

Alumni Notes

Class of 2005 (PCC)

Ines Kintoki -



2005 PCC graduate with an Associate Science (AS) degree in Office Administration (OA). Kintoki works at the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC) as an Assistant Education

Officer.

Class of 2001 (PCC)

Dudley Ililau -



2001 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in General Electronics Technology (GE). Ililau works at the Palau National Communications Corporation (PNCC)

as a Technician. Ililau, like many of his colleagues at PNCC donates on a bi-weekly basis to the PCC Endowment Fund.

Class of 1988 (MOC)

Jinny Erungel -



1988 MOC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Police Science (PS). Erungel is a customer service agent at Palau National Communications Corporation (PNCC)

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*.

Mesekiu's News

Palau Community College
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Celebrating Birthdays

Ismael Anastacio



February 23

Happy Birthday To You!

Mesekiu Canoe Team

Can you swim?...Then you can learn to be a professional outrigger canoe paddler. Contact Mesekiu Canoe Team manager Elizabeth deJong at ext 241, or stop by her office in the Temekai building. Canoes going out every Saturday & Sunday morning at Rip-Tide. Transport and paddles provided.

Mesekiu Overwhelmed by Rivals But Remains Positive

The Mesekiu Basketball team dropped in rankings to 6-5 after its loss to the Ngermid Rivals on Wednesday. Mesekiu coach Hamilton Maech said that it was a tough game as they played the seasoned champion Rivals, but he is happy about his players effort. "We were trailing at one point by only four points but the Rivals is just a strong team. We have put the loss behind us and look forward to winning our next game against the Stingers". The Mesekiu will play the Stingers next Wednesday. For more information about Mesekiu Basketball, contact Coach Hamilton Maech at 488-3885.

(Game Schedule Below)



Shell NBL Division I 2nd Round Schedule

Wednesday	11-Feb	6:00	Breakers vs. PCC Mesekiu
Wednesday	18-Feb	7:30	Rivals vs. PCC Mesekiu
Wednesday	25-Feb	7:30	Stingers vs. PCC Mesekiu
Friday	27-Feb	6:00	PCC Mesekiu vs. Blue Sharks
Wednesday	4-Mar	6:00	PCC Mesekiu vs. Surangel
Wednesday	11-Mar	6:00	Styxers vs. PCC Mesekiu
Friday	13-Mar	6:00	PCC Mesekiu vs. Ranchers
Friday	20-Mar	7:30	Islanders vs. PCC Mesekiu
Wednesday	25-Mar	7:30	Peched vs. PCC Mesekiu

CRE Staff Increases Endowment Allotment

PCC-CRE staff Sharlene Skebong increased her bi-weekly allotment to the Endowment Fund earlier this week. PCC applauds Skebong's gesture and encourages her colleagues and others to join her as a contributor, or if they are already contributing, to find out if they are eligible for allotment increase.



For information on how to enroll in the Endowment, to find out if you can increase your allotment, or to find out if your 2008 refund check is out, please contact Armstrong, Dilubch, Nino, or Usong at the telephone number 488-2471, ext. 253.

Message of Condolences

Our Condolences and Sympathies to Dilyaur Franz on the loss of her sister Ngitchob Franz; former PCC Carpentry Instructor Besechei Kiueluul on the loss of his beloved father Rebluud Kiueluul Mekemad who passed away early yesterday morning; and Karen Mobel who lost her sister Mobel earlier this week. Our thoughts and prayers to Dilyaur, Besechei, and Karen and their families during this most difficult time of sorrow and grief.

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MESEKIU'S NEWS



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Weekly Newsletter

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Charter Day Planning Group Meets



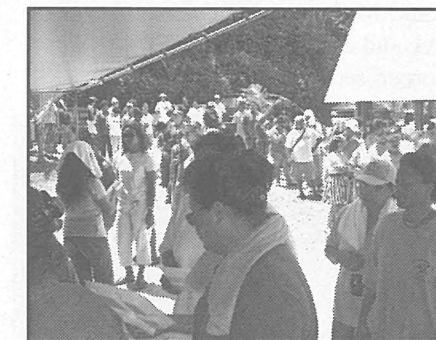
Charter Day organizing committee chair Thomas Taro and members of his committee meet to discuss activities for the up-coming Charter Day scheduled for Friday, April 3, 2009.

The steering committee appointed by PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei to plan activities and programs to commemorate the 16th Annual Charter Day for Palau Community College met again this week to agree on some of the main activities to take place on Friday, April 3rd.

The committee headed by PCC's Vice President of Cooperative Research & Extension Thomas Taro and committee members from various divisions and departments including Student Services, Maintenance, TRIO Programs, Academic Affairs, and Development Office agreed during the meeting that preparation work can begin for the President's Run & Walk.

