

Alumni Notes

Class of 2003 (PCC)

Carlton Grosopy



2003 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Arts (CA) degree in Business Accounting (BA). He works at George B. Harris Elem. School as a Classroom Teacher. He has been working there for a year now.

Class of 1999 (PCC)

Peggy Andreas



1999 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Arts (CA) degree in Criminal Justice (CJ). Andreas works as a Police Officer 2 at the Bureau of Public Safety. She has been working there for 7 years.

Class of 1991 (MOC)

Eric Reklai



1991 MOC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Police Science (PS). Reklai is a Classroom Teacher at George B. Harris Elem. School. He has been working there for 3 and a half years.

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*.

Mesekiu's News

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Celebrating Birthdays

President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei November 7
Maureen Renguul November 8

Happy Birthday To You!

More Government Personnel Show Support for Endowment Fund



Johnny Kebou, WIA Fiscal Officer



Jemima Itpik, WIA General Office Clerk II/ In-Take Worker



Nglodch Luii, WIA Administrative Specialist



Jalavenda Osima, WIA Management Information Systems Officer/ Case Worker



Alex Spis, WIA Monitoring Officer

Workforce Investment Act Fiscal Officer Johnny Kebou, General Office Clerk II/ In-Take Worker Jemima Itpik, Administrative Specialist Nglodch Luii, Management Information Systems Officer/ Case Worker Jalavenda Osima, and Monitoring Officer Alex Spis has enrolled in the PCC Endowment Fund. PCC welcomes the new supporters of the Endowment Fund and invites others who have not signed up to show their support as well. For more information about the PCC Endowment Fund, please contact Hulda, Dilubch, Charlene or Armstrong at the Development office at 488-2470/ 2471 ext. 253.

Faungy Wins Pacific Teacher Scholarship



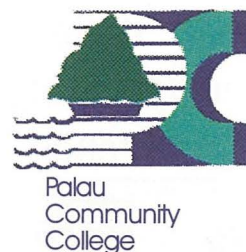
Pioria Faungy

Pioria Faungy is one out of six winners of the 2006 Pacific Teacher Scholarship. Scholarship winners are students in teacher preparation programs who, after graduating, plan to teach in their home entities, such as the Republic of Palau, Guam, American Samoa, and other U.S.-affiliated Pacific. The scholarship was created by the Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL) to increase the number of qualified teachers in the U.S.-affiliated Pacific. Applications for the 2007 Pacific Teacher Scholarships begin on January 1, 2007. Visit www.prel.org/scholarship for more information.

Got Pictures?...

The Student Body Association (SBA) is making a yearbook this year. They are encouraging all students to participate by contributing photos. Bring your pictures to the SBA office, or contact any of your senate members to turn in your pictures. SBA also requests the assistance from any student or faculty member who has had previous experience in creating a yearbook to join their yearbook committee.

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Weekly Newsletter

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Surangel & WCTC Donates Big to Thanksgiving Fundraiser

As November nears, more and more from the corporate community donate to the Annual PCC Endowment Thanksgiving Fundraiser. Last week, Western Caroline Trading Company (WCTC) donated \$2,250 worth of gift certificates.

This week, Surangel & Sons Company has once again made a \$2,500 donation to the Endowment Thanksgiving Fundraiser. Surangel & Sons Company and WCTC have been major sponsors since the Endowment Fundraising first began in 1999.

(See page 2 for more sponsors of this year's Endowment Thanksgiving Fundraiser.)



(l-r) Surangel & Sons Representative with Development Staff, Charlene Madraisau

2006 THANKSGIVING PRIZE LIST

Once again, Annual PCC Endowment Fundraiser is near. It will take place here on campus on November 22, 2006, Wednesday, the day before Thanksgiving. Tickets are on sale now for \$10.00 each. Stop by Development Office and see Armstrong, Dilubch, Charlene, Koyungil or Hulda for a ticket.

CASH PRIZES:
\$1,000 GRAND PRIZE
\$500 FIRST PRIZE
\$250 SECOND PRIZE
\$150 THIRD PRIZE
\$100 FOURTH PRIZE
\$50 5TH TO 10TH PRIZE

Other FREE Prizes Such as:
Airline Tickets
Washer & Dryer
Beauty Makeovers
Big Fish
Dinner Certificates
Lunch Certificates
Cell Phone
Live Baby Pig
Computer
Shopping Spree
Overnight Stay (Guest House/Hotel)
Free Pizza
Free T-shirt
Free Internet
Free Plants
Overnight Fishing Trip
and much much more...

To buy a ticket, contact Hulda, Dilubch, Koyungil, or Charlene at 488-2470/ 2471.

