

## Alumni Notes

### Class of 1984 (MOC)

Joshua Tmetuchi-



Joshua graduated from the Micronesian Occupational College in 1984 with a Certificate of Achievement in General Electronics Technology. He is currently employed as a Construction Supervisor and has been doing this since 1991. Prior to being a supervisor he worked as a Heavy Equipment operator.

### Class of 2005 (PCC)

Patricia Remeliik-



Patricia Remeliik graduated from PCC in December of 2005. She graduated with a Certificate of Completion in Tourism and Hospitality. Currently she is working as an Office Clerk at Palau Organic Farms.

### Class of 2004 (PCC)

Deborah Wiley -

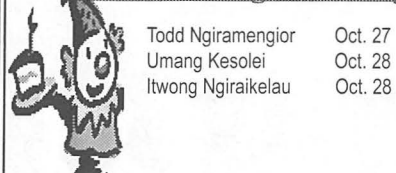


Deborah is a classroom teacher for second graders at Koror Elementary School. She works from 7:30am to 4:30pm. She is responsible for the safety, discipline and education of the students. Previously she taught at Head Start from 1992 to 1996.

She received an AS Education degree from PCC.

**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



Todd Ngiramengior	Oct. 27
Umang Kesolei	Oct. 28
Itwong Ngirakelau	Oct. 28

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!



## 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 are played at the Meyuns Ball Field and 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

**Wed. 10/28/09**

Island Force vs. Ngaukai  
Patronix vs. Swine Flu

**Thur. 10/29/09**

V-Kadotz vs. Fresh-More  
Maintenance Info. vs. Rec-Less

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dents have mastered their star compasses and understand where stars are located in the sky. It is a one evening outing where swimming and basic water techniques will also be practiced. The second practical will be three days of sailing which will take students about a hundred miles out, perhaps to Peleliu, depending on wind conditions. A third practical sail of two hundred miles is scheduled for after

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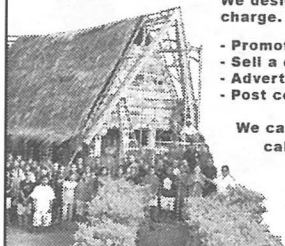
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## Non-Instrument Navigation Class Begins



Master Navigator Sesario Sewralur with the second traditional navigation class.

The long anticipated Traditional Navigation course began last week with sixteen students currently enrolled and more are still signing up.

The class will cover non-instrument navigation, sailing techniques, water safety training, survival skills and weather prediction. One of the most important parts of the course is the practicals, where stu-

dents get out of the classroom and face the weather and elements out in the open water. Practical are roughly scheduled but since sailing deals directly with wind and changing weather patterns, exact times and destinations are difficult to determine until closer to the departure date. The first practical will take place after stu-

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## Library gets \$30,000 IMLS Grant

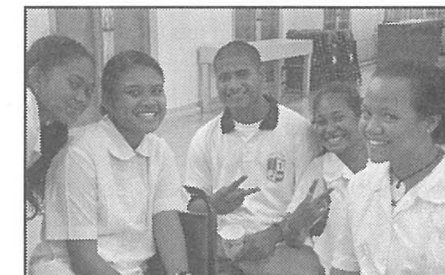
The library has received a \$30,000 grant from the Institute of Museum & Library Services for the 2010 physical year. This money will be used to help stock the new library and provide training for both new and existing library staff members.

The primary grant writer was Debra Neas although she solicited recommendations and support from many

third party contributors including Public Librarian Mary Arius, PCC LS Instructor Megan Beard and President of the Palau Association of Libraries Sandy Fernandez. Last year Debra was also instrumental in securing a similar grant for \$37,000.

If you wish to share some of your favorite authors or genres, the PCC library has a wish list, at the circulation desk, for your recommendations. Feel free to email the library as well with any book recommendations at pcclib@palau.edu

## UB Orientation



Upward Bound Program had the orientation for incoming students last week. The orientation took place in the PCC cafeteria for Palau Mission Academy, Palau High School, Mindszenty and Emmaus High School. For Bethania High School and Belau Modekngai School, PCC traveled to their schools for the orientation. Upward Bound counselors went over

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## Moylan's Scholarship



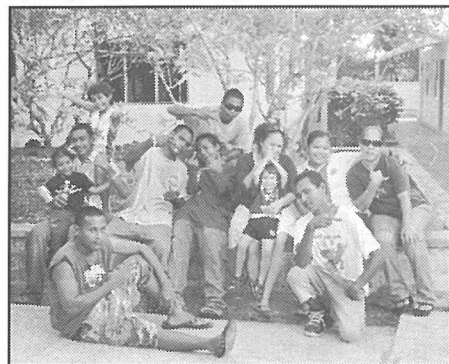
Duet Toribong and Leeroth Wilhelm presenting Dr. Tellei with the Moylan's Insurance scholarship fund.

