





**Alumni Notes**  
**Class of 2007 (PCC)**  
 Simeon G. Fanesog -  
  
 2007 PCC graduate with an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Automotive Mechanics Technology (A.M.T). Fanesog works as an Auto Mechanic at Swangel & Sons Company. He has been working there for the past 6 months.

**Class of 2002(PCC)**  
 Debbie Ngirai bai -  
  
 2002 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Business Accounting (BA). Ngirai bai is an Auditor for J. Scott Magliari & Company. She has been with the auditing company for the past 6 years.

**Class of 1995 & 1993 (PCC)**  
 O' Brien Cleofas -  
  
 1995 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in General Office Clerk (GOC) and a 1993 graduate with a certificate in General Electronics Technology (GET). Cleofas works as a Medical Supply Technician at the Belau National Hospital- MOH. He has been working there for the past 10 years.

**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  
 Gregory Meyer February 26  
**Happy Birthday To You!**

## More Show Support to Endowment Fund



Michener Marcil Besebes, Koror State Government  
 Peggy Andreas, Ministry of Justice- Bureau of Public Safety  
 Palmer Swei, Ministry of Justice- Bureau of Public Safety  
 Paul Kubarii, Ministry of Justice- Bureau of Public Safety

This week, we are happy to welcome the newest members to the PCC Endowment Allotment Club. From the Koror State Government, we welcome Michener Marcil Besebes who has re-enrolled. From the Ministry of Justice, we welcome Officers Peter Napoleon (not pictured), Peggy Andreas, Palmer Swei, and Paul Kubarii. The four join many Ministry of Justice enforcement officers and staff who are already members of the PCC Endowment Fund. We also welcome Pasqual Ongos (not pictured) from the Ministry of Resources & Development- Bureau of Agriculture who has also joined numerous Ministry of Resources & Development employees who are already members of the Endowment Fund. We also extend a special welcome to Regina Ikeya (not pictured) who is herself the first employee of William L. Ridpath Law Firm to join the Endowment Club. Welcome aboard Ms. Ikeya and it is our hope that more of your colleagues will join in our endeavor in securing a viable future for Palau's only institution of higher learning. PCC welcomes the new supporters of the Endowment Fund and invites others to join in our endeavor in securing a viable future for Palau's only institution of higher learning, Palau Community College. To find out how you can help, please contact any of our friendly staff at the PCC Development Office at 488-2471. We promise to come out to your school, office, campaign headquarters, state office, liaison office, embassy, conservation office, construction site, favorite watering hole, home, yacht, canoe, island, rock island, conservation area, barracks, compound, hotel, motel, farm house, taro patch, auto shop, video shop, etc. to tell you about our Endowment Fund. Call us.

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Pitcher Sureor Ngirailemesang, combined with clutch hitting that propelled PCC over Ngardmau Pirates on Tuesday and tightened PCC's grip on the top spot of Palau Major League at two full games ahead of 2<sup>nd</sup> place and defending Champions Airai Aces.

Sureor kept the Pirates scoreless through the first five innings while Mesekiu scored four runs, 1 in the first when Merei Ise and Dekei Ngiramengior reached base on base-on-balls and Kaleb Meltel singled to score Merei; three in the third on consecutive walks to Kalei Luii and Merei and Dekei doubled to score Kalei, and Kaleb and Cleofas Iyar both singled to score Merei and Dekei. In the top of the sixth, the Pirates closed the gap by scoring two runs but that would be all they could rally as Sureor regained his rhythm on the mound and kept them scoreless for the remainder of the nine-inning game. With the Pirates firmly cable-anchored, the Mesekiu kept sailing scoring 2 in the seventh on RBI singles by Kalei and Merei. Mesekiu's sailing continued in the eighth as they scored four more runs courtesy of an RBI single by Kalei and a 2-RBI double by Merei. Sureor pitched a full game and earned a win.

## Mesekiu Basketball Suffers First Loss; 6-1 Record

As of press time, the Mesekiu Basketball team has only suffered one loss, which gives them a record of 6 wins and 1 loss. Playing against Stingers on Feb. 7th, Mesekiu lost by 5 points, 72-77. A close game, co-captain Edison Anjerok led his team with 20 points followed by co-captain Duffy Tulensru with 15; Juni Nimoto with 6; and Patrick Nena with 5.

Then last week, Mesekiu Basketball team bounced back and defended their standing by defeating Ngiwal Central, 69-66. This time, co-captain Tulensru scored the most points with 18; Nena with 15 points, Joseph Joseph with 13; and Anjerok with 7.

