

Alumni Notes

Class of 2007 (PCC)

Alik Tolenoa -



2007 PCC graduate with an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Automotive Mechanics Technology (AMT). Tolenoa works as an Auto Mechanic at Surangel & Sons Company. He has been working there for the past 3 months.

Class of 1997 (PCC)

Sofia Ngirutang -



1997 PCC graduate with an Associate of Arts (AA) degree in Liberal Arts (LA). Ngirutang handles all the accounts payables for the Times Record News in Wichita Falls, Texas. She has been with the newspaper company for a little over 5 years. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in English in 2002 and is currently working on her Masters. Ngirutang was also a former work-study student at the Development Office.

Class of 1983 (MOC)

Gailliard Rimirch -

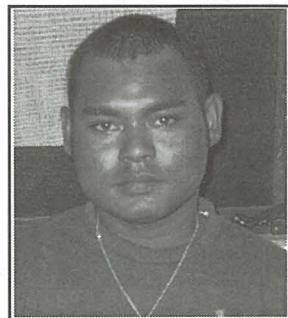


1983 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in General Electronics Technology (GET). Rimirch works as a Network Technician at the Palau National Communications Corporation- Island Cable Television. He has been working there for the past 18 years.

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*.

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More Show Support to Endowment Fund



Dario Haris,
Kayangel Elementary School

This week, we are happy to welcome the newest member to the PCC Endowment Allotment Club. From the Ministry of Education- Kayangel Elementary School, we welcome Dario Haris. PCC welcomes the new supporter 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.

Mesekiu Basketball Team Among the Top in Shell NBL Division II

Despite co-captain Eddie Anjerok's injury, Mesekiu Basketball team was able to bounce back and join the leading teams in the Division II Shell National Basketball League (NBL) after defeating the Bullets, 80-70 last Saturday night. Co-captain Duffy Tulensru was the top scorer for the team with 17 points; Christopher Chiba, 16 points; Christopher Carlos, 12 points; Marvin Mathew and Joseph Joseph both scored 8 points each. Mesekiu Basketball team's next game is scheduled for Wednesday, March 5th, at 9:00 p.m. at the Palau National Gym so, if you are free, come and cheer for the College's Basketball team.

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planning, preparing, and arranging all the necessities of the trip, including the traditional dance, which was part of the program. Educational Talent Search (ETS) would like to thank the following people for their support and guidance:

- Bilung Gloria G. Salii for the traditional dance taught to the students as a presentation of Klechedaol from the State of Koror to Ngarchelong.
- Talent Search Tutors: Joyce Kloulechad, Kabidor Taima, Epsie West, and Wandalynn Meyer.
- K.E.S Teacher Volunteers: Osamu Ngirchchol, Donna Udui, Dilmai Saiske, and Antonia Borja.
- K.E.S Cooks for making the Friday evening dinner.
- K.E.S & Ngarchelong Elementary Schools: Principal Andrew Tabelual, Principal Pamela Swei, K.E.S Teachers and Staff, and Ngarchelong Teachers and Staff.
- Parents and Community Volunteers: Tina Erbai, Veronica Arbedul, Telngai Yalap, Abraham Osima, and Bill Kloulechad.
- Ebil ra Imei Sariang Mai and Uodechad Umai Ngirengkoi who opened their homes to whatever needs we had.
- Chief Madraibelau Surangel Whippis who welcomed the klechedaol-customary ritual.
- All who participated and helped during the Klechedaol.



2008 Mesekiu Basketball team poses for a photo after one of their victorious games at PNG.

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NEWS



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PSO Holds Fundraising, Receives \$400 Donation from KSG

The Palau Student Organization (PSO) at PCC would like to thank the donors and supporters of their Carwash Fundraising that was held on Sunday, February 24th. PSO extends its utmost gratitude to Governor Yoshitaka Adachi and the Koror State Government for donating \$400 to support the organization. Special thanks to Student Trustee Leena Muller, Eugene Uehara, Sherry Ngirmeriil, Mike Fox, and Larry Wakakoro for their contribution as well.



Palau Student Organization (PSO) Leader, Mariean K. Kazuma (l) and PCC student Duke Gibson (back left) receive the \$400 donation to the organization from Koror State Government Representatives, Kate Jonas (r) and Andrea Saburo (back right).

Contributions made to the organization will be used to fund its school year activities.

Congratulations, PNSB Members

The College Board of Trustees, President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, Administration, Faculty, Staff, and the Students would like to congratulate the following confirmed members and officers of the Palau National Scholarship Board (PNSB):

Treasurer- Jay Olegeriil
Member- Steven Victor
Member- Todd Ngiramengior
Member- Caroline Skebong

Chairperson- Kaleb Udui Jr.
Vice Chairperson- Nelson Sisor
Secretary- Karen Kohama

Special congratulations to PCC Vice President Jay Olegeriil and Executive Assistant to the President, Todd Ngiramengior for your re-appointment!

Reminder to All PCC Bi-Weekly Endowment Donors!

