

## Alumni Notes

### Class of 2000 (PCC)

Lynna Thomas



2000 - Earned an AA degree in Liberal Arts. Continued at UH-Manoa and completed BS and MS in Natural Resource Management specializing in Invasive Species. Works at EQPB as a Project Manager for IWRM. Good luck to students during the mid term exams.

### Class of 2001 (PCC)

Gwendalyn Sissior



2001 - Earned an AA degree in Liberal Arts. Continued at UH-Manoa and completed her BS and MS in Natural Resource/Environmental Management specializing in Water Management. She is the National Policy Officer at MN-

### Class of 2002 (PCC)

Evita Ngirmeril



2002 - Earned her AS degree in Tourism & Hospitality. She is currently working at Palau Visitors Authority as the Marketing Rep I.

**Alumni Notes** showcases MOC & PCC alumni who are positive role models and contribute to the quality of life in their local communities. If you are that alumnus/alumna 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*.

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### Celebrating Birthdays



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Happy Birthday To You!

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tions from both sides - the panelists and the tutors. In fact, no one seemed to pay attention to the dinner served by the Talent Search staff as the discussion ran through an hour longer than scheduled. Through it all, the recurring theme was love, care and commitment. Like the moderator said, "You must touch the heart, before you can reach the mind." Impressively, there never was a lull in the discussion and all participants from each target school were represented in it.

Most of the questions were interrelated but the two that stood out was to open the line of communication between parents and teachers and know the barriers that keep teachers from communicating with parents. It was indisputably a very enlightening experience for everyone involved, and all agreed that a follow-up must be scheduled with the parents present.



Parents listening to moderator Umetaro.

## MESEKIU Basketball Corner

Mesekiu Team has completed all 10 games, and the team is now waiting for the play-offs. Please keep a lookout for dates and times for the upcoming games. Come and cheer for our Mesekiu Team!!

## Yummy Pumpkins From Yano's Market

Once again, Yano's Market donates 108 lbs. of delicious pumpkins to the college. Thank you to Yano's Market for always providing locally grown foods to the students. THANK YOU!!



Adora receiving the pumpkin donations for PCC.

## PCC Charter Day Coming soon!!!

APRIL 01, 2011

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## MESEKIU'S NEWS

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## Special Election On Campus

The Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC) and Republic of Palau Student Organization (RPSO) held a



Students casting their votes.

Special Election on Monday, February 28, at the courtyard. The Special election was to elect the following vacancies: ASPCC Office of the President - Elect (Vice-President), Sophomore Representative, Freshman

Representative and RPSO President as the seats became vacant this Spring 2011. Running for ASPCC Vice-President's seat was Diandra Baulechong and Fenny Seklii. For Sophomore and Freshman Representative seats, Desiree Seklii and Tirisa Tirso ran unopposed. For RPSO President, James Leeroy and Joannie Marvin vied for the seat. The certified results released by the Dean of Students are as follows: Office of the President-Elect (Vice President) - Ms. Fenny Seklii with 133 votes; Sophomore Representative - Elect - Ms. Desiree Seklii; Freshman Representative - Elect - Ms. Tirisa Tirso; RPSO President - Elect - Ms. Joannie Marvin with 77 votes. These are the final results of the ASPCC and RPSO Special Election for School Year 2010/2011.

## Chuuk Education Director Visits PCC and Meet Chuuk Students

Chuuk Director of Education Ms. Gardenia Aisek came to Palau to visit Dr. Tellei and the Chuukese students on March 01, 2011. Director Aisek discussed with Dr. Tellei the possibility of bringing in CTE instructors from Chuuk to attend PCC and further their education.



Director, Tellei, Taro, and Chuukese students.

The Chuukese students talked with the Director, who encouraged them to study hard, reminding them to keep their Cumulative GPA above 2.50 so that they can get scholarship. She also gave them a positive pep talk, discussing how much Chuuk needed teachers and encouraging them to complete school and go back to Chuuk to help out in the education system.

After their meeting, Tellei, Taro, the Director and students spent time together eating a delicious lunch prepared by the cafeteria. Thank you to the school cafeteria cooks for the delicious meal.

## EMS Club Members Conduct UBMS Workshop

Contributed by UBMS Office

The Environmental Marine Science (EMS) club members conducted a workshop to Upward Bound Math & Science (UBMS) program participants. On February 18,

2011, Science instructor and advisor to the EMS club, Ms. Vernice Yuji, and six (6)

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UBMS students and the EMS club members.

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## PIC Kurosaki Visits PCC

Deputy Director Takehiro Kurosaki of Pacific Islands Centre (PIC) visited the campus and met with Dr. Patrick Tellei, Tourism & Hospitality Instructors, Vicki Maui and Soledad Garcia, to discuss the development of the tourism industry in Palau. He came to assess what current developments are required from the tourism industry and how well prepared PCC can provide these skills and knowledge to the students. The PIC was interested in provided support and help to students in the Tourism & Hospitality Program.



Vicki, Dr. Tellei, Deputy Dir. Kurosaki, Soledad & Ms. Naoko of Japan Embassy

## Belau Modekngai Students Invited to Attend APAFS Conference

Belau Modekngai School (BMS) is the first of the high schools that will be visited by



Robert Ramarui speaking to BMS students

instructors of Business from PCC, inviting them to come and attend the APAFS Conference that will be held at PCC Assembly Hall on March 18, 2011. The BMS students were very receptive of the idea of coming to attend the workshops and learning more about fiduciary responsibilities, marketing strategies, and investments.

