

## Alumni Notes

### Class of 2006 (PCC)

*Thelma Remengesau-*



Thelma graduated from the PCC in 2006 with an AS degree in Elementary Education. She is currently attending classes at San Diego State University through their online program. She was a teacher at Maristella

School for 18 years and is currently the Vice Principal there.

### Class of 2005 (PCC)

*Celeste Sumor -*



Celeste graduated from PCC in '05 with a Certificate of Completion in RSA. She is currently a teacher at Meyuns Elementary school and has been employed there for 5 years. Previously she worked as a teacher for the Head Start Program.

### Class of 1977 (MOC)

*Miriam Ngirmekur -*



1977 MOC graduate with a Vocational Certificate of Achievement (VCA) in Secretarial Science. Ngirmekur's began her career with the College in 1980 as a media specialist and in 1999 promoted to Library 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 and all alumni in future issues of the *Mesekiu's News*.

## Celebrating Birthdays

Maria Joseph	Oct. 17
Marianne Temaungil	Oct. 18
Helene Moros	Oct. 20
Samantha Bells	Oct. 21

Happy Birthday To You!

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## Flea Market Booth Sign Up

Palau Community College is pleased to announce that it will hold the very first Flea Market Bonanza here in Palau. This spectacular all-day event has been scheduled to take place on Saturday December 5, 2009 at the PCC Parking Lot leading to the Palau National Track. Take this opportunity to sell your new and/or pre-owned household appliances, items,

as well as clothing, food items, etc. for some ready cash! (No alcoholic beverages or cigarette items allowed to be sold). With vendor space being limited, interested vendors are highly encouraged to reserve their space (one parking stall goes for \$10 for an all day reservation, proceeds going to the PCC Endowment Fund). Maximum of two stalls per vendor. If you are interested in reserving your slot(s), please contact Armstrong Debelbot at PCC Development Office at telephone number 488-2470/2471. Hurry, only limited slots available!



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nukun (outdoor brooms/rakes). They are collecting hibiscus and mangrove wood for the broom handles, pandanus leaves for the bristles and coconut husks to create rope for the wrappings. Once completed the brooms will be sold to sponsor future CSO activities.

PSO members spent the day learning a traditional Pohnpeian dance from Koloï Henrick. The dance is called Koulen Pilolo and involves intricate movements with two shaved sticks. If all goes well they may be performing it next month. Thank you to Ms. Henrick for her hospitality.



CSO/PSO members at the house of Koloï Henrick after a hard day of coconut harvesting and dancing.

### Intramural Softball Tournament

The Fall Intramural Softball Tournament is now underway. Games will follow the posted schedule with any missed or rained out games being rescheduled at the end of the regular game season. Games will be played at the Meyuns Ball Field and will start at 7pm. If you need a ride to the games be at the dorms at 6:30pm for pick up.

### Next Week's Games

**Tue. 10/20/09**  
Island Force vs. Fresh More  
Swine Flu vs. Rec-Less

**Wed. 10/21/09**  
Patronix vs. Island Force  
V-Kadotz vs. Swine Flu

**Thur. 10/22/09**  
Maintenance Info vs. Ngaukai  
Project Beacon vs. Fresh-More

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## PCC Hosts PPEC Meeting



Top l-r: Larry Gamboa PPEC Project Director; Dr. Robert Underwood, President-UOG; Dr. Patrick Tellei, President-PCC; Dr. Leon Richards, Chancellor-KCC; Dr. Helen Whippy, UOG; Spensin James, President- College of Micronesia-FSM; Dr. Mary Okada, President- GCC; Jean Thoulag, College of Micronesia- FSM; Dr. Wilson Hess, President- CMI; Dr. Ray Somera, GCC.

Bottom l-r: Mike Rota, Chancellor-HCC; Palau President Johnson Toribiong; Dr. Kathleen Kolhoff, American Samoa Community College; Alvina Timarong, Dean Academic Affairs-PCC; Cynthia Deleon Guerrero, NMC; Don Hess, CMI.

After more than twenty years since its last meeting in Palau, the Pacific Postsecondary Educational Council (PPEC), an entity consisting of presidents from US affiliated postsecondary institutions in the Pacific and whose purpose is to advocate interests of institutions of higher learning in the Pacific, returned to Palau this week

to hold its October 2009 meeting. Led by current council vice chairman President Spensin James of the College of Micronesia-FSM (current chairman Dr. Carmen Fernandez of Northern Marianas College could not attend to meeting), the PPEC attendees included heads of other colleges

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## Visit from the University of Ryukyus



top left to right - Sherry Ngirmeril, Pres. Tellei, Ken Toguchi, Takashi Hirose, Akira Maekado  
bottom left to right - Dean Alvina Timarong, Yuko Fujita, Eikouezu

Professors from the University of Ryukyus in Okinawa met with Dr. Tellei on September 30th. The professors are members of the Pacific Islands Studies, which is one of the divisions of the International Institute for Okinawan Studies (IIDS).