PCC Endowment Fund at a Glance:

Established for the purpose of securing Palau Community College's financial stability so that it will continue to provide educational and training opportunities for Palau and the Asia-Pacific region for years to come. With a goal of \$2 million, the PCC Endowment will not be withdrawn until it reaches the stated goal. The Palau National Government has from time to time contributed to the PCC Endowment Fund through appropriations. More than one hundred PCC and government employees donate to the Endowment Fund every payday. Many state governments, local businesses, agencies, and individuals have contributed to the Endowment Fund at least once. As PCC is a non-profit organization, donations of up to 10% of anyone's/ company's income tax may be refunded.

Support Your College

The strength and success of any economy is largely dependent on an educated citizenry. In addition, the success of any community college is dependent on the commitment of the community which it serves. Therefore, let us continue working together to secure the higher educational opportunities for our children by supporting our college, Palau Community College. In return, we will ensure that our children are educated as they prepare to lead our community, our nation.

To donate to PCC or for more information on how you can help, contact Armstrong, Dilubch, Hulda, Koyungil, or Charlene at PCC telephone number 488-2470/ 2471.

More Sponsors for Thanksgiving Fundraiser

The Palau Royal Resort (PRR) also donated \$630 worth of gift certificates, which includes (2) room vouchers and (2) buffet dinner vouchers.



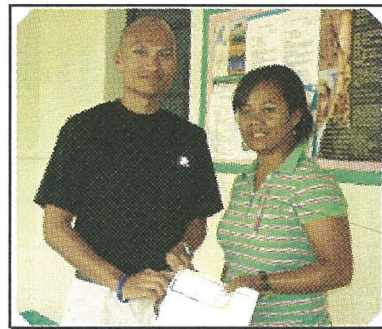
(l-r) PRR Public Relations Manager, Pauline Cortez with student

Also showing their support is Mr. Masato Kumangai who donated (4) gift certificates for lunch and dinner at his Emamelei Restaurant.



(l-r) Emamelei Restaurant Owner, Masato Kumangai with Charlene Madraisau

The Palau National Communications Corporation (PNCC) also donated (5) gift certificates for panasonic mobile phones with sim package and (5) free PNCC wireless prepaid sim cards.



(l-r) Palau National Communications Corporation (PNCC) Representative Mr. Myers Techitong with PCC Upward Bound Alumni, Emilia Katosang

President Tellei, along with the rest of the PCC family, would like to thank each and every one of you for the generous contributions and donations you have made to this year's Endowment Thanksgiving Fundraiser. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you very much!

PCC Librarian Creates LS Scholarship for Students



(l-r) Gretchen Reynolds with President Dr. Tellei

Gretchen Reynolds, PCC librarian, and her husband Assistant Attorney General Fredrick Reynolds have generously made a \$300 dollar check as a gift to Palau Community College to fund an annual scholarship for the Library and Information Services (LS) Program beginning next 2007-2008 school year. In hopes of making a positive impact for students facing challenges of pursuing

their educational and professional goals, the Reynolds have committed to personally fund a \$300 scholarship each year to be awarded to a student of the LS program for fees and textbooks, to be administered through the PCC scholarship program. Developing the Library and Information Services degree program over the past two years has meant a great deal to Mrs. Reynolds, personally and professionally. She came to realize that her admiration and respect for the students of the LS program is greater than any other aspect of the program. The vast majority of LS students are full-time professionals, full-time mothers, full-time students, and active members of the library community. It is their dedication and motivation that inspires Mrs. Reynolds each day and propels her to create the Library and Information Services Scholarship to aide

in their continued success. Mrs. Reynolds thanks everyone for the opportunity to make this contribution and for the experience of being a part of the PCC family. She would also like to take this opportunity and thank the President for his leadership and his admirable dedication to the success of PCC students. She looks forward to seeing PCC grow, to seeing its students achieve great success, and to renewing this scholarship every year.

President Tellei, on behalf of the PCC family, would also like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds for their contributions they have made to Palau and PCC, specifically in developing the LS program. He would also like to wish them both the best and a safe return as they move back to U.S. later this month.

Fiduciary Association Names PCC Student Winner for Upcoming Manila Conference



(l-r): Robert Ramarui, President Dr. Tellei, Asia Pacific Association For Fiduciary Studies Executive Director, Daniel Roland; bottom right: Shelley Remengesau

The Asia Pacific Association For Fiduciary Studies as well as Palau Community College is delighted to announce that Shelley Remengesau, a Palau Community College student, has won a trip to attend the 6th Pacific Region Investment Conference on Nov. 9 and 10 at Shangri-la Makati, Philippines to discuss the thrust of her paper with the board of the association during the conference. Numerous well-established people from both public and private sectors will be

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INVITATION

2nd Annual Bank Fair...