The player's skills, efforts, and the love for the game was again proven as they played hard to defeat the Airwaves, 69-64. Nena scored 14 points; Co-captain Anjerok scored 11; and Joseph and Christopher Chiba both scored 10 points each.

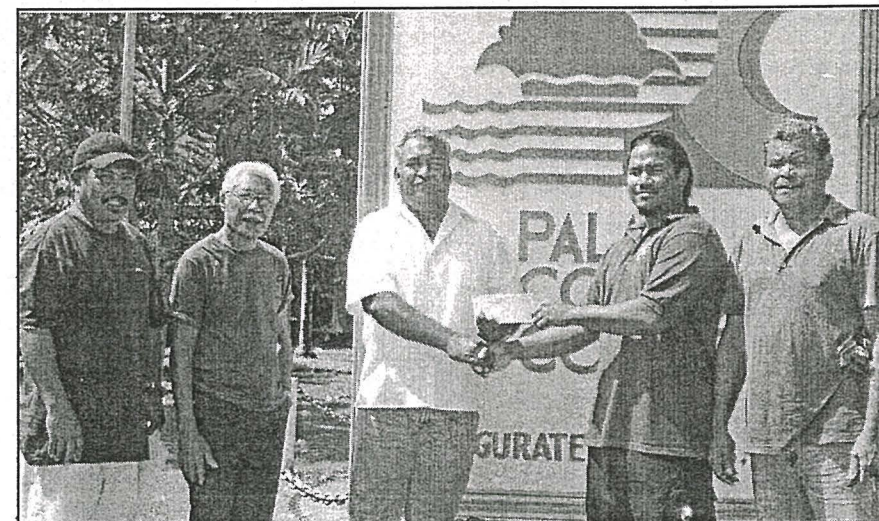
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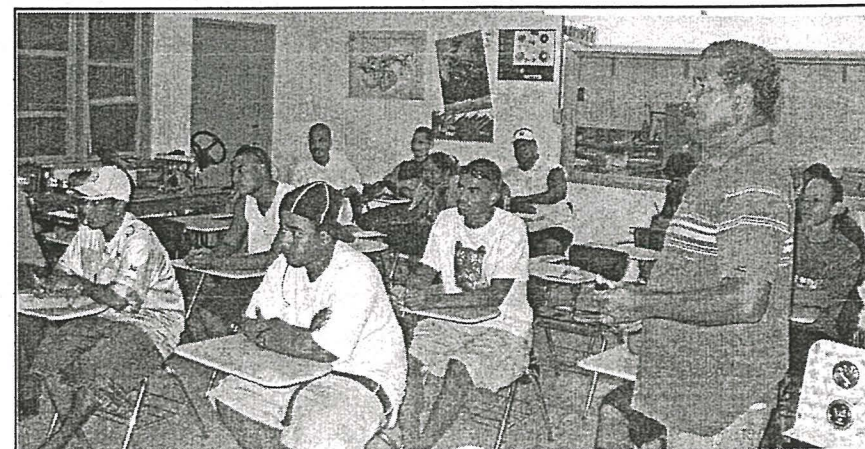
Weekly Newsletter

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## College Receives \$1,500 Donation from MOC-PCC Alumni Association, BSUA, Tiull 2000, and KSYC

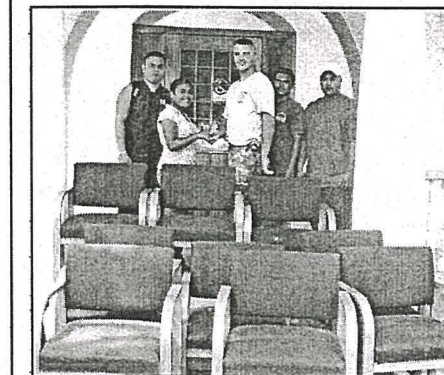


Koror State Chief of Youth Division, Alan Marbou (2nd from right) hands over the \$1,500 donation from the Endowment Thanksgiving Softball Fundraiser to PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei (c). The MOC-PCC Alumni Association, Belau Softball Umpires Association (BSUA), Tiull 2000, and KSYC helps annually to organize the fundraiser and has always donated \$1,000 to the PCC Endowment Fund, marking this year a special one as their donation has increased tremendously from previous years. Also in the photo are MOC-PCC Alumni Association President Eugene Uehara (r), BSUA Representative Lucio N. Remoket (2nd from left). College staff, Ezra Takeo (l) was also present to witness the donation hand over.