The purpose of the visit with Dr. Tellei was to discuss possibilities for joint research with faculty members involved in different research topics. They also informed Dr. Tellei that the project on human migration plans to host an international symposium on Sustainable Development for Islands in 21st Century Global Society. There is a future possibility of IIOS inviting 2 faculty members or specialists from PCC to attend the symposium.

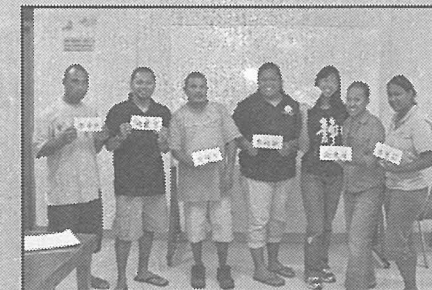
The IIOS was established in 2009 and is planned to continue until the year 2012. Pacific Island Studies is one of its six divisions. The project that Palau is involved in is called "Human Migration and the 21st Century Global Society." Currently the project involves universities and institutions from the USA, China, Taiwan, Korea and Thailand. It focuses on the environment, tourism, economy, food culture, aqua culture, and situations and issues in the islands. The project is funded by the government of Japan.

## Continuing Education Opportunities

The goal of CE is to "Enhance skills for the private and public sectors." They offer classes from language training to computer skills to athletics, and everything in between. CE programs are offered to both traditional and non-traditional students. They have been involved with training athletes for next year's mini games and providing PNCC staff with computer training. Everything from typing to operating systems and software use. They were also responsible for the training of Seventh Day Adventist teachers to effectively teach Palauan classes. In 2010, there will be a tourism expo in China and CE is providing the training for people to effectively attend this expo to

promote Palau.

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Mandarin instructor Ginger Tzu-Ching Chen with the Koror State Government language training participants.

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and universities throughout the Pacific region including Hawaii, American Samoa, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Northern Mariana Islands, the Territory of Guam and Palau.

The two-day meeting was held on Monday and Tuesday of this week, with the Monday session convening in the Council of Chiefs Chamber at the Capitol in Ngerulmud, Melekeok. This allowed the group to, after their morning session, see firsthand the new seat of the Palau National Government and meet with Republic of Palau President HE Johnson Toribiong.

According to Larry Gamboa, PPEC Project Director, issues tackled by the group during the first day session included a grant proposal to the US Department of Interior with regards to funding for the 2nd year of PPEC's 5 year strategic plan. USDOJ funding is critical as it enables PPEC to carryout its objectives set forth in its master plan such as capacity building for council members, governance enhancement, academics, articulation and accreditation development. Another important issue discussed was the inclusion

of the Freely Associated States' students (includes PCC students) in the Obama Graduation Initiative- a grant funding to help increase the student graduation rates at US accredited community colleges.

The Tuesday session was held on campus and council members had the opportunity to hear from representatives of SunGard Database Systems, a company that is proposing an MIS plan to address the PPEC's regional approach for data exchange and utilization.

The two-day PPEC meeting was capped with a PCC-sponsored trip to the Rock Islands. The Rock Island tour included a mini fishing derby between the Chief Academic Officers and the Presidents. Unofficial results favor the CAOs.

Thank you to the Council of Chiefs for use of their chamber and President Toribiong for taking time to meet with the PPEC.

## CSO/PSO Activities

The Chuukese Student Organization and Pohnpeian Student Organizations have been keeping busy with extracurricular activities. They spent last weekend in Ngiwal at the house of Benedicta (Koloji) Henrick with their advisor Rose Kohama.

The CSO has been busy collecting materials for their fund raising projects. They are making authentic piruumen non imw (indoor brooms) and piruumen

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## Lorenza Joseph to Retire



Lorenza Joseph has been working at PCC for 24 years. She started here in 1986 and works in the finance

department (Business Office). She will be retiring shortly and before she leaves, we would like to take the opportunity to thank her for everything she has done for this school, its students and staff. During her interview, Lorenza said that she will miss her time here and will miss all the wonderful friends that she found at PCC.

## Faces of PCC



One goal of the Mesekiu News is to help unite PCC as a family. To help everyone get acquainted we will feature photos and brief bios

of PCC staff and students in the "Faces of PCC" section. If you want to appear in the newsletter or want to nominate someone just stop by the development office or call Elliott at 488-2470, ext 252.

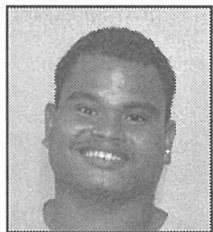
### Rogelio Vergara



Mr. Vergara is the Maintenance & Operation Supervisor at PCC. He has been working here for 27 years starting in 1982. He built or helped to build most of the structures on

campus, including the Orchestra Building, the Office of the President, the Board Room, the footing on the Lebuu statue and the PCC sign out front. He's married and lives by the dorms.