The Palau Banking Association is hosting the 2nd Annual Bank Fair Business Plan Competition on November 9, 2006 at the Palau National Gym. Deadline for submission of business plans is on November 7, 2006. The theme for this year's bank fair is "Preparing for the Future". This theme promotes opportunities that are available through the Financial Services to prepare ourselves for the exciting challenges we will soon face as a nation. All PCC Students are eligible for this competition. For further information, please contact PCC Instructor Robert Ramarui at telephone #: 488-2471 ext. 240.

INVITATION

Community Land Use Planning Symposium

Continuing Education (CE) is organizing a symposium on land use planning for Koror State Building and Zoning Office. The collaborative effort between the two offices will provide valuable information to the leaders and the public to work and plan effectively. Experts will be presenting on topics of land issues, usage, value, potential development, financial resources, and more. Koror State will share the highlights of its fifty-year master plan. The symposium is scheduled for November 7, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Palau International Coral Reef Center. For more information, please contact Taruu at CE Office at 488-6223.

GOT A STORY?...

We want to know the scoop over at your office, what's new, what's being implemented, etc. Share your news with us by bringing your articles to the Development Office **no later** than Wednesdays at 10am each week.

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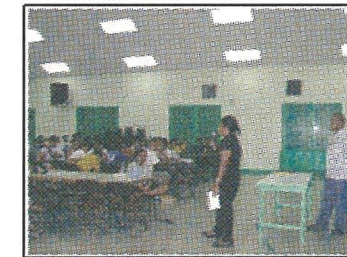
present at the conference, including Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo who will be delivering the keynote address.

Ms. Remengesau was chosen because she submitted, on time, an essay entitled, "Ensuring our Future: A Complementary Environment and Economy". She will attend the conference through a stipend from the association and through the sponsorship of Continental Airlines. Gerald Cruz, Chairman of the association said, "I am delighted that students around the region have seen the importance of financial management of funds. I hope that Shelley will continue in the direction she has chosen, to the benefit of Palau in the future. We need special people to move the legacy of

cares fiscal responsibility forward through the generations". Executive Director Daniel Roland of the association thanked sponsors of the association and the conference for their support of Remengesau, and said, "Her paper obviously impressed the judges at PCC. It may well be that in the years ahead this student will be approached to consider public service. I hope that she will consider responsible board membership of a fund as a worthwhile service office. Both public and private sector funds need talented citizens to sit on their boards. Shelley shows the sort of talent our island communities need. I hope to see her serving Palau in the years to come". PCC Board Members, PCC President Dr. Tellei, Robert Ramarui, Thomas Taro, and Shane Salvador will be accompanying Ms. Remengesau to the conference.

Student Life Holds October "Tuesday Night" Program

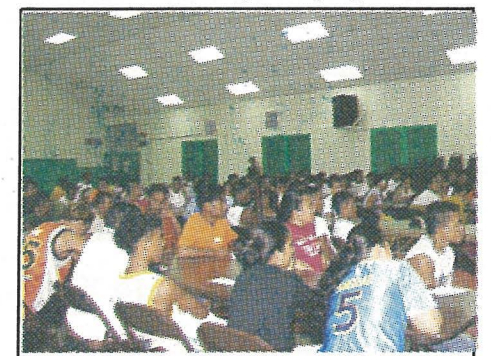
While others were walking around with their faces painted and wearing Halloween customs trick-or-treating, about 98 of the PCC students were having an educational and fun program at the PCC cafeteria.



Maura Gordon and Omar Basilius

The program's theme was about substance abuse prevention, with special guests, Program Manager Maura Gordon and Community Liaison Officer Omar Basilius from the State Incentive Grant Office. This office is under the Behavioral Health of the Ministry of Health. The program began with the Kosraean group singing the program's theme song about being drug-free. Then the guest speakers gave a brief introduction before presenting their video entitled "Tweaked", a video about substance abuse. The video featured the types of substance abuse, former users' comments, life-styles of addicts, and even the terrifying consequences that these addicts cause to their family members. After a very educational

video, it was time to relax and enjoy a couple of dance performances from the Palau group and the Chuukese group and refreshments. Harter Hertin, a PCC student from Yap State commented, "I learned a lot from the video, more than before. I also enjoyed the performances. I can't wait to come to the next "Tuesday Night" program. Whitney Kloulubak, a Palauan PCC student, also commented, "The program was really good because it makes students become aware of the bad things out there and it also helps prevent them from using drugs. The most interesting, but sad part of the video is where the addicts abuse their children to the extremes". Petra Layan, a PCC student from Yap, also commented, "The movie can help anyone from drinking and doing drugs. The performances were fun too. I can't wait to show our state activity next program.



PCC Dorm Students at Tuesday Night Program