

ALUMNI NOTES

Class of 2008 Rilla Ngirmidol



Earned an Associate of Science degree in Business Administration. She worked as an Adm. Asst. in the Minister's office in the Ministry of Finance in 1999-2010. She is currently a Statistics Specialist in the Division of Research & Evaluation in the Ministry of Education since. *Message: Education is very*

important.

Class of 2010 Kato Katosang



Earned an Associate of Applied Science degree in Construction Technology. He is at present a Resort Management Trainee for the past two years at Palau Pacific Resort. *Message: Knowledge is the key to success.*

Class of 2012 Halora Paulus



Earned an Associate of Applied Science degree in Library & Information Services. She is currently working as a teacher at Emmaus High School. *Message: Education is a lifetime achievement. I aim to further my education at PCC so that I can share new ideas to my students.*

Alumni Notes showcases MOC & PCC alumni who are positive role models and contribute to the quality of life in their local communities. If you are that alumnus/alumna 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*.

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Celebrating Birthdays

Herman Rdechor Dec. 11
Laura Mangham Dec. 15

Happy Birthday To You!

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Typhoon Bopha

*in latitudes and longitudes
not a name for prostitutes,
twisting the corridors of Ulithi,
with an eye and breath on Merir,*

*doubters in midst spider's web,
a challenge to Kayangel's paddle,
coconut trees teasing tin roofs galore,
fisherman ignoring warnings to score,*

*eastern shores in disgruntled anxiety,
windows blinded in protested harmony,
unsalted taro patches helplessly watching,
the clouds with a frown of non-assuming,*

*modern ways of survival is a suspect,
debate between firewood and ride cooker,
then my daughter calls my name,
life becomes about eternal's sake.*

Stevenson Kuartei

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Our Condolences to the Families of ...

the late

Mr. Flores Valentine Moses,
a teacher from Angaur Elem. School
Mr. Moses had been a dedicated bi-weekly donor to the PCC Endowment Fund.

the late Ms. Stephania Carlos
a PCC Alumna of 1994

Tishley Isaac, brother of
Mrs. Tarmau "Terry" Ngirmang,
a PCC Nursing instructor

from PCC Board of Trustees, Dr. Tellei,
administrators, faculty,
and staff

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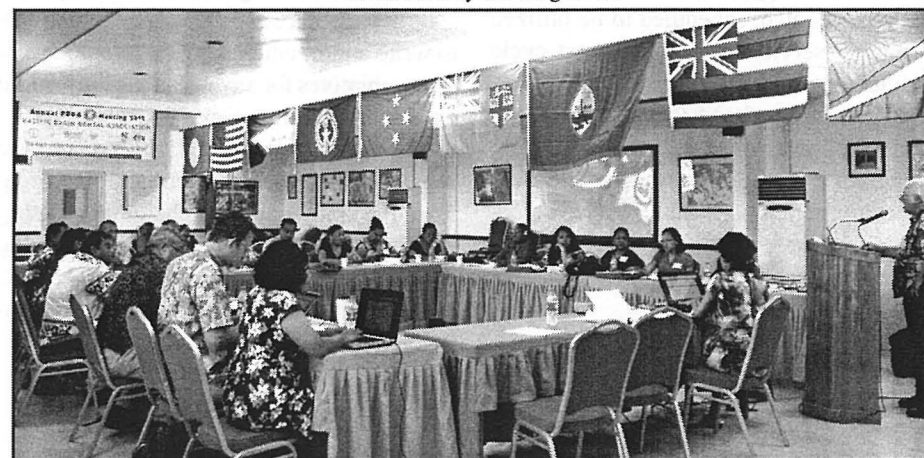
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Pacific Basin Dental Association Meeting

Contributed by Dr. Greg Dever



Representatives from U.S. Affiliated Pacific Islands at PCC Assembly Hall.

On 10-14 December 2012 the Pacific Basin Dental Association convened at Palau Community College's Assembly Hall to conduct its first meeting in five years. This meeting

of the PBDA included 15 Dental Chiefs and Administrators, regional Dentists, and Dental Assistants from all the U.S. Affiliated Pacific Islands including CNMI, Guam,

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FSM Congressmen Meet with FSM Students

Contributed by Admissions & Financial Aid



FSM Congress Officials meeting with FSM students.

On Monday, Dec. 10, 2012, Sen. Joseph Urusemal-Chairman of Education Com-

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Palau Community College is an accessible public educational institution helping to meet the technical, academic, cultural, social, and economic needs of the students and communities by promoting learning opportunities and developing personal excellence.

