

## Alumni Notes

### Class of 1983 (MOC)

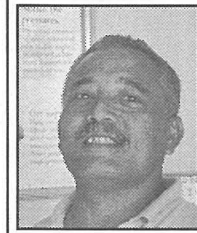
Nanumi Toribiong



Nanumi has an AS degree in Secretarial Science. She is an auditor for the Ministry of Finance. She would like to send a message to PCC students, "Study hard, so you can become all you can be. Put effort into everything you do."

### Class of 2003 (PCC)

Eric Kloulubak



Mr. Kloulubak is a certified substance abuse counselor for all Palauan schools, a program under the MOH, he has been doing this job for 6 years. He received an Associate of Science degree in Criminal Justice from PCC in 2003.

### Class of 2004 (PCC)

Lynette Emiliano-



Lynette Emiliano graduated PCC in 2004, earning an AS for Office Administration. She is currently a company agent for the Palau Investment & Development Company (P.I.D.C.). After 7 years there, she still enjoys her

work. Her message to students is, "Find your Passion and pursue your goals"

**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



Herman Rdechor	Dec. 11
Veronica Kloulechad	Dec. 11
Armstrong Debelbot	Dec. 18

Happy Birthday To You!

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## Talent Search Program

### George B. Harris Elementary School Educational Field Trip

On November 21, 2009, Talent Search Program participants from George B. Harris Elementary School went on a field trip to Jellyfish Lake to observe the indigenous jellyfish and get a good look at the different coral habitats and underwater creatures at different snorkeling sites. They started the day off by going to Milky Way, where the students looked at and played in the milky mud like sand. Some of the students complained about the smell saying that it smelled like the swampy mangrove. Others were putting it on their faces and body saying that it's good for the skin.

Our next stop was Jellyfish Lake. All the students, including the TS tutors and parents, went on a hike to the lake. The students had fun swimming with the jellyfish. They were amazed that they didn't sting them and that there were so many of them swimming in the lake. After Jellyfish Lake, they were suppose to make a stop at Rose Garden and Clam City, but due to bad weather (raining really hard), they ended up skipping the two snorkeling sites and went to Ngchus Rock Island where the kids had lunch and took some time to have fun and relax. The students mingled with their friends and classmates and interacted with their tutors and parents. After Ngchus, they went to the Cemetery and Shipwreck, where the students observed the different coral habitats and the different underwater creatures that dwell there. Students had the chance of a life time, swimming with the fish and touching them. One of the 7th graders informed one of the TS staff that this trip was very interesting. He was very happy that he swam with the fish and the Taiwanese (tourist) people at the Cemetery. Towards the end of the day, they made a last stop at a place called Pincher where the students took part in a fun activity before going home. The boys had a game of who can swim the longest and farthest underwater while the girls had fun jumping and swimming around. After Pincher, they returned to the dock (Hokkons), where the parents were waiting to pick them up.

## YSO Performs at Thanksgiving Dinner

On November 26th the Yap Student Organization responded to a special request by Sam's Tours to perform at a special Thanksgiving dinner function held at the Sea Passion Hotel. Students gave it their all and gave guests a great show which they will not forget, performing local dances using sticks and wearing traditional skirts.

PCC is always happy to see our students taking an active role in community events. A big round of applause to these students

for sharing their talents and helping out local businesses. Keep it up!



Yapese students at the Sea Passion Hotel. Photo by Rose Kohama.

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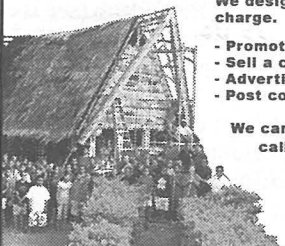
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## Congratulations to Scholarship Recipients



Scholarship recipients for the 2009-2010 academic year.

The long awaited scholarships for the 2009-2010 academic year have finally been awarded. We'd like to congratulate all the students who put in the time receive these awards and thank the donors for their generous contributions.