Other activities are still being planned for the morning after the Run & Walk and the committee said that all activities are arranged in anticipation of staff and student participation, and he hopes this

year's Charter Day will set a record in number of participants. The most turnout recorded during a Charter Day was in 2007 when Taro also served as chair. That year's activity included a trip around the island of babelaob with stops at Badrulchau (Stone Monoliths), Palau Capitol Building at Ngerulmud, and lunch at Bailechesau in Melekeok State. Taro and his committee who are scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, March 10



During the 2007 Charter Day, a record number of staff and students (over 400) turned out for the event. Pictured above is the queue for lunch at Bailechesau, Melekeok.

said that all activities will be confirmed during the next meeting. After which, a memo will go out to the entire College community.

For questions, or to find out how you can volunteer, contact Vice President Thomas Taro at 488-2746

IT Design Interactive Game for Voc.Tech. Week

In an excellent move towards captivating the imagination and enthusiasm of elementary students in the Republic, IT instructor Johvanna Yaoch and her students are working on a presentation which they will unveil during the upcoming PCC Vocational-Technical Week. The IT 205 students and their instructor are organizing a series of virtual games that will be accessible to elementary and high school students who are scheduled to attend the Voc.-Tech. Week. The games, which are education-based, are the brainchild of IT instructor Yaoch. The games takes its content from the Ministry of Education

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IT students Nathaniel Moses, Danalynn Sebaklim, Dilyaur Tellei, Ruth Anderson, Indira Tell, Nicole Ngirmekur, and Ervin Ongrung.

Talent Search Holds Workshop

The Talent Search (TS) Program conducted a workshop on Wednesday for its tutors on "Classroom Management". All TS tutors from target schools throughout Palau attended the workshop and they learned from some of Palau's best who were presenters at the workshop. Presenting the workshop were PCC education instructor Jemmy Belelai, and former PCC PR Manager Temmy Temengil who recently returned from an assignment at the United Nations in New York. The theme of the workshop focused on issue of instructional and behavioral management of students. Areas of concern in student learning, student behavior monitoring, time management were explored and solutions to various problems were identified. Also in attendance were principals Alvino Kenty of Meyuns Elementary School and Wycliff Emul of George B. Harris Elementary. The workshop received positive reviews from the principals who suggested that it be offered to more elementary school tutors and teachers throughout Palau.

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THC Thanks Supporters

The PCC Tourism & Hospitality Club (THC) would like to recognize and thank the following sponsors and donors who helped make our Valentine's Concert last Friday a success.

Palau National Communications Corporation
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Palau Pacific Resort
PRA Incorporated
Fish N' Fins
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Coconut Hut
K&C Beauty Shop
Sarah's Yum Yum
Abai Coffee House
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THC also thanks all the volunteers for their support. Thank you all very much!

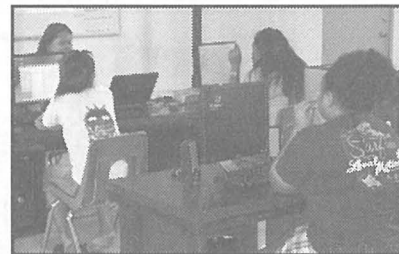
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curriculum guidelines and integrates it into the gaming system which the elementary students can interact with. These games will be the first locally produced versions and Yaoch hopes their debut will stir the drive towards higher education in younger generations.

Yesterday, Instructor Yaoch gave a short demo of one of the game and the operating software programs required to run it. The games will typically require a student to correctly answer problems to move through rounds. As the student advances, the problems will correspondingly become more difficult. Game questions and problems will cover material in the subject areas of Health, Palauan studies, Math, Science, and

Social Studies. In devising the questions and problems, the IT students are working closely with teachers from various schools throughout Koror to ensure questions reflect what students have actually learned in the classroom to date.

At this time, the IT 205 students are in the design phases of the games but are confident they will be finished in time for next month's presentation.



IT students at work with their instructor Johvanna Yaoch.

PAL Announces 2009 Scholarship Recipient



LS Student Kual (r) receives her \$500 scholarship check from PAL President Sandy Fernandez and PAL Secretary and LS Instructor Megan Beard.

Last Friday, the Palau Association of Libraries (PAL) awarded the 2009 PAL Library Sciences Scholarship to Miriam Kaul. Miriam is a sophomore in the LS program and is set to graduate in the spring of 2010. She has worked in the library since 2000 and has been a member of the PCC family for nearly 30 years. Miriam is an active member of PAL and currently works in the 'Kids Korner' section of the PCC Library.

Mesekei'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!!!

Palau National Scholarship Board Scholarship Opportunities

1. China Pacific Islands Forum Scholarship. Deadline is February 20, 2009. Available for undergraduate, masters, and doctorate students. *(must pursue studies in China)*
2. Taiwan Government Scholarship Deadline is March 20, 2009. Available for undergraduate or graduate level *(must pursue studies in Taiwan)*

For more information and application forms, please visit the PNSB office located in Medalaai, Koror on the campus of Palau High School or call Coordinator Chur L. Oiph at 488-3608.

BITS AND PIECES...