BCRC UPDATE

As head of Bopha Catastrophe Relief Committee, Dr. Tellei & his team have worked tirelessly around the clock to assess the affected government/state and residential infrastructure and housing areas in Palau. After mobilizing a construction team through continuous dialogue, the BCRC team is in the process of awarding restoration and

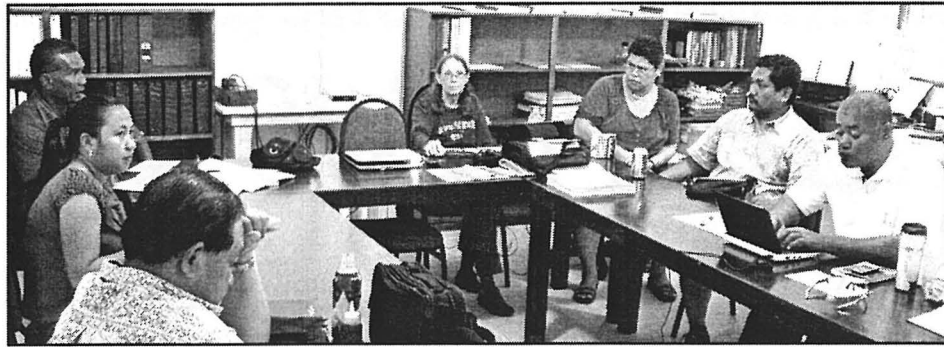


rebuilding projects to contractors for the heavily affected areas of Melekeok, Ngiwal, Ngaraard, Peleliu, and Angaur. Other impacted areas around the island are also under consideration.

Through an integrated approach of coalescing community stakeholders to meet the needs of displaced families, the BCRC team holds Stakeholders meetings with state leaders, government & non-governmental agencies/organizations to ensure a seamless coordination of providing immediate relief assistance to people in need. For further information, call (680) 488-2452/2659 or palaurelief@gmail.com or palau.bopharelieff.com (facebook).

IAC Focuses on Program Review

Contributed by Ligaya Sara



(l-r) Dean Wally, Researcher Sara, Dean Daniel, AAC Chair Temaungil, ALO Olikong, VP Olegeriil, and Dean Chilton.

The Institutional Assessment Committee (IAC) held its regular meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2012. The meeting focused on the college's Program Review. A newly approved Program Review Calendar, which includes administrative offices such as the Office of the President, Accreditation Office, Institutional Research Office, and Offices of the Deans of Academic Affairs and Student Services, was presented to the committee. The revised Program Review template for

non-academic support services has now been finalized, adopted, scheduled to be utilized by support service areas in the next cycle of review. At the same time, the last cycle's action plans have already been integrated in the new template used in decision making and will be updated as necessary. The committee, chaired by ALO Deikola Olikong, meets every month to review assessment information and practices of the college.

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mittee, Sen. Tony Otto-Chairman of Health and Social Affairs Committee, Senator Paliknoa Welly-Chairman of External Affairs Committee accompanied by staff attorney, Catherine Allen, and Director Dahlia Katosang, Admissions & Financial Aid, met with a total of 30 FSM (Pohnpei, Chuuk, Yap, and Kosrae) students.

The FSM senators wanted to find out how the FSM students were doing in their educational pursuits at PCC. They were determined to let them know that they are committed to hear their school concerns/issues pertaining to their academic and financial status, including FSM scholarships and state scholarships. They invited the students to write and/or email them or their congress representatives for any questions they might have in the future.

In an earlier meeting with Dir. Katosang, the senators learned the current and emerging financial and academic challenges facing FSM students attending PCC. Dir. Katosang thanked and assured the senators that PCC works continuously to support the educational success of all FSM students.

BITS AND PIECES...

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

Hours of Operation:

Monday to Thursday: 8am - 8pm
 Friday: 8am - 5pm
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REMINDER

2012 Annual Report covering Fiscal Period Oct. 2011 - Sept. 2012 is due at Development Office on or before January 11, 2013.

News/Stories Wanted

MESEKIU'S NEWS welcomes stories/ articles/ announcements from students, faculty, and staff. Submission deadline is Monday at 4:30 p.m. in hard and electronic copies to adoraa@palau.edu, dilubchs@palau.edu, and alvinam@palau.edu. Please call ext. 251/252/253 if you intend to submit your article after Monday or for more information.