This year four separate scholarships were awarded to eight students; Betiei A. Kanai, Rhealyn K. Ulitch, Limei C. Ruluked, Vallynn E. Ngirmekur, Martia Thomas, Merly Remoket, John Takisang and Carmel Hanser. Scholarships were provided in the amount of \$1000 each and are split between two students, giving each student the chance to receive \$500 for the school

year. This year's scholarships were: The Prince Leboo Scholarship, The Moylan's Insurance Scholarship, The Roman Tmetuchl Scholarship, and the Pierantozzi Scholarship. Scholarships were provided by private individuals and businesses from around the community. Donors set the requirements for the scholarships, such as minimum and maximum GPA. Recipients were also chosen in an effort to get a wide range of majors and freshmen/continuing students. PCC would like to thank Moylan's Insurance, Mr. and Mrs. Pierantozzi, Mrs. Tmetuchl and The Prince Leboo Foundation. We appreciate your help to our students.

## CT 115 Class at Work

Instructor Lester Rekemesik and the CT 115 (footing and foundations) class have begun digging the foundation for new staff housing. The new buildings will be located next to the PCC Orchestra building on your way down to the dock.

The project has just recently started and will be completed sometime next semester, hopefully by the end of spring. Students seemed to be enjoying the work,

even in the hot sun, and when asked for a quote one of them responded, "We. Rock!" Since classes will be ending for this semester, the Builder's Club will be taking over the project and helping out.

Projects like this are a great way for students to get out of classroom experience and to improve our campus and facilities. If your class is working on a project that you would like to see in the newsletter contact Elliott at 488-2470.

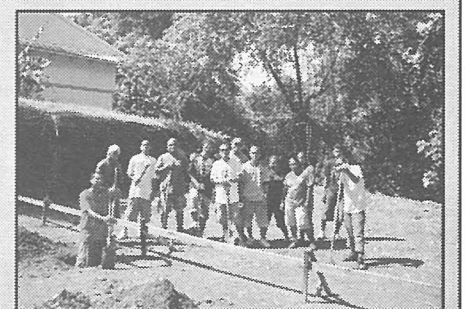
## Phi Theta Kappa gets New Members



New members are welcomed to the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society.

Phi Theta Kappa is an international honor society for top students of two year educational institutions. There are chapters all around the world, PCC's chapter is called Beta Omicron Zeta and last week they installed 14 new members.

The ceremony was held at the PCC cafeteria, students were welcomed into the society and pledged to uphold the values of honor, leadership, service and fellowship. It was a full house as parents, instructors and supporters came to be a part of the event. We would like to congratulate the following students on their acceptance into Phi Theta Kappa: Pauline Reklai (president), Amylaine Sasao (vice president), Nicole Maeach (treasurer), Donjella Donald (secretary), Nikita Adachi, Swayze Chin, Carmel Hanser, Lyndon Masami, Obechou Mereb, Villiah Ngirmekur, Jenny Niro, Lizbeth Skaruno, John Takisang and Dannies Uehara.



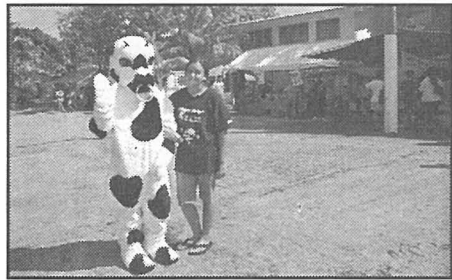
Instructor Lester Rekemesik on site with the Construction Technology 115 class.

## Flea Market a Success!!!

The first ever Palau flea market has been hailed by some as the "event of the decade," with almost fifty vendors island wide, catering to hundreds of shoppers with thousands of items for sale, it is hard to imagine a more spectacular event.

Shoppers flooded the isles of the PCC parking lot, some arriving as early as 7am to peruse exotic and enticing, priced to sell items such as children's clothes, men's aloha shirts, pirated DVDs, gently used kitchen appliances, jewelry and handicrafts. Local chefs also prepared some outlandish dishes such as cupcakes, BBQ meat plates, sugar cane treats and a rainbow spattering of soda pops from soda manufacturers around the world.

