

## Alumni Notes

### Class of 2009(PCC)

Verna Kyota -



2009 PCC graduate with an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Office Administration (OA). Kyota joined the PCC family of employees last week when she was hired to work as Secretary with the Student Services Office.

### Class of 2000(PCC)

Janice Surriga -



Attended PCC in 2000 as a Liberal Arts Major. Took time off from school to start a family. Surriga is looking to join the workforce in the area of Sales & Marketing and can be contacted at telephone number 488-2792.

### Class of 1997 (PCC)

'Atu Taumoepeau -



1997 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Secretarial Science (SEC). Taumoepeau works as an enforcement officer for the Division of Fish & Wildlife Protection-Ministry of Justice.

**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 News*.

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## Celebrating Birthdays

Felix Sengebau	January 31
Rennetta Meyar	January 31
Elenita Brel	February 1
Casiano Relugulmar	February 1
Vernice Yuzi	February 2
Isimang Smus	February 3

Happy Birthday To You!

## OPEN Season for Endowment Fund New Members Registration Ongoing

The new members to join the PCC Endowment Fund club this week are Bessie Elbelau from Ministry of Finance and Russel Roman from the Ministry of Public Infrastructure, Commerce and Trade. Welcome aboard. The PCC Development Office is now processing refund applications for all government and non-government employees. So if you have not filed your income tax refund application yet, stop by the Development Office and let Dilubch complete your application.

### Don't forget to bring the following:

- ✓ Check stub #26 or Wages & Tax Form for year 2009.
- ✓ Original receipts for your donations to other non-profit organizations.

To find out how you can join the hundreds who are already giving to the Endowment Fund, contact the PCC Development Office at 488-2471, ext. 253, if you can't come to the office, contact the office at 488-2471, ext. 253 and we'll send someone to find you.

## Advertise with Mesekiu's News

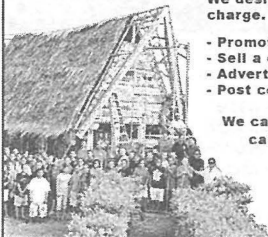
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## SDSU Professor Tucker On Campus



Tucker (r) with President Tellei

San Diego State University Professor Dr. Mark Tucker was here last week to teach ED 690 - "Methods of Inquiry" to the MA cohort students. The course is one of the 10 course requirements for the SDSU online master's degree program.

### Vacancy Announcement

- (1) Director, Office of Student Life & Housing  
Salary range: \$16,010-\$24,647
- (1) Counselor, Office of Student Life & Housing  
Salary range: \$12,653-\$19,479

For application forms and information, please contact Karen Mobel at the PCC Human Resources Office at 488-2470/71, ext. 227.

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## Our Condolences

The PCC Family express deepest sympathies to former employee Margo Vitarelli and her family on the loss of her father Rubak William Vitarelli. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this most difficult time of sorrow and mourning.

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# Palau Community College



# MESEKIU'S NEWS



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## Program Review Committee Begins Work



Program Review steering committee during their first meeting on January 20, 2009.

In support of the ongoing effort to improve programs and services and the overall institutional effectiveness of Palau Community College, President Tellei recently appointed a committee to spearhead the work on program review. The committee which is comprised of members of the college's Executive Com-

mittee will direct and guide each department as they complete their respective program review reports, a document which details tasks and responsibilities and how effectively they support the overall mission\* of the College.

The review process will essentially gauge strengths and identify drawbacks of all departments/divisions, especially those that have not been through the process before, and propose realignment strategies for improvement.

Since Tellei's appointment, the committee has been working diligently to meet with individual department heads and review reports. A meeting scheduled for 9:00 am today will mark the third time they have met just this week.

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

## Yap Teachers Certification Program Projected to Begin in Summer 2010

"Provided that all transcripts and required documents are received, the Yap Vocational Certification Program could possibly begin in Summer 2010." This is what the Dean of Continuing Willy Wally and Associate Dean Sherman Daniel believe after they returned from a week-long assignment to the island of Yap, during which they established the initial framework for the certification program.

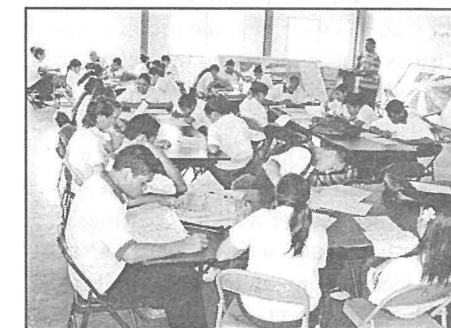
Wally and Daniel who were able to meet with Yap Department of Education (DOE) Director Sister Margaret Margou

and Professional Development Officer Dominic Fanasou said the certification program was modeled to satisfy the FSM National Government mandate which calls for vocational teachers (elementary & high school) to have at least an Associate of Arts (AA) or Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree.

