

## Alumni Notes

### Class of 1985 (MOC)



Imengel Mad-1985 MOC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Secretarial Science. Mad started her career at Palau Community College as a Secretary, later as an Administrative Assistant, and now she is employed as a Library Technician.

### Class of 1972 (MOC)



Eugene Uehara-1972 MOC graduate with a Vocational Certificate of Achievement (VCA) in Automotive Technology. Immediately after graduation, Uehara joined the College staff as a boat mechanic, later becoming a classroom teacher, then an instructor. Uehara has been with the College for over 30 years and currently holds the distinct title of Assistant Professor.

**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*

## Celebrating Birthdays

Nelson Esquerra February 10  
Jay Olegeril February 10  
Robert Ramarui February 13

Happy Birthday To You!

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## SMALL BUSINESS WORKSHOP

### "Agriculture - Tourism"

Date : February 13 2006  
Time : 8:00 am- 5:00 pm  
Place : Coral Reef Center  
Fees : \$10.00 per participants ( Non-refundable )

Contact Palau Small Business Development Center @ 488-6004/775-5472 to pre-register.

**SYNOPSIS:** This Workshop will help participants to better understand the challenges of the new communication marketing medium-the Internet and the powerful relationship with the agriculture & travel industry. They will be introduced to examples of "best practice" in the agriculture-tourism industry, learn how to get started, including and introduction to business planning and the importance of preparing one. Participants will be able to obtain vital information and agriculture resources to evaluate, prepare, start and own an "Ag-Tourism" business!

AGENDA	
8:00 am-9:00 am	Registration, Coffee/Tea
9:00 am-11:30 am	Ag-Tourism (World Trends, Best Practices, Ideas & Making it work)
11:30 am-1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm-2:00 pm	USDA-Farm Service Agency
2:00 pm-3:00 pm	USDA-Rural Development
3:15 pm-3:30 pm	Break
4:00 pm- 5:00 pm	Wrap-up, Q & A and Evaluation

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## SDSU Classes, from Page 1

Dr. Lally will also assist the bachelor program students in preparing for the California government test, a test that is required of all students enrolled in California-based colleges or universities.

In the master's program, Dr. Lally will conduct a technology orientation in which students will learn the basics of using computers for online courses. Dr. Lally will also initiate lessons in the ARP 680 class (Leadership for the Next Decade), after which students will continue instructions online. Dr. Lally is due to return back to San Diego on February 19.

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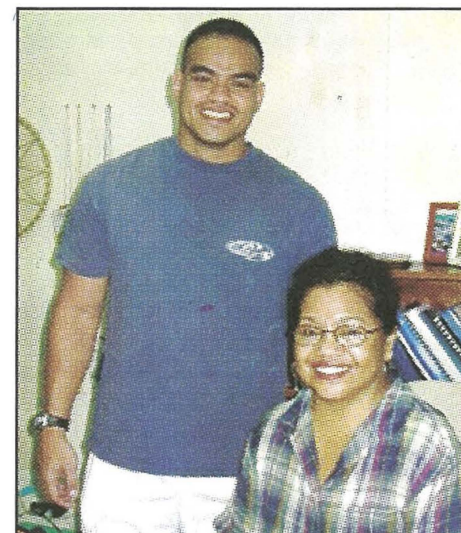


Friday, February 10, 2006

Weekly Newsletter

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## US Air Force Captain Has Modest Roots with UB Program



US Air Force Captain Marlon U. Elbelau (l) with Upward Bound program Director Kuye Belelai.

Marlon U. Elbelau, a 1993 graduate of the Upward Bound (UB) program and now a Captain in the United States Air Force is in Palau for a two-week break and relaxation from the rigors of life in the United States military.

Earlier this week, Captain Elbelau stopped at the UB office to visit Director Kuye Belelai and staff to muse over his youthful beginnings as a high school student with the UB program.

Director Belelai and other staff who knew Elbelau during his years at Upward Bound all remember a humble yet eager and determined individual who showed glimpses of somebody who would be successful one day. "He was one of those students who talked seriously about setting goals for himself and pursuing them, thus I am not at all surprised of his tremendous accomplishments, just extremely proud," Belelai said of Elbelau during his visit.

The rest of the program staff were also visibly pleased as they recalled a bright young student who enjoyed and had fun with friends, yet remained focused on what he wanted to accomplish in life. "While at UB, he just seemed to distinguish himself from his classmates and it was clear he was gonna make a name for himself someday," recalled a staff who worked with Elbelau during his two years with the program. After his high school years with the Upward Bound Program, Captain Elbelau went on to pursue his college education at Lassen Community College in Susanville, California graduating in 1998 with Associate of Arts degrees in Liberal Arts, Business Administration, Accounting and Computer Science.

