Board of Trustees donated 26 high quality leather bags to the Palau Community College. The donation was presented to Todd Ngramengior, Special Assistant to the President on behalf of the College. These durable and convenient bags will be given to the PCC Bookstore where they will be available to PCC students to buy at bargain prices. The College would like to thank Vice-chairman Emisiochl for his kind donation. We are sure our students will put those bags to good use!

Upward Bound Program Has Orientation



UB students pose after the conclusion of the orientation program.

An orientation program for all current and newly selected Upward Bound Program participants was held on October 8, 2005 at the PCC Cafeteria. Participants were given folders containing student handbooks, class and tutoring schedules and milestones of activities for the whole school year, and other accessories for students to use during the monthly workshops and other functions of the program. At the conclusion of the orientation, students went on a tour of the PCC campus while wearing their Upward Bound t-shirts.



These UB participants are all smiles.

STUDENT EXPLORERS HIT THE PARADISE ISLE OF KAYANGEL

Story submitted by: PCC Students Moses Bismarck, Reevalyn Atalig, Chandis Cooper, Meluat Meluat



Project Beacon Students pose for a group picture.

This semester, the SSS-Project Beacon and Student Services had an overnight trip to the beautiful state of Kayangel. It took place on Friday the 7th of October, and returned on the 8th. The purpose of the trip was for us, the students, to learn about the historical sites, participate in cultural demonstrations and also attend workshops. There were about 87 of us, including the staff, who went on this trip. As the two-hour journey began that morning to the awaiting isolated isle, anticipation was high. A quick pit stop for a restroom break and cold drinks was made at Ngarchelong before the next leg of the boat ride ensued. Continuing on our journey to Kayangel, the ocean scenery was magnificent. The amazing thing about it was that the ocean bottom seemed so alluring - it just made you want to

jump into the ocean and swim the whole way there. The crystal clear waters were remarkably incredible. It's as if you could just touch the bottom of the ocean because it was so translucent, which made it seem shallow. But in reality, it was thrillingly deep. As we approached the beautiful, eye-catching isle of Kayangel, everyone was excited. People could hardly wait to go and explore the "island in the stream." Many of our peers from the Outer Islands of Yap and Chuuk, as well as those from the Southwest Islands of Palau were thrilled yet homesick, as the island of Kayangel reminded them so strongly of home. Everyone all went ashore and we put all our baggage on a truck for transport to the "Bai", then we gathered around while the counselors made some announcements. The trip's activities included some cultural demonstrations and one of them was about fishing and the different kinds of fishing gear used. This was demonstrated by Billy Graham Kemesong. He let us and the staff take a shot at throwing a fishing net. There were 2 staff volunteers (Adora & Midori) and 4 student volunteers (Charity, Meluat, Shane and Ador). They did extremely well for first timers. Secondly, 3 local women from the island (Virginia Kekerelechad, Ungilreng Takawo, and Brenges Delekuu) showed us how to weave an "idib ra kebui" using Pandanus leaves. Some of us tried our hands at weaving, and in fact, five of us (three of whom were guys!) actually completed an



Kosraen students are chilling out during the cool night.



PCC students on a scenic tour of Kayangel's historical sites.

there to swim or lay eggs. This is all the more reason why the preservation of historical sites is crucial as stated by Mr. Iyechad. He also encouraged us as college students to join in the effort in identifying resources that could benefit the preservation of historical sites. Also, Ms. Loyola Darius, a staff of Bureau of Arts and Culture, shared additional information regarding the preservation of historical sites. Many of us found these sites extremely interesting, especially when we were told that some of the ancient potteries dated back to before the time of the pyramids in Egypt!! The thought boggles the mind. Additional activities included two workshops, one conducted by Adora on Communication Skills and Establishing Rapport. The workshop included an activity to go with it which was called the "line of trust." Everyone enjoyed the activity and kept laughing out loud because some students started

throwing the person who got caught in the line of trust up in the air and catching him or her. But sad to say, Moses Bismarck wasn't caught, so ended up hitting his behind on the hard ground. Ouch! The other workshop conducted was a Career workshop done by Cynthia on discovering one's self, exploring/researching career choices and planning towards a career goal. She gave great advice/



Billy Graham Kemesong teaches Shane Salvador how to throw a fishing net.

"idib ra kebui". Then there was a tour with Mr. Antonio Iyechad to the Kayangel historical sites like the *Meduu el bai*, the bathing pond, and the road to the graveyard. He explained the importance of preserving the sites for generations to come and the usage of each area during ancient times. The pond wowed everyone, and some said "it's a really unique bathing pond" while others were asking, "why is the water inside dirty?" and "why are the frogs dead inside?" Mr. Iyechad explained that since no one bathes in it anymore, the water gets stagnant and algae grows, and so frogs end up going



Brenges Delkuu demonstrates traditional craftmaking skills. While the picture below shows, PCC students participating in team-building activities.

