

Alumni Notes

Class of 2006 (PCC)

Zillah Mereb -



2006 PCC graduate with a Associate of Science degree Tourism & Hospitality- Hotel Management. Immediately after graduation, Mereb joined the Ministry of Education as an Administrative

Assistant.

Losii Samsel -

Class of 1997 & 2000 (PCC)

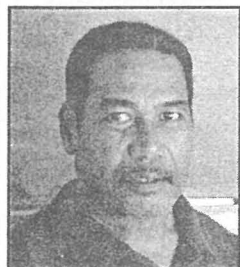


1997 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science in Business Accounting. 2000 graduate with an Associate of Science in Office Samsel went on to receive her Certificate of Achievement

in Applied Epidemiology from the Fiji School of Medicine and now works as an Epidemiologist Specialist at the Ministry of Health.

Class of 1981 (MOC)

Stanley Magholyalor -

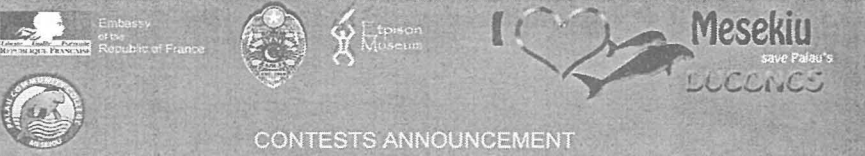


1981 MOC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement in Small Engine & Outboard Marine Technology. After graduating, Magholyalor began his career

as a mechanic with NECO Yamaha where he worked for 12 years. He then moved to Sam's Tours where he spent 8 years before accepting a post as a conservation officer with Tobii State. He left Tobii State after 6 years and now works as a Mechanic/Boat Operator for Koror State Government.

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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CONTESTS ANNOUNCEMENT

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 Etipison 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.



One More Time for Standard 1



Holding copies of the finished 2009 PCC Self-Study report, members of Self Study Standard1 subcommittee and their Chair Kuye Belalai (seated center) pose for a photo after the group met one last time earlier this week. The group passed out copies of the report and received updates on the upcoming accreditation visit on March 1-4, 2010.

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 Mobil at the PCC Human Resources Office at 488-2470/71, ext. 227.

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Celebrating Birthdays

Nena George February 20
Ruskey Remoket February 24

Happy Birthdays to you!

OPEN Season for Endowment Fund

This week, we welcome aboard new member and PCC staff, **Jade Kloulechad**. We also thank the following members for increasing the amount of their bi-weekly allotments to the maximum 10% of annual income taxes: **Brenda Tarimel** from PNCC; **Debby Debengek** from the Bureau of Aviation; and **Eydeline Ikeya** from PCAA. Thank you all very much!
Already an Endowment allotment donor and want to increase your bi-weekly allotment, stop by the Development Office and let's find out if you are eligible.

PCC Development Office is now processing refund applications for all government and nongovernment employees. So if you have not filed your income tax refund application yet, stop by and let Dilubch take care of your Endowment needs.

Don't forget to bring the following:

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

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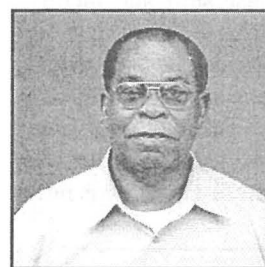


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Weekly Newsletter

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Accreditation Visiting Team Members Begin Arriving Next Saturday



Accreditation visitation team leader Dr. Leon Richards of Kapiolani Community College in Hawaii.

will begin arriving in Palau next weekend. According to PCC Accreditation Liaison Officer Dahlia Katosang, the bulk of the group is scheduled to arrive on Saturday, February 27, and the rest on Sunday. The entire team begins on Monday March 1st with what will be a four-day of campus tours, meetings and interviews with PCC staff, faculty & students,

Members of the Accrediting Commission for Community & Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and College's (ACCJC-WASC) eleven-person accreditation visitation team

all in an effort to validate the 2009 PCC Self-Study Report.

Led by Kapiolani Community College (KCC) Chancellor Dr. Leon Richards who was here for an advance visit last month with assistant Salvatore Lanzilotti, also of KCC, the team will also send some members to Yap State to assess PCC's course offerings there. Dean of Academic Affairs Alvina Timarong will accompany the visitation team members who will go to Yap.

