

MOC/PCC Alumni Notes

Class of 1989

Congratulations to Kambes Kesolei



Kambes graduated from PCC with an AA degree in Liberal Arts in 1989. He pursued his studies in General Biology at the University of Guam. As a laboratory technician for six years, he tested drinking water, marine & fresh water, and recreation and waste water. For ten years, he has been the chief aquarist at the Aquarium Operation Division at P.I.C.R.C.

Class of 1989

Congratulations to Lulu Techur



Lulu received her AS degree in Police Science in 1989. Her job experiences include working as an Assistant Clerk at the Judicial Branch for ten years and three to four years as a Community Development Specialist at the Ministry of Community & Cultural Affairs. She is currently working as a Compact Review Office manager.

Class of 1985

Congratulations to Sylves Mikel



Sylves Mikel received his degree in 1985. He was a Palau High School teacher for ten years. After that, he worked as a Program Specialist for PREL. He is currently working as a Chief Personnel for the Ministry of Education.

Alumni Notes

Showcase 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 PCC Development Office at telephone number 488-2470. We would like to feature you and all alumni in future issues of the Mesekiu Newsletter.

Team Mesekiu Suits Up



Our Basketball team lookin' good before their third game against Ngerchemai.

Team Mesekiu got their new home and away uniforms in last week. Let us go and cheer for our basketball team.

PCC Mesekiu Basketball Schedule

Date	Time	Game
11-24	9:00	Mesekiu vs. Peched
12-02	9:00	Mesekiu vs. Airwaves
12-08	9:00	Mesekiu vs. Ngerchemai
12-11	9:00	Mesekiu vs. Ranchers
12-16	9:00	Mesekiu vs. Surangel Kings
12-22	7:30	Mesekiu vs. Meda Boys
12-29	9:00	Mesekiu vs. Jaguars

Thank You to Mr. & Mrs. Mlib Tmetuchel

Thank you for your donation to PCC Annual Thanksgiving Fundraising event.

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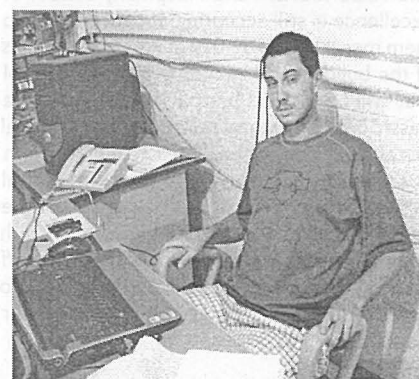
Thank You Very Much!
Kom Kmal Mesaul

A Message to Palau

My name is Elliott Benzle, and for the past six months, it has been my privilege to write, layout, distribute, edit, report for and take pictures for the Mesekiu Newsletter. I've met many wonderful people and was constantly impressed by those around me. Everyone I've met, from those who hired me for this job to all the great people I met hanging out by Best Mart have been welcoming and really made me feel at home during my time on this island paradise. I'd like to take a moment and thank you all for making me feel so at home here and to invite you all to visit me in Columbus, Ohio if you ever find yourself on the east coast, USA. My email is elliottbenzle@gmail.com.

I would also like to encourage all students to make the most of the opportunity that PCC is presenting you with. In the U.S., most people pay tens of thousands of dollars for what you are receiving for free. Please don't waste this gift, go to class, study, find a dream and then turn that dream into a reality, making the most of this magnificent world that you are a part of. Good luck, and may all of your wildest dreams come true.

Elliott Benzle



Your loyal Mesekiu News writer Elliott Benzle

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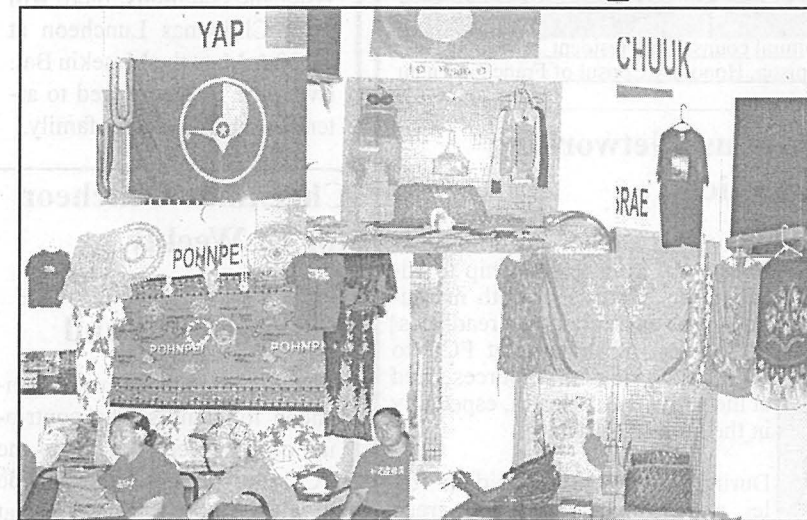
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Weekly Newsletter

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International Night Draws Crowd



Enchanting displays of traditional & popular items

Students, parents, and college faculty & staff packed the cafeteria last Saturday evening to watch PCC student performances during the Annual International Night sponsored by the Associated students of Palau Community College (ASPCC). The evening's program was filled with dance and song performances from students representing all of the island nations. A fashion show kicked off the evening with student models showcasing

traditional and popular island attire. The night was highlighted by the cracking and thumping sounds of sticks and bamboos as Yapese students and other island students danced the stick/bamboo dances.