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## SDSU Professor on Campus to initiate Classes

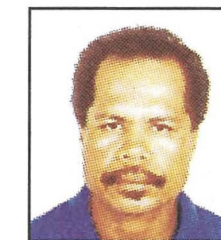


Dr. Theresa Lally (2nd left) of SDSU with some of her students in the online bachelor's degree program. Marianne Temaungil, (l) PCC English instructor is the class facilitator.

Dr. Theresa Lally, a professor at San Diego State University (SDSU) is on campus to start the SDSU online courses. Dr. Lally who arrived last Sunday will be on island for about two-weeks to begin instructions of a writing course to students in the bachelor's program.

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## Phi Theta Kappa Chapter Estblished on Campus



Dean of Students Presley Etibek

Palau Community College is now a member of the Phi Theta Kappa, an International Honor Society for two-year colleges. Under the umbrella of Phi Theta Kappa, the chapter at PCC has been assigned the name Beta Omicron Zeta.

According to Dean of students Presley Etibek, the college is in the second stage of the chartering process and is now recruiting students who meet the eligibility criteria to become members of the honor society. "We expect to have the recruitment process completed this month and plan to hold the chartering ceremony sometime early next month," said Dean Etibek.

The honor society provides its members excellent benefits such as scholarships and leadership training opportunities. This means Beta Omicron Zeta members at PCC can take advantage of benefits such as the transfer scholarships offered exclusively through the society after they graduate from PCC. With \$36 million dollars in scholarship funds, the honor society has transfer scholarships available to over 400 universities in the US and Canada.

Additionally, the honor society also sponsors international conventions, allowing various chapter members

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## OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS & FINANCIAL AID 2006-2007 FINANCIAL AID SESSIONS

The Office of Admissions & Financial Aid is conducting series of meetings with continuing students to complete **2006-2007 Financial Aid** forms during the month of **February 14-17, 2006**. Meetings with students will be done in groups (8 groups) by alphabetical order as follows.

Last Names that begin with ltrs..	Group	Day	Date	Time	Location
A, B (55)	1	TUESDAY	2/14	11 – 12pm	CE T-room
C – H (59)	2	TUESDAY	2/14	12 – 1pm	CE T-Room
I – L (57)	3	WEDNESDAY	2/15	11 – 12pm	CE T-Room
M (36)	4	WEDNESDAY	2/15	12 – 1pm	CE T-Room
N, O (59)	5	THURSDAY	2/16	11 – 12pm	CE T-Room
P, R (30)	6	THURSDAY	2/16	12 – 1pm	CE T-Room
S (51)	7	FRIDAY	2/17	11 – 12pm	CE T-Room
T, U, V, W, Y (76)	8	FRIDAY	2/17	12 – 1pm	CE T-Room

Students who are unable to attend the sessions indicated above due to class conflicts may come to the Office of Admissions & Financial Aid for assistance.

**Students are encouraged to come and complete their forms if they plan to use financial aid to cover their educational costs.**

### Honor Society, from Page 1

to meet, network, and recognize accomplishments of outstanding chapters and institutes. Seminars and conferences in leadership development and civic engagements are also conducted to prepare students to be future global leaders.

The Beta Omicron Zeta chapter at PCC is committed to helping qualified students further develop their leadership skills and help them pursue their education after PCC. Interested students are invited to apply and take advantage of the numerous opportunities offered. For more detailed information, please contact the Dean of Students Presley Etibek at 488-2471, ext. 249.

### Captain Elbelau, from Page 1

In pursuit of his Baccalaureate degree, he enrolled at San Jose State University (SJSU). To help finance his college education at SJSU, he signed up with the US Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC).

In 2001, Elbelau graduated with two Bachelor degrees, one in Marketing and the other in International Business. Because of his service with the ROTC program, he was also commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Airforce after graduation. Elbelau pursued his career in the Air Force, taking on additional training in the field of financial management and services.

In 2003, he was promoted to 1st Lieutenant and in May of 2005 was again promoted to the rank of Captain. Elbelau now works as a Lead Cost Analyst for the US Air Force. In his current position, he is responsible for analyzing and costing billions of dollars in military defense contracts with companies such as Boeing.

The Palau Community College Upward Bound program congratulates Elbelau on his remarkable accomplishments and wishes him continued success in his professional career in the US military.