Visitation Team members:

1. Dr. Leon Richards (chair)
Chancellor, Kapiolani Community College
2. Dr. Salvatore Lanzilotti (assistant chair)
Executive Assistant to Chancellor
Kapiolani Community College
3. Mr. Gary Allen
ESL Instructor & Outcome Assessment
Coordinator, Santa Rosa Junior College

4. Mr. Michael Unebasami
Associate Vice President for Administrative & Community College Ops., UH Community Colleges
5. Dr. Susan Bangasser
Interim Dean of Science
San Bernardino Valley College
6. Dr. Daniel Walden
Dean of Academic Affairs
Los Angeles Southwest College
7. Ms. Carol Bloch
Senior Nursing Instructor
Los Angeles County College of Nursing and Allied Health
8. Dr. Roger Welt
Former Vice President of Student Services
Allan Hancock College
9. Ms. Catherine Chenu-Campbell
Librarian
Sacramento City College
10. Dr. Audrey Yamagata-Noji
Vice President of Student Services
Mt. San Antonio College
11. Ms. Bernadette Howard
Director, Vocational & Community Education
Windward Community College

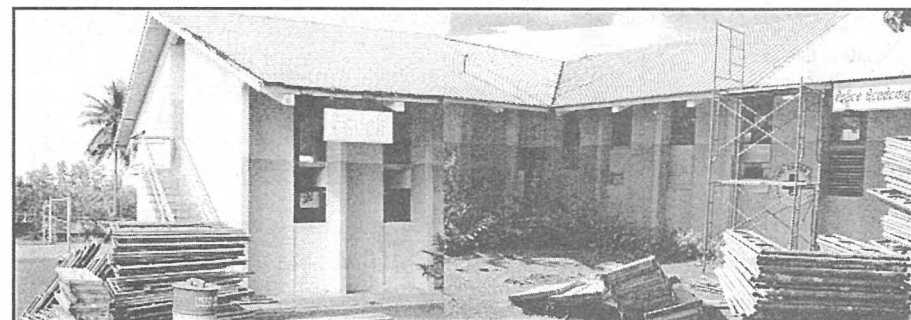
For recent actions taken by ACCJC-WASC, visit: www.accjc.org.

PTHSE to Rise from the Shell of Esuch

Construction work began this week for what will be the Palau Tourism & Hospitality School of Excellence. NECO construction company which recently completed work on the new three-story PCC library building once again won the rights the \$470,000+ project.

Project manager Mr. Shao said because they are building from the pre-existing

foundation and shell of Esuch building, and don't have the time consuming work of digging and laying a foundation, construction work should take about six months. The Esuch building which once sheltered the Palau Red Cross Society office and the seasonal office of Palau's Police Academy will be transformed by late summer into a state-of-the art school for tourism & hospitality.



In six months, the Esuch building will be transformed into the Palau Tourism & Hospitality School of Excellence.

Student Leaders Sponsor Seminar

Officers of the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC) and club leaders are hosting a seminar today from 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm at the cafeteria. The student leaders will talk about the purpose of ASPCC, the various clubs and student organizations within the association and what their specific functions and roles are. The meeting will also give students the opportunity to air out their concerns and hopefully get some of them addressed. All students are encouraged to attend this

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Student Leaders, from Front

seminar as it provides the best platform, especially for new students, to sign up with various student clubs and become actively involved in extracurricular activities. This will make the learning experience at PCC both enriching and enjoyable. For more information about the seminar, contact ASPCC President Sasha Lirow at telephone number 488-2471, ext. 233.

Pukyong National University Officials Visit



Maeng-Eon Park
President,
Pukyong National University

President Maeng-Eon Park of Pukyong National University-Korea and his Executive Director of International Relations Yeon-Ho Chung visited PCC last month.

The two toured the campus and met with PCC officials to discuss possible joint work between the two institutions.

CAT Team Medic to Assist with Nursing Program



1LT Katrina Gabelko at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, prior to departure for Palau.

Holding true to her civic duty as a member of the Civic Action Team, 1st LT. Katrina Gabelko, a medic with the Army CAT team stationed in Palau for the next eight months has volunteered to teach two components of the nursing class this semester at the College, according to Terry Ngirmang who is in charge of the PCC Nursing program. Gabelko who is a registered nurse (RN) will also help with skills lab and CPR/First Aid classes.

Gabelko who will also help with clinical rotation at the local hospital and will also be conducting clinical outreach programs to outlying states which do not have dispensaries. Gabelko said that the focus

CT Students Help Expand Bungalow Row

The bungalow row consisting of four staff housing units lined up on the north side of Temekai complex will soon grow to include more units as Construction Technology students begin construction work on new bungalow, just meters away on the north side of Meluis building. The new bungalow, according to instructor Lester Rekemesik who is overseeing the student project, will take after the design



Construction Technology Students and their instructor Lester Rekemesik work on the foundation of a PCC bungalow.

of existing ones, and after constructed, also be used to house staff and faculty members, especially those coming from off-island. Rekemesik acknowledged that such campus project is always a win-win situation because the students learn from the practical aspect of the construction work while the school acquires a new building.