Last week Moylan's Insurance presented PCC with a \$1000 Moylan's Insurance Scholarship for the 2009-2010. The Scholarship will be awarded to two deserving and hard working Palau Community College students. Thank you to Moylan's Insurance for their generous contribution to the education of our students. Moylan's is a huge contributor to PCC and the community and they have been funding this scholarship since 1999.

## Adult High School Clean Up

On Friday, October 9, 2009, the Adult High School students had a clean-up day to show their appreciation to the college for the opportunity to continue their education, and to recognize their new Student Body Organization officers. Mr. Tyler Kyota is the new president, Mr. Emerson Obak is vice-president, Ms. Jerda Sets is the new secretary, and Ms. Endie Estanislaus is the new treasurer. AHS Counselor Mr. Hedrick Kual is the AHS SBO advisor, and Miss Bonita Olylai Aderiano is the AHS staff assistant to the SBO.

The students did a great job cleaning the grounds from the Talent Search office and around to the Urur Building area. The AHS students thank the PCC Maintenance for the use of their equipment.



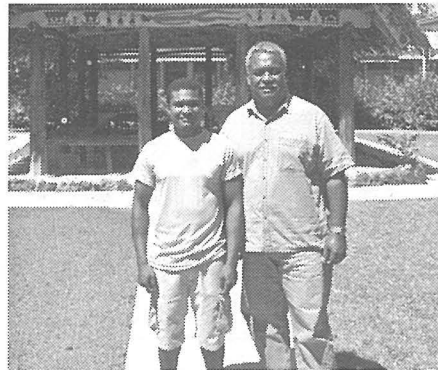
Adult High School students after their Friday clean-up.

## CSO/PSO Help Out at the Mental Health Council Fund Raiser



During one of their fun-filled, action packed outings, the Chuukese and Pohnpian Student Organizations stopped by the Mental Health Council's fund raising lunch booth to help support them by purchasing 15 lunch boxes. The lunch boxes were filled with rice, chicken, hot dogs and other goodies and helped the CSO/PSO to maintain proper energy levels throughout the day.

## Visit from E4 Remung Basilius

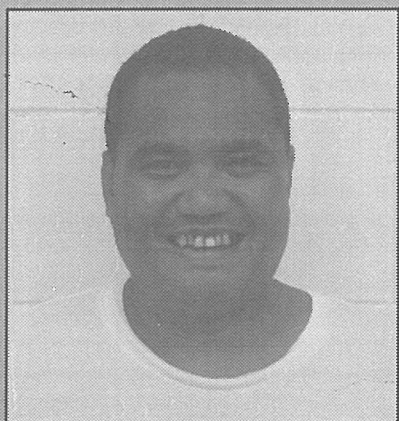


E4 Army Specialist Remung Basilius with Dr. Tellei.

Last week PCC had a special visit from one of our enlisted men, Remung Basilius. Mr. Basilius is ranked E4 which is the equivalent of an NCO in the US military. He is stationed in Iraq and his main base is in Ft. Hood Texas. After two weeks of R&R, he will be returning to Iraq to complete one and a half more months in his current tour. We were lucky that he decided to spend these two weeks back home in Palau and thankful for his visit to PCC, where he was an auto mechanic major before joining the services.

Mr. Basilius had one word of advice for incoming and current students "perseverance." Remung said that the military is a good option, but students should finish their degree before enlisting. Persevere and you will get much farther in life and accomplish more of what you want. In his company there are 300 people, of those there are 5 islanders, 2 Samoans, 1 Chuukese, 1 Marshallese and himself.

## Endowment Donor



Hamilton Maech of the recreation office has joined hundreds of other PCC and community members who contribute a small, tax refundable portion of their paycheck to the PCC Endowment Fund. Thanks Hamilton!

## Faces of PCC



One goal of the Mesekiu's 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.

### Mike Fedison



Mike is the Agriculture/Environmental Science Instructor at PCC. This is his second semester working here. Prior to coming to PCC he worked as

an organic farmer in Pennsylvania. He has traveled to and volunteered in places like Mexico, Guatemala and Spain. In his free time he enjoys kayaking, gardening, swimming and surfing.