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American Samoa, the RMI, the Federated States of Micronesia States of Yap, Chuuk,

PCC President Dr. Patrick Tellei formally welcomed the PBDA members to Palau and thanked them for deciding to convene their meeting in Palau in spite of the disastrous



Pohnpei, and Kosrae, and Palau. The meeting was funded through the South Pacific Office of WHO, the Pacific Island Primary Care Association (PIPCA), the Department of Oral Health at the Fiji National University (FNU) College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences, and the Pacific Island Health Officers Association (PIHOA). Hosts for the meeting included Palau Community College and the Palau Ministry of Health as part of the Tripartite Cooperative Agreement signed between PCC, MOH, and FNU in July 2012. In the spirit of the Tripartite Cooperative Agreement, FNU provided without charge the meeting Oral Health Consultants which included Dr. Leenu Maimanuka, Head, and Dr. Bernadette Pushpaaggaeli, Deputy Head, of FNU's Fiji Dental School. The purpose of the meeting was to reestablish the PBDA as a viable professional association to not only represent regional oral health workers but also to re-establish a unified voice for the USAPI in promoting regional oral health issues. Other objectives for the meeting included addressing the oral health workforce needs of the region, learning about and contributing to the regional efforts to address the Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) epidemic in the USAPI jurisdictions, and participate in continuing oral health professional development.

New PBDA Officers were elected: Dr. Louisa Santos, Chief Dentist of Palau was elected as PBDA President, Dr. Stanley Gurr, Dental Chief of LBJ Hospital in American Samoa, was elected as the Vice President, and the Dr. Cindy Lefagopal, Chief Dentist of Yap State Health Services, was elected Secretary.

aftermath of Typhoon Bopha. He stated that having the meeting in Palau brought back a sense of "normalcy" to Palau. Minister of Health Dr. Stevenson Kuartei gave the keynote speech and addressed the role of preparedness of communities in mitigating its vulnerabilities or its weakness in the oral health sector by addressing broad questions like: Are there enough oral health workers? Do jurisdictions have a process for training, hiring, retaining, credentialing, licensing, and incentivizing future oral health workers? Do jurisdictions have the other human and physical resources to support oral health workers? And how many jurisdictions think that the PBDA is important and why? He underscored that Oral Health plays a critical role in achieving health and well-being for our nations and our region.

(Dr. Kuartei's Poem on Typhoon Bopha p.4) Outcomes of the meeting included reconstitution the PBDA as an organization, developing the beginnings of a regional oral health workforce plan, completing an action plan for the PBDA to contribute to regional efforts to address NCDs, and skilling-up learning regarding a) NCDs, b) association leadership training, and c) oral health workforce and NCD response planning. The PBDA members were quite appreciative of the resources that were brought together by WHO, PIPCA, FNU, and PIHOA to fund the meeting. The members also appreciated the warm welcome and meeting support services provided by PCC; especially the formal PBDA dinner on Day 2 of the meeting hosted by the PCC's Palau Tourism & Hospitality Center of Excellence and the traditional entertainment at the dinner provided by PCC students from Chuuk and Palau.

Dean Chilton's Message to ALL PCC Students

Contributed by Academic Affairs

Due to Super Typhoon Bopha, PCC had to reschedule final exam period from Dec. 3-5 to the following manner.

Wed (5 Dec) classes will begin as a makeup day. FINAL EXAMS will be on Thursday, Friday and Monday (6, 7 and 10). The grades were then turned in by Thursday, 13 Dec. Dean Daniel of Student Services and Dean Chilton of Academic Affairs agreed to compile a list of students who didn't take the final exam only and to verify that they had problems with Typhoon Bopha so that they will be given the opportunity to finish all their required works for fall semester 2012. Dean Chilton also asks all Faculty to consider giving their students Incomplete grades, especially for those who are trying to help rebuild their lost homes. Student Services and Academic Affairs are working together now to finalize the list and changes of grades no later than 20 Dec.

SPRING SEMESTER 2013 (16 Weeks)	
January 1 (T) Holiday: New Year	March 15 (F) Holiday: Youth Day
January 2-4 (W-F) Placement Testing	March 22 (F) Last Day for All Withdrawals
January 3 (TH) New Student Orientation	March 25-27 (M-W) Summer 2013 Pre-Registration
January 7-9 (M-W) Academic Advising & Registration	April 2 (T) PCC Charter Day
January 10-11 (TH-F) Late Registration	April 5 (F) PCC Charter Day Celebration
January 14 (M) First Day of Instruction	May 5 (S) Holiday: Senior Citizens' Day
January 14-16 (M-W) Credit by Examination Period	May 6 (M) Holiday: Senior Citizens' Day Observed
January 14-18 (M-F) Add & Drop Period	May 10 (F) Last Day of Instruction
January 18 (F) Last Day to change CR/NC & AUDIT Grading options	May 13-15 (M-W) Final Examination Period
February 22 (F) Last Day to Remove Incomplete Grades for Fall 2012	May 15 (W) Graduates' Grades Due by 11:00 am
March 4-8 (M-F) Mid-Term Period	May 20 (M) Grades Due by 11:00am
March 11-15 (M-F) Students' Spring Break	May 24 (F) Commencement Exercises
	May 27 (M) Last Day for Change of Grades