

Alumni Notes

Class of 1981 (MOC)

Rena Kloulechad



Rena graduated from MOC in 1981 with a Certificate in AGS. She is currently working as Senior Auditor. Her duties include doing performance audits for state and government agencies. Previously she worked at the Ministry of Finance.

Class of 1988 (PCC)

Clement Kazuma-



Clement graduated from PCC in 1988 as an electrician. Following his graduation he began working at PCC in the maintenance department. Since that time he has risen through the ranks and is now Director of the Physical Plant.

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

Tchuzie Tadao	Nov. 1
Ella Rdiall	Nov. 1
Eleos Tellei	Nov. 1
Joel Yabes	Nov. 2

Happy Birthday To You!

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Next Week's Games

Intramural Softball Games
Tues. 11/03/09
Proj. Beacon vs. Ngaukai
Patronix vs. Fresh-More
Wed. 11/04/09
Patronix vs. Maintenance Info.
V-Kadotz vs. Proj. Beacon
Thur. 11/05/09
Proj. Beacon vs. Rec-Less
V-Kadotz vs. Ngaukai

Team Mesekiu Cuts

Cuts for the Mesekiu Basketball team will be this Friday, October 30th. Out of 30 players 18 will be cut to bring the roster to the current limit of 12 players. According to school policy players must maintain a GPA of 2.0 and must be registered full time (12 credits). Players meeting these criteria will be chosen based on the following criteria: Attendance, skill/talent, conduct in/outside of campus and the court, positions needed, effort and commitment to the team. Stay tuned next week for the list of those who made the cut.

Schedule for free HINI Vaccinations

Time	Location
Nov. 11-13 5pm - 9pm	Bai Ra Meketii
Nov. 11-13 5pm - 9pm	Bai Ra Chamayong, Youth Center (Skozio), Bai Ra Ngerkebesang
Nov. 13 5pm - 9pm	Front of St. Joseph Church
Nov. 14 9am - 5pm	Bai Ra Chamayong, Front of St. Joseph Church

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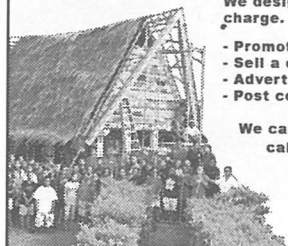
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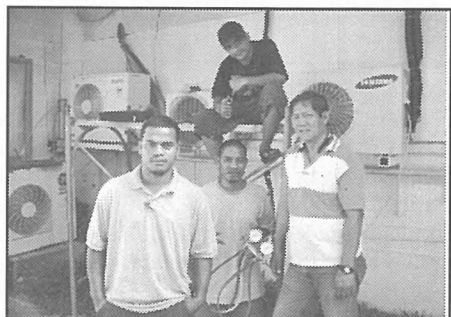


Clean and Cool

For the last two weeks Mr. Ramon Garcia's Air Conditioning and Refrigeration class has been braving the hot sun and towering heights to beautify and cool our campus. They are removing and relocating the air conditioning units from the roof of the Dort building next to the new library. The units will still supply cold air to the same offices but they will now be located on sides of the buildings and not on the roofs. This project is partly to help improve the view from the new library which will be opening shortly. The project is actually quite demanding, as it requires standing on the roof for hours at a time in tropical island heat and crawling around in enclosed spaces which are often times filled with dust and exposed wires. Thanks to everyone who helped with this project.



The morning AC class removing the final air conditioning unit from the roof.



The afternoon AC class relocating the ac unit.