Some patrons even requested that the merriment be extended a second day, and despite gushing tears from heaven, the tents stood tall and those who could not get out on Saturday had a chance to catch the impromptu Sunday showing. Considering the unbridled financial and cultural success of this event, you can be sure that another similar bonanza is in the works. Thanks to all who came out to make this star studded extravaganza the triumphant success that it was.



Cow suit for sale (must supply your own person inside).

## FSM Independence Day

This story is a little late, but still important. Three weeks ago PCC students got together to celebrate FSM Independence Day at the Japan-Palau Friendship bridge. Students were mostly from the islands of Yap, Kosrae, Chuuk and Pohnpei. The day was packed with excitement, including



## Auto Mechanic Students Overhaul Van

Auto Mechanic students spent much of the last semester tearing apart and rebuilding a van from the wheels up. Last week the project was finally completed. The van has been given to the agriculture department to haul grain and other materials around. Both second and first year students worked on the van, fixing and replacing broken parts, including a complete overhaul of the engine.



Students with their new speed machine.

## New Endowment Fund Contributors

Senate Vice President Kathy Kesolei, Senator Regis Akitaya and Senator Regina Mesebluu are the most recent people to join the hundreds of others who contribute a tax deductible weekly sum to the endowment fund. Thank you to our supporters. Those interested in supporting the fund please contact PCC at 488-2470.



barbecue, singing and dancing. FSM students were accompanied by their advisor Rose Kohama and other PCC staff members. The party was cut short due to some very persistent rain although the students did not give up and returned to the PCC cafeteria where they continued their celebration. Happy late FSM Independence Day everyone!

## 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.

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### Wiles Tmecherur



Mr. Tmecherur is the PCC Maintenance supervisor and has been working here for more than 15 years. One of his current projects is moving from the new library

into the new one. He is a member of SDA and enjoys fishing and playing baseball.

### Cinnamon the Dog



Cinnamon is one of the PCC dorm's newest and friendliest residents. Cinnamon has been unofficially adopted by local students and receives complimentary treats

and back scratches. When not strolling through the campus, Cinnamon enjoys relaxing in the shade and looking cute.

### Jaywin Yarofal



Jaywin is an off island student from Woleai, an outer island of Yap. He is majoring in Electrical Technology. When he is not busy studying, he enjoys paddling with the PCC Canoe Club and playing basketball. He likes local food.

## Just for Fun

We will no longer be offering prizes to the first person to complete the puzzles. This week's non prize puzzle is to answer this riddle. The answer is something you probably have with you right now.

I am taken from a mine, and shut up in a wooden case, from which I am never released, and yet I am used by almost everybody.

## Internship Applications

In preparation for Internship placement for Spring Semester 2010, we need to know the number of students who will be participating in the internship training and their respective trade areas at this time. This will allow us time to identify and secure commitments from appropriate employers who will be providing training to our students.

To assist in this effort, Academic Advisors are requested to review their advisees' folders and to advise those who will be eligible to participate in internship training to come to WCCC Office and see the Extension Program Coordinator, Mr. Vincent Ito, and fill out the required application forms. Application forms are now ready for pick up anytime during working hours from Monday to Friday. Deadline for submission of completed application forms is Friday, December 18, 2009 in order for a student to be considered for internship placement.

Internship is required as a final requirement for students who have completed all their course requirements or at most have one remaining to be taken concurrently with the training. It allows students to be placed on the job in their respective field of training working on a full time basis as intern trainee for the semester. The practical experience gained from the training will be counted as credits for them to graduate.

## P.T.H.S.E.

The Palau Tourism and Hospitality School of Excellence is still accepting donations to help them meet their \$750,000 mark to cover costs of the building and outfitting of a new school that will be utilized by tourism students as a classroom, operational restaurant and practical hotel teaching area. The Belau Tourism Association recently put on their 4th annual White December Gala with a portion of the funds raised going to the P.T.H.S.E. Even with great events like this and support from off island governments we still need the backing of the community. To contribute please contact chairperson Peter Bonini at 488-2600.