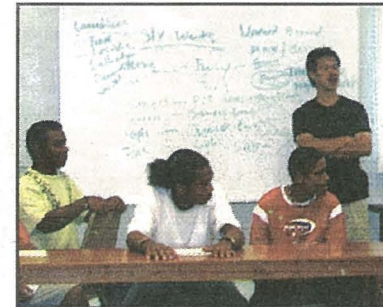


Study Tips to Help You Make the Grade!

(Study Tips are taken from: <http://www.how-to-study.com/>)

Set aside a place for study and study only! Find a specific place (or places) that you can use for studying (for example, the campus libraries, vacant classrooms, quiet areas in the student center, bedroom at home, etc. Make a place specific to studying. You are trying to build a habit of studying when you are in this place. So, don't use your study space for social conversations, writing letters, daydreaming, etc. Insure that your study area has the following: good lighting, ventilation, a comfortable chair, but not too comfortable and a desk large enough to spread out your materials. Insure that your study area does not have the following: a distracting view of other activities that you want to be involved in, a telephone, a loud stereo, a 27-inch color TV, and roommate or friend who wants to talk a lot.

UBMS Has Orientation for Students



UBMS Director, Tchuzie Tadao briefing students on the various programs his office offers.

On Saturday, October 8, 2005, Upward Bound Math and Science (UBMS) held its student orientation to welcome its new and returning program participants. These students are from the various high schools, namely Mindszenty High School, Palau High School, Emmaus High School, Belau Modekgei School, and Bethania High School. UBMS staff discussed with the students about the program's overview. UBMS comprises an academic and a summer component services. The academic component involves tutoring, counseling, and educational workshops and math and science field trips. The summer component requires a six-week of summer instructions at the Palau Community College in addition to tutoring, counseling, educational workshops, and math and science field trips and labs. For further information, contact UBMS office at 488-3965.

SSS-Project Beacon Jobsite Visit to Koror State Government Offices



High Chief Ibedul, Yutaka M. Gibbons speaking with Project Beacon students.

Fifteen (15) SSS-Project Beacon participants went on a jobsite visit to the Koror State Government (KSG) offices on October 12, 2005. The highlight of the trip was meeting High Chief Ibedul Yutaka M. Gibbons and the Governor, John C. Gibbons. They were both able to deliver a brief message regarding their line of work, the responsibilities, qualifications and and some ethical/moral values involved in any workplace and careers. They both stressed the importance of balancing our traditional leadership with our

democratic system of government. The students had the privilege to tour the whole KSG facilities and were briefed with each departments' goals/objectives as well as some of the employees' own career outlook. All the staff of KSG were very cooperative and helpful during the jobsite visit. Some of the presentations were given by James Taylor, Legal Counsel; Vera Dilsils Kanai, Director of Koror State Public Land Authority; Joyce Kyota, Director of Finance; Scott Yano, Chief of Sanitation; Scout Master El'zeiader Eledui,



John C. Gibbons, Governor of Koror State addresses Project Beacon.



Project Beacon students pose in front of the Koror State Capitol building after their Jobsite visit.

Deborah Toribiong, House of Traditional Leaders; Magdalena Antonio, Building and Zoning. SSS-Project Beacon would like to take this opportunity and thank High Chief Ibedul Yutaka M. Gibbons, Governor John C. Gibbons and all KSG staff for their time and effort in making this jobsite visit a valuable experience. Much appreciation goes to Dominica Ngoriakl, Governor's Executive Secretary, for her support in organizing this jobsite visit and Lillian Milong for assisting with the tour. The jobsite visit was immediately followed by a Career Workshop entitled "Are You on the Right Path?" at the Project Beacon Lab. The workshop stressed the importance of exploring different career paths, while in College. Thank you, Project Beacon participants for your cooperation and participation in the Jobsite visit and the Career Workshop. Jobsite visits are an effort to orient students with various possibilities of career choice. Career workshops are career related activities designed to enable students to make sound career decisions. Until next time, good luck in your career endeavors!

Deadline for Mesekiu's News Articles

Articles for Mesekiu's News are due on Wednesdays every week. Please submit your articles to any Development Office staff before 3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. You can also send your articles through our PCC network to Temmy's shared document or e-mail them to temmyt@palau.edu. Thank you for helping us put together our newsletter every week.