Bungalow Row (above) which fringes a prime section of the northern edge of the campus overlooking the ocean is home to most off-island hires on faculty.

Program Review Rolls On

Work on program review continues this week with all department heads having appeared at least once in front of the steering committee to defend their program review reports.



Marensia Edward,
Dean of Students

The committee continues to review reports and make recommendations as each office incorporates the recommendations as necessary.

Dean of Students Marensia Edward who is leading the effort said she is hopeful that she can have ready a summary report to President Tellei by the end of this week.

Spring Semester 2010 Academic Schedule for 8-Week Classes		
Schedule of Events	1 st 8 – Weeks (January 16, - March 06, 2010)	2 nd 8 – Weeks (March 22, - May 15, 2010)
First Day of Instruction	January 18, 2010 January 16, 2010 (Sat. Classes)	March 22, 2010 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...

CLEANUP

Campus Cleanup Today...

In preparation for the upcoming Accreditation Visit, President Tellei has designated today as an all-day general cleanup for the entire campus. All non-instructional personnel will begin the cleanup effort in the morning, while faculty members can join as their class schedule permits.

GRADUATION

Graduation Committee Appointment...

President Tellei has appointed individuals to serve on the Graduation planning committee which will plan for the upcoming 47th Commencement Exercises. The date for the single biggest annual event of the college has been set for May 28, 2010. The planning group headed by Registrar Lesley Adachi will hold its first meeting next week.

Prospective Graduates...

All prospective graduates for Spring & Summer 2010 are required to file an application for graduation no later than next Friday, February 26, 2010. Applications may be filed at the Registrar & Records office.

LIBRARY

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 pm

Dugong Campaign Slogan Contest

In line with this year's worldwide theme of Bio-diversity, 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.

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Admissions & Financial Aid Office Wraps Up Recruitment Visit to Local High Schools

The Office of Admissions and Financial Aid concluded the two-week recruitment visit to local high schools on February 5, 2010.

The visit allowed PCC personnel to meet with seniors interested in attending PCC and helped them complete the admissions application. It also made it possible for the Director of Admissions and Financial Aid Dahlia Katosang to meet with seniors and their parents to discuss Federal Financial Aid opportunities that the students could be eligible for.

Two hundred three (203) of the total two hundred thirty-eight (238) high school seniors in Palau showed interest in coming to PCC and filled out applications forms, while one hundred forty-four (144) completed financial aid application forms.

Director Katosang said that nothing makes her happier than to see all graduating seniors come to PCC. "My staff will continue to follow-up with letters and phone calls on the 203 who filled out the admission application forms, and even those who didn't to make sure that most of them, if not all will choose PCC after



Admissions & Financial Aid Director Dahlia Katosang (standing-back) during the recruitment visit to Palau High School, the biggest high school in Palau.

high school," she said.

The recruitment effort was not confined to local high schools as over 200 application packets were sent to high schools from the surrounding Micronesian region. Bulk of the packets (80) were sent to the Marshall Islands followed by (50) to Yap and (40) to Pohnpei.

Such aggressive recruitment technique by the College has helped boost enrollment not only for Fall semester, but Spring as well. This semester's enrollment stands at a 5-year high of 647.

Contact the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid at 488-2470-71, ext. 235 for an admissions packet.

(see table below for a breakdown of the recruitment)

	HS Name	# of Seniors	SU10		FA10		SP11		Total # attend sess	Total # Applied
			# attend sess.	# Applied	# attend Sess.	# Applied	# attend Sess.	# Applied		
Recruitment (HS Visits)	BHS	22	9	9	8	8	-	-	17	17
	BMS	18	13	13	2	2	-	-	15	15
	EHS	15	12	12	4	4	-	-	16	16
	MHS	49	42	42	5	5	-	-	47	47
	PHS	134	74	75	34	34	-	-	108	109
	PMA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	TOTAL	238	150	151	53	53	-	-	203	204
Financial Aid Night Session	HS Name	# of Seniors	# attend sess.	Applied	# attend Sess.	Applied	# attend Sess.	Applied	Total attend	Total Applied
	BHS	22	8	6	6	6	-	-	14	14
	BMS	18	14	14	2	2	-	-	16	16
	EHS	15	11	11	2	2	-	-	13	13
	MHS	49	26	23	3	3	-	-	29	26
	PHS	134	52	52	24	23	-	-	76	75
	PMA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	TOTAL	238	111	106	37	36	-	-	148	144

BHS-Bethania High School; BMS- Belau Modelgei School; EHS- Emmaus High School; MHS- Mindszenty High School; PHS- Palau High School; PMA- Palau Mission Academy.