### BITS AND PIECES...

#### Lost Outrigger Canoes Recovered in Meyuns....

Two of the college's outrigger canoes that went missing two weeks ago from the canoe house at the *Taoch ra Idederach* ramp were found by a resident of Meyuns hamlet who saw them floating in front of his waterfront property last week. Having heard of the island-wide search by the college for the missing canoes, he quickly notified college officials who went and retrieved the canoes. Reminder to all who borrow the canoes and other water crafts from the *Taoch ra Idederach* ramp to please return them after using them.

#### Vocational/ Technical Education Week Organizing Committee to hold third meeting today.....

The organizing committee appointed by President Tellei plan for the Vocational/ Technical Education Week is set to meet again today to finalize the program and events for the Vocational/ Technical Education Week.

The date has been set for March 13-17, now planning and preparation will revolve around which shop programs will have displays during the week-long event.

The Construction Technology and the Automechanic programs have already began pre-preparation for their program displays and demonstrations with other programs sure to follow suit after today's meeting.

To find out more about the upcoming PCC Vocational/ Technical Education Week, please contact Sherman Daniel at telephone number 488-2471, ext. 254, or Vicky Maui at 488-6008.

#### Intramural Softball Tourney Commences....

The intramural softball tournament has commenced with a total of 10 teams signed up for the competition. There are 8 student teams and 2 staff teams. All games are played at the Meyuns baseball field on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday starting at 7:00 pm. If you did not make on to the roster of any team, you are still encouraged to come out and cheer the lucky ones who made it.

For spectator transportation information, please contact Ismael Anastacio or Ephraim Ngirachitei at telephone number 488-3885 or 488-3074.

## Talent Search Teams Up with Gear Up to Help Kids

Scarlett Rechirei, Talent Search Counselor



Talent Search staff join their Gear Up colleagues and student for a photo.

On February 4, 2006, the Talent Search Program staff helped GEAR UP staff conduct a workshop at Airai Elementary School for its seventh grade participants of both programs. The topic of the workshop was **Basics of Effective Learning**. The workshop started with an activity which the students drew pictures and presented their goals. After that, the first session started with Maria Joseph, GEAR UP staff, who presented the three learning styles: Auditory Learner, Visual Learner, and Kinesthetic Learner. The purpose of this session was to help students identify the kind of learner they are and be able to use it to improve their grades. The next session was presented by diJune Etpison, GEAR UP staff, who talked about the stages of taking notes: In class, Before class, During Class, and After Class. While diJune presented, the students were asked to take notes. The purpose of this activity was to help students learn how to take notes and use them later on to review in order to improve their test grades. diJune also talked about study skills and how it isn't so hard to study if a student takes the time and effort. She talked about how to prepare for tests using the DETER Strategy. DETER is an acronym that stands for Directions, Examine, Time, Easiest, and Review. After this session there was an hour lunch break, which was followed by the last session, Time Management, which was conducted by Marleen Ngirametuker.

Marleen had the students write down the number of hours they spend per day sleeping, grooming, eating, commuting to and from school, doing house chores, extracurricular activities, in class, and hanging out with friends and watching TV. Most of the students had spent over twenty hours on all these activities, which means that there isn't enough time left for them to study. Marleen showed the students how to do a weekly homework chart where the students can list what assignment is due on a certain day of the week. Based on this Chart, the students were divided into four groups and were assigned to do a daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly planner. Afterwards the groups presented their calendars. She also talked about prioritizing and to list important things first and the least important things last. The purpose of this activity was to help students plan and follow a schedule in order to get things done in a timely manner and to also improve their grades.

The workshop was well organized and the students enjoyed the activities as well as learned a lot from the workshop. The workshop started with an activity which the students listed their goals and during the workshop they learned how to be an effective learner in order to accomplish their goals in life. The Talent Search Program staff would like to applaud the GEAR Up staff on a job well done.

## CRE Researchers Help College Fill Void in AG Program



Dr. Neslon Esquerria  
CRE Senior Researcher

Senior Researchers at the PCC Cooperative Research & Extension Department Dr. Nelson Esquerria and Dr. Aurora Del Rosario are helping the Academic Affairs office

Animal Husbandry.

The Academic Affairs office is hopeful that an instructor for Plant Sciences will be secured by March of this year.

The Academic Affairs office extends its appreciation to Esquerria and Del Rosario for volunteering to take on the additional responsibility, ensuring that instructions to students are not interrupted.



Dr. Aurora Del Rosario  
CRE Senior Researcher

teach some of the Agricultural Science (AG) courses this semester.

Dr. Esquerria and Dr. Del Rosario are providing lectures in the field of Plant Sciences while Yoji Matsuoka, a JICA volunteer instructor teaches courses in