ASPCC president, Sasha Lirow, and officers thank Dean Marensia Edward, faculty members, Megan Beard, Elizabeth DeJong, Rose Kohama, 2006 PCC alumni, PCC Tourism Club and president Marie Laamar, and all the students and supporters who made this year's International Night a memorable night.

PCC Welcomes Uighers

PCC had a special visit last week from the Uighers. They will be taking classes to help them understand Palauan culture and also to help build and improve their English language skills. Dean Wally of Continuing Education (CE) and Associated Students

of PCC (ASPCC) officers - President-Elect Shane Skebong, Secretary Justin Saburo, ROP State Leader-Senator Leilani Etpison - and Ariel Kanai welcomed them and showed them around the campus.

The Dean and student government officers emphasized that everyone at PCC will support them in their transition to their new home.

Team Mesekiu Wins Fast Pitch Tournament



Members of Team Mesekiu with coach Sato

On Tuesday Dec. 8th, Team Mesekiu from Palau Community College defeated Meyuns team, 8-4 to finish off their undefeated season and win this year's Fast Pitch tournament. The tournament was a quick one, with the first game of the season on Friday Dec. 4th and the championship match being played on Dec. 8th. The tournament was sponsored by Belau Softball Federation and had four teams in the running: Meyuns, Ngardmau, MPIIC and PCC.

Todd Ngiramengior was Team Mesekiu's manager with Norman Sato as coach.



Dean Wally, ASPCC Officers & the Uighers

Celebrating Birthdays

Armstrong Debelbot	Dec. 18
Miriam Kual	Dec. 20
Megan Beard	Dec. 22
Hellen Imanuel	Dec. 29
Marianne Mesengei	Dec. 29

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Christmas Luncheon for Bi-Weekly Contributors to PCC Endowment Fund
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PCC POSITIONS ITSELF FOR NEW HORIZONS

French Presence at PCC

The Honorary Consul of France, Mrs. Mandy Etpison, accompanied by French cultural counselors from the Philippines, made a courtesy visit to President Tellei to discuss future prospects of grants and French course offerings at the college.



French cultural counselors President Tellei and Mrs. Mandy Etpison, Honorary Consul of France in Palau

PCC & Ministry of Health Discuss Networking of Resources & Services

President Tellei met with Minister of Health Dr. Kuartei and his executive staff on Monday, Dec. 14th, to explore possibilities of forging a closer working relationship to advance the interests of both institutions such as training and readiness/preparation of students at PCC to address the human resources need at the Ministry of Health, especially in the area of Nursing.



President Tellei, Minister Kuartei, PCC and MOH officials

During the meeting, President Tellei and Minister Kuartei agreed that there needs to be a medium to a long-term plan that would clearly align and prioritize goals, objectives, and specific actions to translate the plan into reality. According to PCC Associate Dean Daniel, the working agreement will include the

Ministry of Education. The next meeting is planned for January 2010 between Minister Emesiochel, Minister Kuartei, and President Tellei.

PCC faculty & staff meet with Pension Plan officials

Officials of the Palau Civil Service Pension Plan office met with staff on Tuesday, Dec. 15th, to update the status of pension plan regulations and procedures. Former Dean of Students and now Pension Plan administrator Presley Etibek accompanied by Claims Officer Elliot Udui and presented detailed information not well understood by college employees covered under the Plan. Many of the questions raised during the meeting revolved around benefits after retirement and the number of beneficiaries.

The Civil Service Pension Plan manages over \$38 million dollars (\$48 million before September 11) in retirement funds from thousands of employees with the Palau National Government, and other semi-government agencies such as Palau Public Utilities Corporation, Palau National Communication Corporation and Palau Community College.

Palau Community College joined the Civil Service Pension Plan in October 2000. There are one hundred twenty-three college personnel enrolled in the Plan and contribute over \$340,000 annually which amount to over \$2.5 million dollars since 2000.

WHAT'S UP?

Can you believe it? A new library at PCC will open soon.

The college cordially invites all faculty, staff and students to a Soft Opening ceremony of the new library on Thursday, Dec. 24th, in front of the new library building at 11:00 A.M. After the ceremony, there will be a Christmas Luncheon at 11:30 A.M. at the Mesekiu Bai. Everyone is encouraged to attend and bring his/her family.