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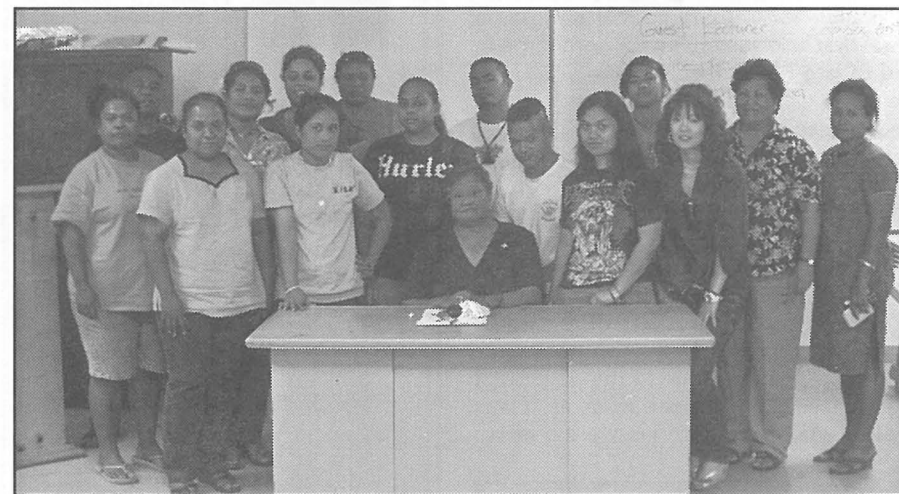


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Weekly Newsletter

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Senate Vice President Visits PCC



Senate Vice President Kesolei with students of the SS179 students and guests who came to hear her speak.

It's not every day that a senator comes to speak at your local Community College, so PCC students were very excited when they heard that Senate Vice President Kathy Kesolei would be coming to give a special lecture for Instructor Sunny Ngirmang's Introduction to Social Anthropology class. The lecture was held last Wednesday evening and covered the topics: social structure and organization; pacific island cultures; culture change through time; class systems and social status; division of labor and gender roles.

Senator Kesolei has a degree in Cultural Anthropology and is currently serving as Chairperson for the Historical and Cultural Advisory Board at the Bureau of Arts and Culture. She gave a very thorough, and sometimes humorous look at Palau's history. The students learned that Palauan Culture has been around for 4000 years. They also learned about the Palauan language and how a society's language can help people understand about the culture. The Palauan language, compared to English, has many more terms used in reference to the family structure. This can help

Annual Pacific Region Investment Conference

Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of PCC, Bilung Gloria G. Sali spoke at this year's 9th annual Pacific Region Investment Conference. Also present were Trustee Dr. Emais Robert and Vice Chair Masa-Aki N. Emesiochl representing the College of Micronesia.

The Asia Pacific Association for Fiduciary Studies was formed in 2000 with the aim of providing educational forums for fiduciaries in the region so that entrusted



funds can be utilized wisely. Since its creation APAFS has expanded to include student competitions and country conferences. The group is vital in helping to manage and guard our public funds.

us to understand how important family bonds are here in Palau, and how the connections often run much deeper than in some western societies, where family often means only your immediate relatives.

One story that the senator told was about how the United States and Japan, before occupying Palau, sent anthropologists to

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Self Evaluation for Reaccreditation

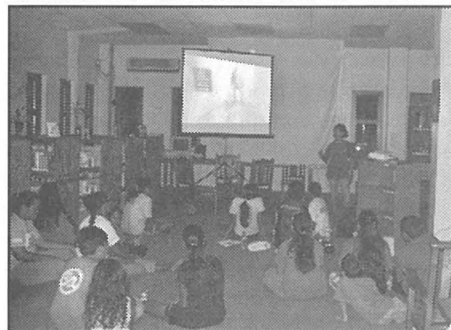
Every six years PCC goes through the process of self evaluation for reaccreditation. Through this process the college evaluates itself against established standards and reports its findings to the accrediting commission (Accreditation Commission for Community and Junior Colleges) through a self study report. There are four standards covered in the report: Institutional Mission and Effectiveness, Student Learning Programs and Services, Resources and Leadership, and Governance. While the preparation of the report is headed by a steering committee, it involves everyone, including governance, administration, faculty, students and staff. Everyone has participated, through informal dialogue, group meetings and campus wide discussions.

As of Oct. 23rd the document was with our two editors Marianne Temaungil and Vernice Rechebei. The document is scheduled to be delivered to Dr. Tellei for review on October 26th and following that to the Board of Trustees on October 28th. The final editing will take place between Nov. 5 and Nov. 11, with printing scheduled for Nov. 12. The final phase of the review process will take place in March. From March 1st to March 4th the Accreditation Visiting team will visit the campus, to validate the report and make recommendations to the commission.