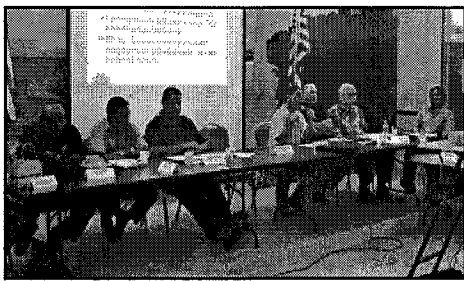
If you are interested in attending APAFS Conference, please contact Keiden Skilang at 488-2470/2471 ext. 270 for more information.

## National Chemical Management Taskforce Holds Public Forum

A public forum held at PCC Assembly Hall was presented by The National Chemical Management Taskforce which was created to conduct chemical management profile that will show data about chemicals in terms of how much we import, from what country, what type, where we store them, what laws regulate the use, transport, safety, and disposal infrastructure. VP Taro appointed to represent PCC by President Tellei was elected as the Chairman for the Taskforce. According to grant coordinator, Roxanne Blesam, "PCC is involved because of the fact that it is an educational institution that also uses chemicals within the labs both here on campus and at R & D."

The taskforce has been collecting data which now has been used to create policies

that ensure our country manages chemicals properly. The taskforce had been working on developing a policy that will address all these issues and had brought the draft to the public forum and presented it on Friday, Feb. 25, 2011. Many that attended the forum had the opportunity to state their opinions about the policy making.



Taskforce discussing the draft policy.

## PCC Talent Search Tutor's Training

Contributed by Adult High School

The PCC Talent Search held a Tutors' In-Service Staff Development on February 24, 2011 from 5:00pm - 8:00pm. Staff Development is one of the services that Talent Search offers to tutors of the program. The topic of the training was on more effective communication among parents, teachers and tutors to better serve the students, especially ones in the TS program.



Jolene giving brief history of TS for the panelists.

Twenty-two tutors attended the training along with some parents' representatives. The format of the training was a panel discussion with PTA Chairs from the schools served by Talent Search with a moderator, and tutors and program staff as the "audience." PTA Chairs who were able to grace the panel were Minister Harry Fritz of KES, Jack Meltel of PHS, Balkuu Sandario representing EHS Chair, Mrs. Roberta Louch of GB Harris Elementary School, and Mr. Peter Polloi of MSS. The workshop began with Jolene Joseph giving a brief history of the Talent Search Program for the benefit of our panelists who were new to the program.



Tutors and parents discussing ideas.

The moderator of the discussion was Hermana Umetaro. She deftly steered the panel around the topic, *Communication Between Parents and Teachers*, and directed the flow of discussion among the group. The animated discussion raised more ques-

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## BITS AND PIECES...

### Student ID Card

HEY STUDENTS!!!

Student Services is still processing Student ID cards. Please stop by and get your Student ID Card made.

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### COMPUTER LABS

**Online Computer Lab (Rm 63)**  
This lab is only for students taking online courses and only online related work is done here. The online courses for the spring semester are: EN112, EN114, HI259 and SC249.

Lab hours: 8:00am - 8:00pm

**Open Computer Lab (Rm 60)**  
Lab is for all students who need to use a computer. Also a place to print coursework. Not connected to internet. Only for course related work. Lab Hours: 9:00am - Noon / 2:00pm - 8:00pm

### News/Stories Wanted

MESEKIU'S NEWS welcomes stories/articles/announcements from students, faculty, and staff. Submission deadline is Monday at 4:30 p.m. in hard and electronic copies to adora@palau.edu.

Please call ext. 252/253 if you intend to submit your article after Monday.

## Tellei Receives Report and Gift from PNOC

PNOC Secretary General Baklai Temengil and PNOC President Frank Kyota presented to PCC President Dr. Patrick Tellei the annual performance report for the year 2010. In presenting their report, they also gave the final report of the 7th Micronesian Game and again gave appreciation to PCC for the support that was provided, both in manpower and facilities during the 7th Micro Game. PCC was the athletes village for the duration of the game and played a huge role in providing lodging and a food service area for the athletes. PNOC also

presented a table top score board used for table tennis for President Tellei to present as a gift to the State of Ngaremlengui.



Kyota and Tellei with donations from PNOC.

## UBMS Workshop, Cont'd from p.1

members of the club presented to UBMS participants the academic activities that the club is involved with. The purpose of the workshop was to promote the Environmental Marine Science as a possible choice for college major and especially to peak interests of students who have strong background in science to consider environmental science as a field of study. Topics that the EMS club discussed in the workshop included required classes for the program, various scholarship opportunities, Science research field trips, and many other fun and educational academic opportunities that each EMS major has experienced.

A UBMS alumnus, Mr. Byron Silil, who graduated from Mindszenty High School in May 2010 conducted the presentation along with other EMS club members. Two other UBMS alumni have graduated from Palau Community College with AS degrees in Environmental and Marine Science - Ms. Sheena Henry and Ms. Ngedikes Benedict. Upward Bound Math & Science Program staff and participants would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Vernice Yuji and the EMS club members for their wonderful presentations and gifts.

## Tuesday Night Meeting on "Effects Of Alcohol" Held at Cafeteria

On Tuesday night, March 01, the cafeteria was packed with dorm residents who were there to attend the monthly Tuesday Night event. They anxiously waited for dorm



Dorm students waiting for movie to start.

managers to start the program. The evening was to be a movie night, where a video on the effects of alcohol was viewed by all who attended. It was apparent from the testimonies of those showing their lives on film that alcohol disrupts one's life. Testimonies included how they got involved in drinking alcohol and how they enjoyed the effect it was giving them. Then they talked about disruptive behavior when they were drunk, and how they ended up having to go to rehab. Clearly, rehab wasn't a wonderful feeling. Martia Thomas, a dorm resident, stated that "the film was very informative. It showed the real cause and effect of drinking."