### Timothy Joseph F. Gamous



Timothy is a student from Yap. He is an auto mechanic major and is enjoying his time here in Palau. Outside of school he enjoys playing basketball, pool and watching T.V. in the dorm.

### Angie V. Falamtin



Angie is also from Yap and she is a relative of Timothy. She enjoys playing volleyball and sleeping.

## Just for Fun

This week we have hidden ten small pictures throughout the text in the articles. The first person to find and identify these pictures can come by the development office for a prize. You can only win one prize per month and only the first person can win. Congratulations to last week's winner: Elong Takeo.

## International Food

On Nov. 4th PCC will be holding International Food Night. We are looking for people who want to prepare and share ethnic foods from their home. PCC will help to provide cooking materials and a place to prepare your dish. All PCC students and staff are welcome to participate. Please contact Rose at 779-0201 or Ephraim at 488-3074 for details. We are also looking for people to donate food supplies for people to use in cooking. Anyone with excess fruits, vegetables or meats please contact either Rose or Ephraim at the above numbers to make your donations. Thanks and we look forward to seeing you all on November 4th.

## Annual Reports Due

This is a reminder that the deadline for the Annual Reports was September 30th, 2009. If you haven't yet submitted your report, please turn it in at the Development Office asap. Please make sure your report is in electronic format (flash drive). If you have any questions about the reports, please contact the Development Office at 488-2470 ext. 253.

## Thanks for Running

Thank you to all those that showed up for the 10-10 day walk, especially the paddlers club who arrived early and stayed late. Another big thank you to Weldon and Hulda for providing transportation. The event was a huge success and people from the Republic of China were happy to see such a large turnout. Participants received a small medal with the Palauan and Republic of China's flags to help commemorate the day.

## Great Job!

With all construction work completed for the new Three Storey Library, we would like to take this time to thank the hard workers of NECO construction who worked tirelessly to complete this project, often times late at night and on the weekends to complete the project in a timely manner and with minimal disruptions.



The NECO construction crew.

## Library gets Signed Over

On Tuesday October 6th the new PCC library was officially signed over from NECO Construction Inc. to the Palau Community College. Dr. Tellei, Shallum Etpison, Skeras Etpison, Jay Olegeriil and Chester Lelis were all present at the signing over.

President Tellei thanked Shallum Etpison of NECO Construction Inc. for the excellent work that he and his staff did. The project was completed on time, with little impact on classes or campus events and all expectations were met.

Mr. Shallum Etpison thanked Dr. Tellei for the chance to be a part of the project and looks forward to future ventures. Thank you to Chester Lelis the library's architect, Shallum and Skeras Etpison,



Skeras Etpison, Shallum Etpison, Dr. Tellei, Chester Lelis and Jay Olegeriil transferring ownership of the new 3-storey library.

NECO Construction Manager Shao Yang-Chan along with the entire NECO crew and everyone else who was a part of this project.

Opening for the new library is scheduled for second week of November, 2009.

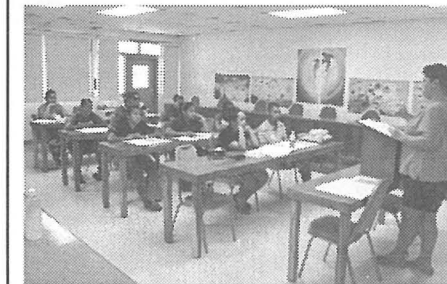
## ASPCC Orientation

Leadership members of the ASPCC met on Saturday morning for orientation as ASPCC Officers. The meeting was led by Director of Student Life Deikola Olikong and counselor Hilda Ngiralmu.

Orientation started with a brief introduction of Student Senate responsibilities and an overview of the ASPCC constitution which gives guidelines for the organization. Here are the purposes of the Student Senate according to their constitution:

1. To promote the interests and to meet the needs of the student body as a whole.
2. To protect and secure the rights and privileges of all students of the college.
3. To assist each individual student on any matter relating to his/her status as a student of the college.
4. To promote good relationship between the students, the faculty, staff, administration of the college and the Micronesian society as a whole.
5. To help promote the general welfare of the students and the college.

Other topics covered during the 3.5 hour



ASPCC Student Senate met in the CE training room to discuss their new role at PCC.

orientation were how to carry out successful meetings, Parliamentary procedures and different leadership styles.

The ASPCC leadership is here to help you as students. If you need help please contact one your student body leaders in the ASPCC office.

## Student Presents at PAL Meeting

LS120 student Magdalene Nena presented her research on media care to the Palau Association of Libraries (PAL) last week. Nearly 30 librarians from around the country attended the meeting.



The presentation was part of the LS120: Library Media Technology

course. Magdalene's presentation covered the care, repair, and handling of CDs and DVDs. She discussed the best methods for preserving CDs and DVDs, conditions that will keep CDs and DVDs working for as long as possible and proper techniques for labeling and marking CDs and DVDs. Magdalene also demonstrated several ways to repair a scratched CD or DVD.