LS Project a Success!

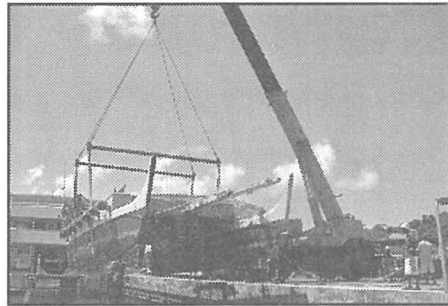
Library & Information Services students Magdalene Nena and Tanya Ngirkuteling, in collaboration with Public Librarian Mary Arius, planned and organized an overwhelmingly successful library activity program for the Public Library last Friday. As part of the LS205: User Education & Activity Programming course, Magdalene and Tanya gained real world experience in identifying a target audience, defining goals and objectives for a library activity program, creating a marketing campaign, implementing a program, designing an evaluation, and analyzing results.

The first-ever Free Movie Night @ the Public Library drew a crowd of over 50 people, and served as an opportunity to introduce the community to the services and collections of the Public Library. Plans are already in place to make this a regular activity program with a free movie each month. To learn more about the Public Library, contact Mary Arius at 488-2973 or stop by the Public Library (behind Bem Ermii). To learn more about the LS program, please contact Megan Beard at 488-2471 or meganb@palau.edu.



Mary Arius, a PCC Alumni turned Public Library Librarian, is seen here making a short speech before the start of the movie.

Maisu Raising



Raising of the Maisu took about two hours and the assistance of about fifteen people.

On Friday Oct. 23rd the Alingano Maisu was hoisted into the air at NECO Marine. The boat will be undergoing repairs before its launch for the traditional navigation class' first trip scheduled for sometime in mid to late November.

The primary purpose of getting the boat out of the water is to repaint and repair the double hull of the vessel. During its time out of water the boat will also be undergoing repairs to its deck and railings. Some of the railings have rotted and will need to be replaced and relashed. This type of work is better done out of the water where the boat is steady. Another minor repair needs to be done to the portion of the ship which holds the mast, as it was broken when trying to remove the mast.

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study the the people and better understand Palauan culture. As Senator Kesolei pointed out, anthropology is used to appreciate and ultimately collaborate with other cultures. My favorite quote of the evening was, "It makes you a better person to understand others." I think if we all listened to the senator and spent more time understanding, instead of opposing each other, the world would be a much better place.

PCC Features Events

PCC Endowment Fund for Palau's Future Leaders



Endowment Thanksgiving Fundraising
Nov. 25th, Wednesday 1:00-6:00 P.M (Tickets on sale for \$10 - Call Development Office 488-2470 ext. 250-253 for further details)

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT
Sponsored by MOC/PCC Alumni

Flea Market Bonanza - December 5th, Saturday
(Call Development Office 488-2470 for more information)

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.

Alice L. Faletam



Alice works at the Dorm Office as an office clerk and has been employed at PCC for 3 years. In her time away from work she enjoys reading and watching TV. Her favorite shows are Korean

Dramas. Her two favorite foods are taro and fried fish. She is from Yap, but she is married to a Palauan and they have two children. They live in Mokko Ildid.

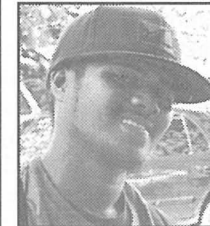
Eleos Tellei



Miss Tellei is a Sophomore at PCC and is seeking a degree in Office Administration. She is a member of the Pohnpian Student Organization and Phi Theta Kappa. Her birthday is

Nov. 1st., you may drop presents off at Bluu's Corner in the Ksid building.

Sid Rengulbai



This is Sid's second semester at PCC. He is a member of the Builder's Club. He likes eating local food, listening to music and hanging out with friends. He was a graduate of Mindszenty High School on 2009.

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 re arrange the letters of each word to form a Chinese proverb.

International Food Rescheduled

The International Food Night which was previously scheduled for Nov. 4th has been postponed due to time constraints. We will still be offering the Food Night although it will now be scheduled for later in the year. Please stay tuned for more details.