The Belau Softball Umpires Association (BSUA) also donated to the College last week by having Eugene Uehara conduct a free clinic for the coaches and managers of the College's intra-mural softball teams. Uehara briefed the coaches and managers and updated and elaborated on the four new amendments to the existing softball rules.

## CAT Donates Chairs to the College

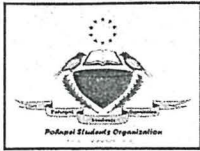


Palau Student Organization Leader Mariean K. Kazuma (2nd from left) is joined by other PCC students in accepting the CAT donation from SSgt. James Messer (c) and Apprentice Artingal Polloi (2nd from right).

Yesterday afternoon, Staff Sergeant James Messer from the Civic Action Team (CAT) and apprentice Artingal Polloi arrived on campus with a truck-load of chairs which the CAT donated to PCC. The College is very grateful for this donation and thanks the Civic Action Team as they have always been a great supporter of the College.

## 2008 Spring Semester Enrollment Stats

Palau	420
Yap	66
Pohnpei	16
Kosrae	26
Chuuk	25
Marshalls	26
China	5
Japan	1
Korea	3
Saipan	2
New Zealand	1
Philippines	3
USA	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>617</b>



## PSO Thanks Supporters, Raises Over \$200 on Valentine's Day

By: Yasuhiro Kudo, PSO Secretary

We, the Pohnpei Student Organization (PSO) would like to thank all of the PSO contributors for your support to us during Valentine's Day. We were able to raise over \$200 from selling our Valentine's candy grams and through donations. All the support that you have provided us will never be forgotten and we truly appreciate it. Whether it was yelling or hustling, we took it positively. The Pohnpei Students Organization and advisor, Keiden Skilang would like to thank the following students and staff for their kind donation: Arke Tolenoa, Ismael Anastacio, Samantha Bells, Maurine Alexander, Hilda Ngiralmau, Rosita Weilbacher,



Pohnpei Student Organization members.

Jovanka Koshiba, Sahar Hanser, Leah Sakuma, & Bobby Rideb. We also like to thank Robert Ramarui, Jasyuri Fritz, and Ellio Tellei for helping us prepare the candy grams. Last but not least, we thank the FSM Student Organization

advisors, Uroi Salii and Rose Aliven Kohama and PSO advisor, Keiden Skilang for helping us make this fundraising possible. Once again, thank you all for your support and dedication towards our organization. Kalangan and Mesulang!

## Kids Struggle in Palau

By: Karen Earnshaw

Taken from *The Marshall Islands Journal*.  
Article also available at [www.marshallislandsjournal.com](http://www.marshallislandsjournal.com).



A group of Marshallese students at PCC sing for Karen Earnshaw and her husband during their visit last month.

The Dean of Students at Palau Community College, Marensia Edward, requests the RMI Scholarship, Grant and Loan Board to look into the status of the PCC students' applications submitted to the board. The college has 25 Marshallese students, most of whom are struggling to make ends meet. "We raised \$1,000 going around singing Christmas carols and many of us used that to pay our \$50 registration fee," Samuel Bikajela, the president of the Marshalls student association, told the Journal. The group also regularly holds

carwash days to raise money and recently earned about \$200 on one day. Edward said that they have many students from around the Micronesian region who receive financial assistance from their home countries and this is a big help to students.

Most of RMI's students are taking English courses and learning vocational skills. For example, Joshua Lanwe from Ebeye is majoring in construction technology. "My aunty, Kiorang Sam,

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## New 'Palau Law Search' Database Now Available at PCC Library



Pioria Asito (l) of PCC Library helping a PCC student look for information through the new Palau Law Search database yesterday.

Palau Community College Library would like to announce to the public that a new database called "Palau Law Search" has been added to the library's collection, and can be found in the Micronesia-Pacific section. This database was donated by Jerry Marugg of the Publication and Law Access Unit under the Ministry of State and we are very fortunate to have it. The Palau Law Search contains the complete copy of the Palau National Code Annotated, Constitution, Compact, and Court Cases (both Palau and Trust Territory), and many more, and is useful for anyone researching the laws of Palau. Anyone who is interested to learn how to use this database or need to research may stop by the PCC library.

## BITS AND PIECES...

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

### FREE Carwash Sunday...

The PCC Palau Student Organization (PSO) would like to announce that they will be having a FREE carwash and is inviting the public to bring in their cars.

When: Sunday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
Time: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Place: PCC Parking Lot

For more information, you may call PSO Leader Mariean Kliu Kazuma at ASPCC office at 488-2461.