MEETING



The PCC FSM Student Organization is inviting the FSM community members to a special meeting this Sunday, February 22, 2009. It will be held at the PCC cafeteria from 7:00- 9:00 pm. Discussion will focus on upcoming cultural activities in March. Questions, please call Rose Aliven-Kohama at 488-2471, ext. 241.

TODAY

The Steering Committee tasked with preparation for the upcoming Vocational/Technical Education Awareness Week will meet today at 4:00 pm in the Auto Mechanics classroom. All subcommittee chairs are required to attend and must come ready to update the committee on the progress of their work.

LEARN PALAUAN

Basic Palauan Class Forming...

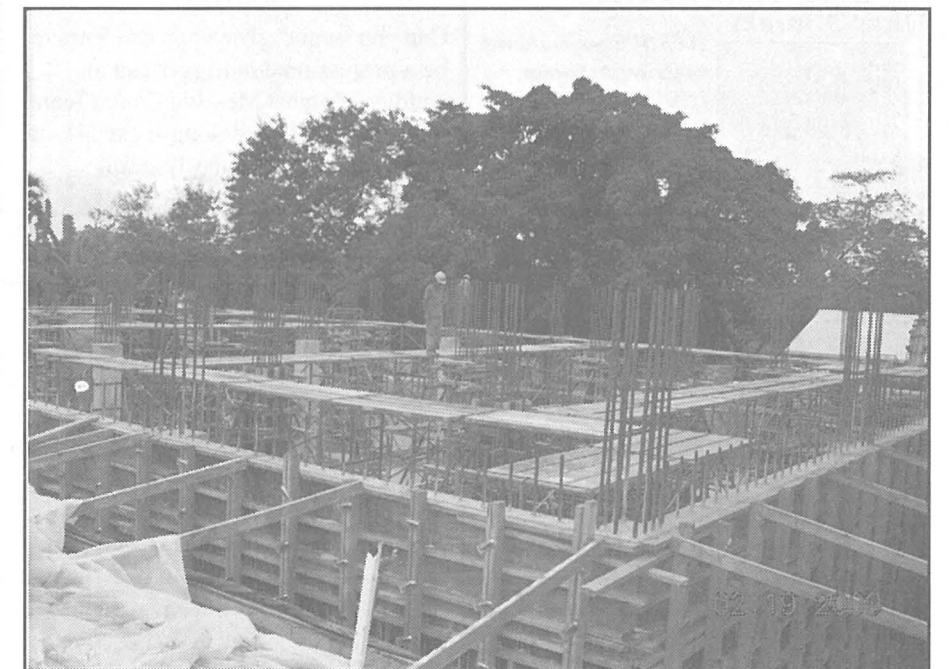
Do you want to learn Palauan? The Continuing Education is forming a class for basic Palauan language. Interested individuals are asked to contact Dean Willy Wally at the Continuing Education office at 488-2471, ext. 237.

REMINDER

Inter-Departmental Work Orders...

All Interdepartmental work orders to the PCC Cafeteria must be submitted at least (5) working days prior to the date of service or products requested. Any work order submitted within the (5) working days limit must be accompanied by a written justification for the work order's urgency. Thank you.

51 Days Into 270 Days of Construction of the New PCC Library



With the first floor slabs, columns and retaining walls completed, construction work has begun on the second floor slabs and columns.

Over fifty (50) days into construction work of the new PCC Library, the entire first floor has been poured including the heavy concrete columns. The first floor retaining wall (east, west, and south sides) made up solid concrete was completed yesterday.

According to PCC structural engineer/architect Chester Lelis who designed the three-story structure, work at the moment will be on the forms in preparation for the pouring of the second floor slabs. Lelis said that everything is progressing according to plan, and in fact according to the initial time-line, they are ahead of schedule. "It is ideal to have some

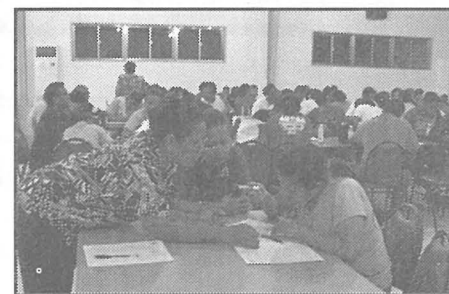
leadtime in case of delays caused by weather conditions such as heavy rains and high winds," he said.

According to the schedule agreed upon during the ground-breaking in December last year by contractor NECO Construction and PCC, PCC should have a brand new library by September.

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more teachers from around the republic and not only from teachers/staff of Ministry of Education. New teachers from schools in Koror and Airai elementary schools also attended the workshop.

Admissions & Financial Aid Wraps-Up Workshop



PCC's Elenita Brel shows a Palau High School student and her parent how to fill the FAFSA form during Wednesday evening's workshop at the PHS multipurpose building. Wednesday's workshop was the final day of the two-week workshop.

SDSU BA & MA Cohorts



Students in the SDSU BA and MA Cohort program pose with their instructor Dr. Theresa Lally in front of the newly-christened SDSU office located in the Dadait building.