The program is said to train and certify teachers in the trade areas of agricultural science, automotive mechanics technology, construction technology, and

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## High School Recruitment Underway



Admissions Counselor Mekreos Siliil (standing-right) guides Mindszenty High School students as they fill out admissions applications during the PCC high school recruitment visit to Mindszenty High School on Tuesday, January 25, 2010. (complete story in the next issue)

### Yap from Front Page

even home economics;

They said that seventeen vocational education teachers with the Yap Department of Education were identified as candidates for the certification program, and they have already sent out for their high school and college transcripts.

In addition to discussions regarding the academic framework of the certification program, Wally and Daniel also made recommendations about two other areas of concern; succession planning for teachers to ensure instruction continuity, and classroom facilities adequately equipped for vocational education classes.

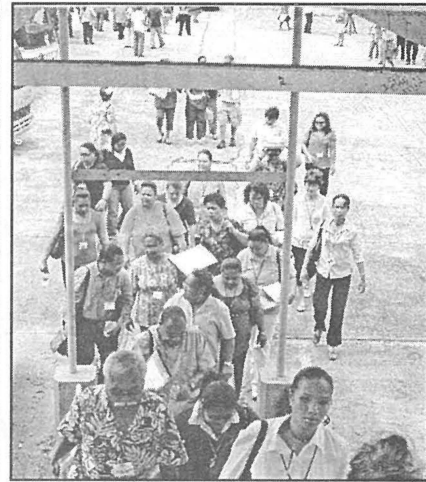
Other on-going collaboration between PCC and Yap DOE include the Summer Apprenticeship program and the extension classes in Nursing and Education-Early Childhood.



Yap Apprentice Program trainees with President Tellei and PCC officials.



Graduates of the Yap Early Childhood Education Program.



New PCC library.



PCC Tourism & Hospitality students served as tour guides.



Library Technician Pioria Aisto talks to the tour group.

## MOH Convention Participants Tour PCC Campus

As part of their program to celebrate the 5th Public Health Service Annual Health Convention, Ministry of Health staff and convention participants toured the Koror campus on Wednesday and on Thursday, the college's Research & Development station in Ngaremlengui State on the big island of babeldaob.



Tourism students organize tours.

During their tour of the Koror campus, the group was received by PCC Tourism & Hospitality instructor Vicky Maui and her students who took the group to visit various offices including the newly-opened PCC library.

The purpose of the tour was to learn how the surrounding environment and infrastructures we work in contributes to our health and well-being. PCC is considered by many to have a preferable work environment.

The Ministry of Health convention wraps up today at the Ngarachamayong Cultural Center.

### Spring Semester 2010 Academic Schedule for 8-Week Classes

Schedule of Events	1 <sup>st</sup> 8 - Weeks (January 16, - March 06, 2010)	2 <sup>nd</sup> 8 - Weeks (March 22, - May 15, 2010)
First Day of Instruction	January 18, 2010	March 22, 2010
	January 16, 2010(Sat. Classes)	March 27, 2010 (Sat. Classes)
Last Day to Remove "I" Grades for Fall 2009	February 26, 2010	February 26, 2010
Midterm	February 8 - 12, 2010 February 6, 2010 (Sat. Classes)	April 12 - 17, 2010
Last Day for All Withdrawals	February 19, 2010	April 16, 2010
Last Day of Instruction / Final Examinations	March 12, 2010 March 6, 2010 (Sat. Classes)	May 14, 2010 May 15, 2010 ( Sat. Classes)
Grades Due	March 19, 2010 ( by 11:00am)	May 21, 2010 (11:00 am)

## BITS AND PIECES...

### LIBRARY

#### PCC Library Hours...

PCC Library Hours:  
 Mon.-Thurs. 8:00 am - 8:00 pm  
 Friday 8:00 am - 6:00 pm  
 Saturday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
 Sunday 12:00pm - 8:00 am  
 Library contact: 488-3540