**TRAINING**

### Licensed Residential Appraisal Program...

Palau Community College will be hosting a training program for Residential Appraisers. Mark Gruber, a certified appraiser and instructor from the Micronesian Appraiser Associates based in Guam will be coming to Palau to conduct a training from March 24-27. During his visit, he will offer an initial course- Basic Appraisal Principles- with subsequent courses to be offered in later meetings.

Anyone interested in becoming a certified/licensed appraiser is asked to contact the Continuing Education office at 488-6223, or 488-2471, ext. 237.

**REMINDER**

### Return Overdue Books, All Fines Waived...

Palau Community College Library would like to announce that for the entire month of February, if you return overdue PCC library books, your fines will be waived. No matter how much you owe the library, just bring in those overdue books and get your account settled. This is also an opportunity for us to update your personal information in our files. Thank you and hope to see you soon.

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saw information about the college online." Bikajela was urged to apply to the college by the now principal of the Marshall Islands High School Gary Ueno. "I'm interested in traveling and learning other customs," Bikajela said. "I'm taking office administration."

Paulson Laiden from Ailinglaplap, who is majoring in electric technology, heard about the college from his teacher Dennis McFarlane at Jaluit High School. Ditto Bija Jesse, from Namu, who graduated from Jaluit High in 2007. "I've been here for six months and I'm majoring in air-conditioning technology." The Palau Community College campus is near downtown Koror and is a rambling series of brightly painted buildings. About 570 students attend the college. The Marshallese students have their own advisor, Ephraim Ngirachitei, who is also their dorm manager. Ngirachitei's message to the Scholarship officials in Majuro mirrors Edward's: "Please support these kids. They need help."

### Scholarship office's view

Most students who go to colleges in US-affiliated states such as the Marshall

Islands and Palau qualify for the US federally-funded scholarship program Pell Grant. While Pell Grant is adequate to cover tuition costs, an official from the Marshall Islands Scholarship, Grant and Loan Board office told the Journal that in the past students will apply for RMI scholarship to supplement their living expenses. To qualify, the Journal was told that all students need to do, if they're current college students, is each year submit an application form and each semester turn in their transcripts to the Majuro-based scholarship office. The official said the problems the Palau based Marshallese students are facing was addressed last year when the MISGLB office sent an official delegation comprising of then chairman of the MISLGB board Amenta Mathew, board member Lanny Kabua and MISLGB director Juliet Anitok who flew to Palau specifically to address the Marshallese students and inform them of what they need to do to qualify for the RMI scholarship. For the current school year, the official said that only two Marshallese students in Palau have applied and are RMI scholarship recipients.

## Mesekiu Baseball Avenges Lone Loss, Maintains Top Spot in PML

PCC Mesekiu's offense exploded in the final inning to defeat Ngerbeched, the only team to beat PCC this season. PCC Ace Pitcher Ty Saiske continued his mastery on the mound as he struck out 7, walked 2 and allowed only 6 hits in 9 complete innings to earn another win.

PCC struck early in the first inning when Etitel Mad reached base on base-on-ball and scored on a double by second baseman Merei Ise. PCC scored two more in the third when Kaleb Meltel walked, reached third on a single by Kalei Luii. Meltel scored on a sacrifice fly by Sureor Ngirailemesang and Cleofas Iyar singled to bring home Kalei for a 3-0 lead. In the fourth inning, PCC scored anew on a single by Etitel who advanced to scoring base on a single by Dekei Ngiramengior and crossed the plate on an RBI single by Kaleb to increase the lead to 4-0. In the top of the fifth, Ngerbeched cut the deficit to 4-0 when Saisang Saridel singled, stole second, and scored on a rare error

by PCC shortstop. Ngerbeched continued their comeback with Thomas Rumong scoring in the sixth, C-Boy Rimirch in the seventh and, two more runs in the eighth to even the score at 5-5.

In the ninth and final inning, a quick but timely conference amongst Mesekiu players allowed their offense to regroup and exploded for four runs to regain the lead at 9-5. Leadoff hitter Dekei doubled off the left field fence to reach scoring base and scored on a double by cleanup batter Kaleb. Another double by Kalei scored Kaleb. Kalei scored on a single by Sureor who scored on a sacrifice fly by Cleofas. Ngerbeched could only manage 1 run in the bottom of the inning but it was too little too late.

### Mesekiu Gobble Up Pirates; PCC 10, Ngardmau 2

It was the superb pitching of PCC Ace

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