Christmas Luncheon for Bi-Weekly Contributors to PCC Endowment Fund

The annual Christmas Luncheon for donors who contribute on a bi-weekly basis to the PCC Endowment Fund will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 29th, at PCC Courtyard.

The Development Office will be assisting any donor to process his/her papers regarding tax refund purposes.

Please come and enjoy. There will be a raffle drawing with lots of surprising prizes.

Mesekiu Newsletter is published every week. If you have any comments or concerns, call Development Office at 488-2470.

Thank you very much for reading PCC Mesekiu Newsletter.

Ke Kmal Mesaul!

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.

Academic Advisors will 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.

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

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 Your Help. To contribute, please contact chairperson Peter Bonini at 488-2600.

CAMPUS CLEAN UP DAY

Come on PCC!!! The PCC community will be flexing their muscles in a college-wide activity that may become an annual event in the years to come. This event provides a time for all members to get together, laugh, converse, and spend time together.

On Friday, Dec. 18th, the college will engage in an all-day Campus Beautification Project. All PCC Personnel will come to work prepared to plant flowers, trim plants and conduct other campus landscaping activities, including cleaning in and around their respective office areas. Each person will plant flowers/plants in the concrete planters situated along the main highway. Please bring proper cleaning tools and equipment. Sandwiches and drinks will be provided.

FSA Fund Raises for Scholarships

We would like to thank all who came and purchased an item from our PCC FSA Booth. We have fund raised \$122.75 on Dec. 5, 2009 during the Endowment Fund Parking lot sale. We would like to say "THANK YOU" to all FSA members and others who came on that Saturday to help with selling stuff at the our booth. These are the great and hard working people who came and help to set the booth up and/or sell all stuff we had (they participated from an hour up to whole day): Amy (a visitor to Palau), Lyndon, Weldon, Elliott (Dev. Office), Megan Beard, Robert Ramarui, Margie Buban, Joe Chilton, Alexander Gachalian, Tim Mitchell, Johvanna Yaoch, Jerry Taroy, Reiko Kawamura, Jemmy Blelai, Winfred Recheiungel, Midori Mersai, Male Mauluuula, Samantha (Telly) Bells and Danka Ledgerwood. There were some of those who donated as well or have helped in other ways to make the FSA booth sales on that Saturday a successful event even though they were not able to come because of other events such as (Rainbow Triathlon) as Mike Fedison and Elizabeth de Jong.

PCC FSA is a non-profit association where instructors and student advisors mainly fund raise for graduating student awards and scholarships for new/future students of PCC and will award 2 high school students this Spring Semester. (more information about these 2 new scholarships for high school graduates will be in the next issues).

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND YOUR SUPPORT!
FSA Officers

Natalia's Farewell



Thank You Natalia for the time and services at PCC.

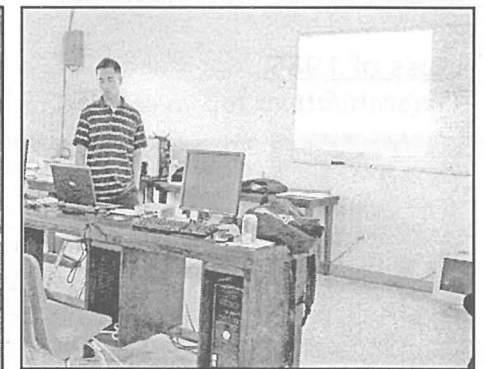
The Faculty Senate Association organized a farewell lunch for Ms. Natalia Rekemesik at the Taj on December 04, 2009.

Ms. Rekemesik came on board on August 01, 1999 and has been at PCC since that time. Ms. Rekemesik will still continue to work at PCC on a part-time basis.

Tourism Students Heat it up For Finals

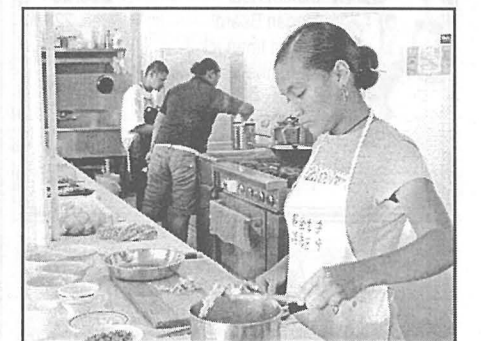
During finals week, instructor Soledad Garcia and her Tourism students in TH 101-Food Production & Sanitation showcased their learning knowledge and skills by deboning and baking fish and chickens. The students did a great job and wasted no time in getting their chickens and fish into the oven. Guess what? They got double enjoyment for they brought home to their families the finished products. What a way to learn!

Website Presentations



A student doing a web presentation

Bravo! Instructor Johvanna Yaoch required her students in courses IT 215 and IT 222 to resource their creative and artistic talents in web designing. The students created websites for particular clients and presented them as their final exams for this semester. Associate Dean Sherman Daniel, CPC chairperson Vincent Ito, and the clients whose websites were created were present during the presentations.



Students applying their skills in authentic learning