### COMMITTEES

#### Committee Appointments...

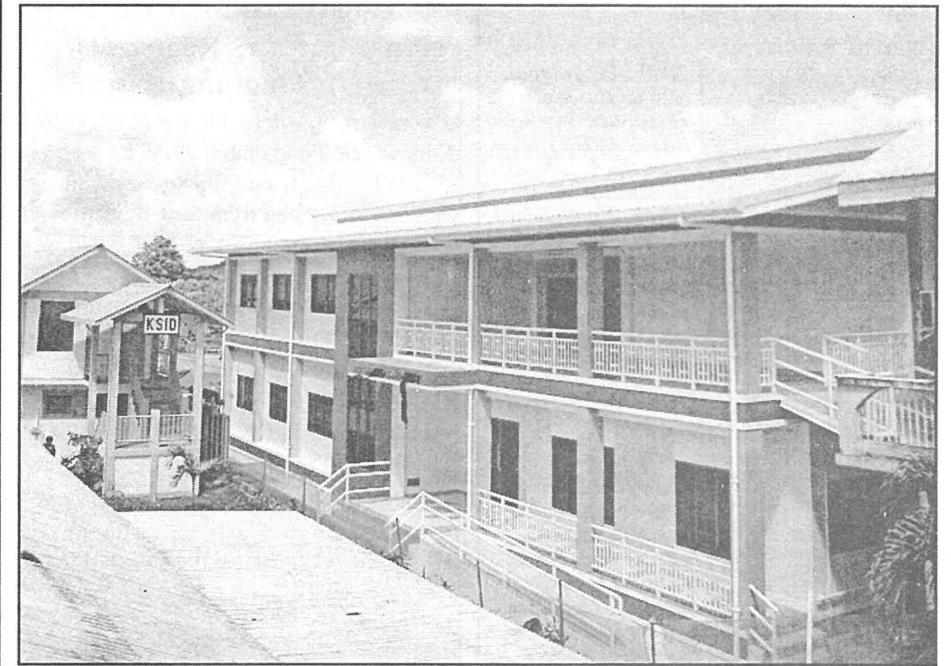
**2010 STEM Fair and Career/Technical Education Awareness Week Organizing Committee** members have been appointed by President Tellei. Meetings began this week in preparation for the awareness week scheduled to take place during spring break.

**On-Line Education Committee** members have also been appointed. Established for the first time, this new committee will look into the on-line delivery systems and modes of instructions appropriate for our curriculum and current and future IT needs of students.

**Program Review Committee** members have also been appointed. This committee will review departmental program review reports.

Meseki's News thanks all contributing writers for their articles and pictures. We depend on you to tell us all about the exciting programs and activities you are undertaking to make our College great. Too busy to write, call us, we'll come to you. Call the Development Office at ext.253. Thanks again!!!

## Public Welcome at New Library

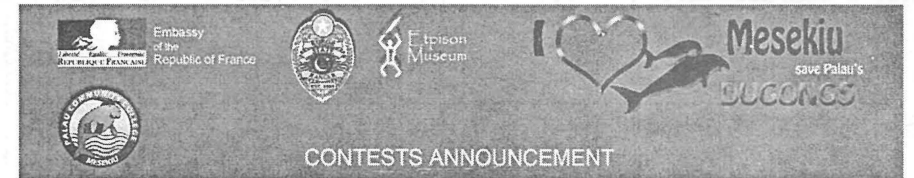


PCC library

The new PCC Library is now open and welcomes patrons from campus as well as off-campus. Being the biggest library in Palau, the library complex has a vast general collections, a United Nations collections, Micro-Pacific collections, periodicals, Kid's Corner (children's books), media room (DVDs and Videos), and a technology/research center. For guided tours of the new PCC Library, please contact Linda Kloulechad at 488-3540.

### Dugong Campaign Slogan Contest

In line with this year's worldwide theme of Biodiversity, PCC is taking part as a participating partner in the 2010 Dugong Awareness Project to raise local awareness about the animal and the need for the conservation of its habitats. To support such effort, PCC is sponsoring a Dugong Campaign Slogan Contest open to all PCC students. Slogans must be written in Palauan. For guidelines, contact PCC Vernice Yuzi at 488-2471, ext. 240. Winners will have a chance to participate in a helicopter ride to photograph dugongs in the wild. (see ad below)



Dugong Drawing (ages 6-12) Rules: Dugong Essay (ages 12- 18)  
 - letter size paper - minimum 2 pages  
 - any materials OK - typed in English  
 - no words allowed on the drawing - double-spaced  
 - name, age and tel number on the back - name, age and tel number

The winning essay and drawing entry will be published in the local newspapers, and the students will get the opportunity to join one of the helicopter surveys to see dugongs in the wild. These contests are open to any local school or individual Palauan students.

Please drop off your entry by February 28, 2010 at the Etpison Museum (488- 6730/ 488- 4322) or email your essay to: etpison@palaunet.com. A panel of judges will select the winners during the Science Week at PCC in March.