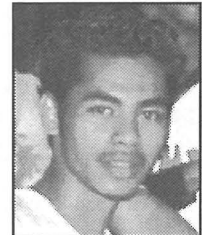
### Noah Yarofaitip



Noah is from the Ifalik atoll in Yap. He is a small engine major and will graduate this upcoming summer, 2010. He currently works for the maintenance dept. He enjoys fishing,

basketball and volleyball.

### Jose Meltel



Jose is a Food and Beverage Operations Major who will be graduating this summer. He enjoys cooking and really enjoys basketball. He plays for Team Kabong (2008 Division 2 Champions).

## Just for Fun

We will no longer be offering prizes to the first person to complete the puzzles. This is because learning should be its own reward and by offering prizes we are bribing students to read the newsletter. This week's non prize puzzle is to find 15 letters in **this font** and arrange them to form a short phrase. Last week's winner: Jovaly N. Rechebei.

## 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 Armstrong Debelbot or Alvina O. Marcil at the Development Office, 488-2470 ext. 253. Thank you to Talent Search, Student Support Services and Continuing Education for submitting your reports.

## Journalism Club

Do you enjoy writing stories, taking pictures and exploring new things? Then maybe you're a journalist. The journalism club had their first meeting, but is still open if new members would like to join. Those who are interested please contact Danka Ledgerwood either through email, dankainmicronesia@yahoo.com or stop by faculty office 3.



## Library Moving

The PCC Library is currently in the process of moving from the old location to the new building. During this time we will be creating a temporary hallway through the development office to make the transfer smoother. We apologize for any excess noise or disturbance this may cause to our patrons. Until the transfer is complete we will continue to operate out of the old library building. Thank you for your understanding.

## SDSU Master's Program

San Diego State University in collaboration with Palau Community College is helping Palauans to complete their Master's Degrees here on the island. The current program allows participants to receive a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership after completing the almost two year long course which began in January of 2009. Students are expected to graduate in December of 2010.

One of the great things about the current set up of the course is that unlike many similar programs, it gives the students personal time with professors, instead of all online work. Professors from San Diego State University fly out and spend one to two weeks with students in the classroom. The remainder of the course is completed online,



Future holders of Educational Leadership Master Degrees from SDSU.

providing an excellent blend of online and personal learning.

This week Dr. Stephen Barnes joined students for a seminar in adult learning; "Educational Psychology as it Applies to Learning in Adults." One professor comes out per course and Dr. Barnes is the 4th of 10 professors to visit.

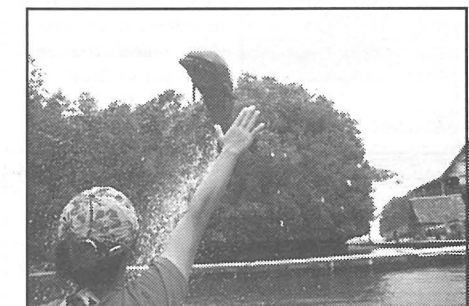
## PCC Canoe Club Tours Dolphin's Pacific

Last Saturday the PCC Canoe Club (previously the Paddlers Club) along with the Canoe Association of Palau got an amazing opportunity to tour Dolphin's Pacific. Despite the rainy, gusty weather and the fact that only half the paddlers had paddles, the Canoe Club made it safe and sound to Dolphin's Pacific where they were treated to a dolphin show. The show included some amazing jumps and tricks by the dolphins. Club members also learned a few things, like the fact that dolphins have two brains. Many thanks to Dolphin Pacific for the free tour, the Canoe Association of Palau, Debbie Toribiong, Judy Otto and all the coaches and assistants.

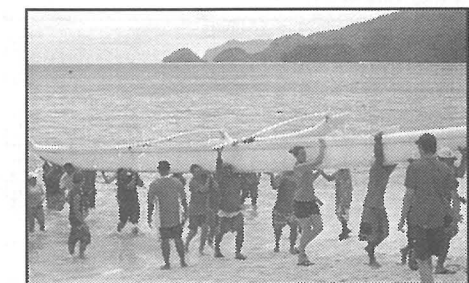
The Canoe Club is still looking for paddles. If anyone has any old paddles to donate please call Elizabeth at 488-2471 or Weldon at the recreation office, 488-3885. The Club would like to thank Hulda

for borrowing and dropping off paddles for the club every week and also to all the community members who have helped out by lending paddles.

The PCC Canoe Club is still open for new members and those wishing to join should contact Elizabeth at 488-2471.



One of the Dolphin Pacific trainers with her underwater friend.



Paddlers work together.



PCC Canoe Club and fellow paddlers at Dolphin's Pacific.

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class schedules, new Upward Bound rules and offered a campus tour (for on campus schools). This year's program will begin on Oct. 26th with 21 new students, for a total of 110 students for this school year.