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.

ASPCC Meeting

Just a reminder to all officers and senators of ASPCC. You will be meeting on Friday October 30, 2009 from 12pm-1pm at the ASPCC Office. Attendance is mandatory for officers. Interested students may also join in the meeting.

Halloween Bash

On Saturday, October 31 the Tourism Club will be putting on a Halloween Bash at the PCC Cafeteria. The festivities will begin at 6pm and end at 11pm. Food and drinks will be provided, and there will be candy. Some of the events include a live band, a costume fashion show and a short play. Costume is required to get in. Admission tickets are \$3 and \$4 at the door. The first 150 through the door get a free mask. This will be a tobacco and alcohol free event.

Flea Market Bonanza

Spots are filling up quickly for this year's Flea Market Bonanza. The all-day event is 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. One parking stall goes for \$10 for an all day reservation, maximum of two stalls per vendor. To reserve your slot please contact Armstrong Debelbot at PCC Development Office at telephone number 488-2470/2471.

A New Club is Born

The Journalism Club has recently been founded by Danka Ledgerwood and eight pioneering students. The club will be submitting articles to the newsletter and conducting interviews over the next few months. The first submission is by Tikvah Andry and is titled "Adversity."



Adversity is a difficult time in your life or a difficult situation, in short "a hardship." Most teens have adversity in their lives, actually everyone does. Questions running through your mind, decisions that are tough to make. But beware, adversity is one of Satan's biggest falsehoods. The longer you live, the more you'll realize that adversity is the rule in life, not the exception. But don't look at problems as things to be avoided. Look at them as obstacles to be overcome. Many teenagers find the only solution to end adversity, is taking their own lives.

Let me tell you something, taking your own life is a sin, and it won't bring hap-

piness. It will only make things worse. Taking your own life means losing everything you have and in the process hurting everyone who cares about you. There are times when your character, patience, and faith are tested. Everyone will suffer grief and pain, but with Christ, we can endure any hardship. I'm happy to be standing here, alive and well, however, I also stand here in pain and sorrow knowing that there are many out there who need someone to lean on, but no one is bold enough to stand up and help. We all should be thankful that we are still alive, nonetheless we should help others who are not so fortunate. So let me ask you a question, are you one of those who take the easy way out? When things get tough and problems keep on piling up, do you find help, or take your life? If you don't know what to do, find a person to lean on. Have a little faith in yourself but most importantly trust in God.

When things seem like they are at their worst, remember what Henry Ford once said, "When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it."

Two for the Price of One

Natural History of Palau students got two field trips for the price of one last Monday. Instructor Vernice Yuji was taking students on a trip of the Palau International Coral Reef Center, when they came across the Captain and crew of the Alingano Maisu preparing the boat to be raised out of the water. Sesario took some time to talk about sailing, navigation and give the students a short tour of the boat. Students were very excited about getting a chance to see the vessel and were impressed with its size, especially the rudder which is three to four normal person lengths.

The SC 239 class introduces students to Palauan plants and animals. It focuses on ecosystems unique to Palau, like the mangroves and coral reefs.



SC 239 students with the Maisu and Captain Sesario. photo by Flavin Andres

Scary 'brary



Next time you go to the library, take a deep breath before you go inside. Some of the new decorations are pretty scary. You can thank the work study students for setting the mood, and don't worry, that's not a real head hanging from the ceiling. Responsible students include Harlen Herman, Samantha Rechellul, Julie Ngeraingas, Raven Kloulubak, Daidly Subris, Journey Teruzi and RJ Liseoh.

Free Vaccination Schedule

Time	Location
Nov. 2, 3, 4 5pm - 9pm	Ngermid Abai, Ngerkesowaol Abai, Ngerchemai Abai, Mindszenty High School Cafeteria, Bai Ra Meketii
Nov. 5 - 6 5am - 9pm	Bai Ra Meketii, Bank Pacific, Bai Ra Ngerbeched
Nov. 7 9am - 5pm	Bai Ra Meketii, Bank Pacific, Bai Ra Ngerbeched

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