## P.I.C.R.C. Essay Contest

The Palau Internatioal Coral Reef Center is holding an essay competition as part of its community outreach effort to raise awareness about the issue of climate change. The essay contest is open to everyone with prizes going to the top three essays.

The essay should focus on the theme "Working with Communities to Address Climate Change." You may approach the essay in any way you would like but must address the following topics: climate change, communities, conservation and awareness. Essays must be 500 words or less, composed using MS word, double spaced with Times New Roman 12pt font. Include your name, age and contact information. The deadline is December 15th, 2009. Call 488-6950 for more information.

## Student Support Services Cultural Trip

Story by Diliaur Tellei

On Friday, November 20th, participants, tutors, and staff of the Student Support Services Program took a cultural trip to Ngarchelong State. A day that started out with heavy rains gradually gave way to a light drizzle. However, the weather couldn't put a damper on the trip.

Students had fun listening to the stories and legends behind such sites as Ewatel, a stone fortress in the village of Ngerbau, and of course the famous monoliths of Badrulchau. The knowledgeable presenter was a Ngarchelong native, Mr. Harper Skang.

At Ewatel, Mr. Skang told students of how the fort was built in one day to protect the village from warriors from other villages. There were so many people there to help out that the number could be equated to one person per stone in the fort.

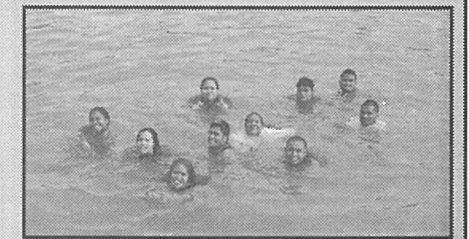
At Badrulchau Mr. Skang explained how Badrulchau was meant to be a resting place for beings who were making their way up to heaven. These beings were half-god and half-human, called uchel, or demigods. The entrance to heaven is said to be located in the north of Babeldaob; thus, the demigods of the different states thought they should build a resting place up in Ngarchelong, which is the northernmost state in Babeldaob. However, the demigod of Airai wanted the resting place to be built in his home state and so he tricked the gods so that they would stop construction by rolling suld (a dried coconut husk), lighting it on fire, and throwing it out, creating a fiery rooster. The rooster crowed; this made the uchel think it was morning, so they rushed off, leaving everything where it was. That is why the site is still unfinished today.

The students enjoyed lunch at the resting house at the top of the hill. Following that was an activity where students split into groups and described different characteristics of a good leader and how those characteristics could be good and/or bad. Afterward everyone loaded into the buses for a visit to the pool in Oketol. By this time it was quite sunny, and though it was low tide, that didn't keep the students (and some tutors and staff) from jumping in the pool and having fun.

Student Support Services participants would like to thank Governor Salvador for allowing them to visit the beautiful state of Ngarchelong. Special thanks to Harper Skang for a personalized tour through the sites and for sharing his humorous and informative anecdotes about the sites, and to Silvia Kloulubak from Bureau of Arts and Culture for her assistance. We would also like to thank the PCC Cafeteria for providing the food and CRE for helping out with the food transportation.



Students at the stone monoliths in Ngarchelong.



Going for a swim.

## Tourism Club gives Weaving Presentation

The tourism club has been providing tours and showing off local handicrafts to off islanders looking for a unique experience. Most recently they took out a group of Slovaks for a tour of Babeldaob (see issue 46) and then showed them some local basket weaving techniques.

Jamal Tewid, a tourism club member took the Slovaks to the statue of Prince Leebuu in front of PCC before traveling to Ngarchamayang for a weaving display. Some of the Tourism club members were already there waiting for them. The Slovaks

were amazed by the weaving and making of marmars. They also tasted some of the special local dishes as they admired the presentations.



Jamal Tewid with tour group. (photo: Danka Ledgerwood)