Applications for tax refund are still available at the PCC Development Office so, if you have not filed your application, please do not forget to stop by the Development office to complete your form. Do not forget to bring a copy of your check stub for pay period 26 or a copy of your 2007 wage and tax statement. Deadline for submission is at the end of March. If you have any questions, please call Development office at 488-2470/2471 ext. 253 or stop by our office located behind the PCC library.

Cultural Trip Takes ETS Students to Ngarchelong State

Revisiting the old Palauan custom "Klechedaol", Koror Elementary School (K.E.S) students who are participants of the Educational Talent Search (ETS) Program went on an overnight field trip to Ngarchelong as a Klechedaol last weekend. The field trip was arranged by both the principals of Koror and Ngarchelong elementary schools.

Ngarchelong Chief Uong Victor Joseph and Governor Brown Salvador saw the importance of this educational/cultural trip and welcomed the K.E.S. students as honorary guests.

This trip was to reflect the basic studies of Palauan culture that is taught in the classroom, including the regular curriculum. Guest Speaker Sanders Kloulechad elaborated more on the meaning of Klechedaol and why Palauans practiced such activities. Haruo Salvador, who was one of the honorary guests, explained how Ngarchelong people have maintained their customary practices through two colonial administrations, first the Japanese and then the American. Talent Search tutors, Epsie West, Kabidor Taima, and Joyce Kloulechad played a major role in this event by

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Our Condolences

The College extends Deepest Condolences & Sincerest Sympathies to the Family of Marc "Sechou" Rengiiil. Marc was a former student of the College. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family during this most difficult time of sorrow and grief.

EMS Club Conducts Workshop for UBMS Students

By: Shelley Remengesau, PCC EMS Club President



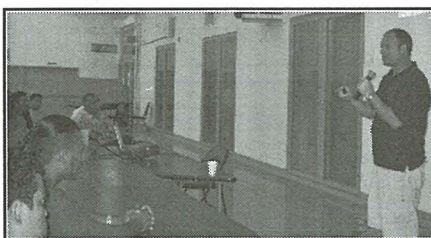
EMS and UBMS students during the workshop sponsored by the Upward Bound Math & Science Program last Friday.

A workshop on the Environmental/Marine Science (EMS) program of the College was conducted last Friday by the EMS Club for the Upward Bound Math & Science (UBMS) students. The workshop was held in the Continuing Education (CE) Training room. Sheena Henry and John Stills, along with other program students, gave presentations on the program and club, respectively. Henry emphasized the significance of the EMS program to the students, stating that the program is to help students understand the management and effective conservation of our country's natural resources. She also provided information on the courses one would

need to take in the program, and financial assistance such as scholarships which help to aid the cost of education for students. As for Stills, his presentation was more focused on the EMS club. He talked about the various activities that the club takes part in such as trash-a-thons, fundraising, and even clean-ups. Rather brief, the workshop was informative and interesting. It is always our hope to recruit more students into the EMS program. If anything, we wish to have made an impression on the UBMS students-even if in a minute way- to have them consider enrolling in the EMS program after high school.

How do you Define Laziness?

"I want what I want, when I want it", sums up Pastor Robert Watt as the root of laziness during this month's "Tuesday Night" program held at the Cafeteria. Quoting bible verses, Pastor Watt, from the Pacific Islands Bible College, explains to the dorm students the "Craziness of Laziness" and how to be better, productive individuals. He also urged the students to reject the lifestyle of shortcuts such as Addictions, Stealing,



Pastor Robert Watt (r) speaks to the PCC students about the "Craziness of Laziness".

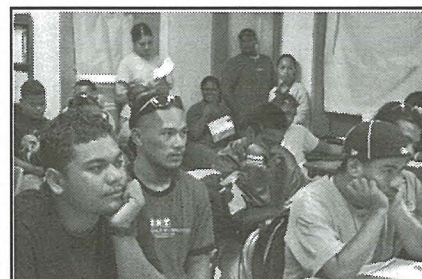
and Sexual Immortality as they are forms of laziness... "Earn it, Save, Buy! Don't take the easy way out", he says. He also challenged the students saying, "The challenge is to correct the mistakes while the ball is still within a hundred feet...you need to make the adjustments early on".

The Student Life office and the students thank Pastor Watt for making time to share his knowledge and also thank the cafeteria staff for the tasty snacks. The "Tuesday Night" program, sponsored by the Student Life office, is held every last Tuesday of the month to provide healthy lifestyle information for the dormitory students so that they can be better students, individuals, and members of the community.

SSS-Project Beacon's Valentine Activity

On Thursday, February 14, 2008 SSS-Project Beacon conducted a special Valentine's Day Activity in the afternoon. The activity comprised of a workshop entitled "Study Skills & Test Taking Strategies," "Valentine Card Making," and a late afternoon matinee, entitled "The Lake House." A total of thirty-eight (38) students participated in the workshop, thirty-two (32) students in the card making activity, and twenty (20) at the afternoon matinee.

Prior to the beginning of the workshop, an ice-breaker had the students howling with laughter as they tried to interpret word riddles that resulted in hilarious antics. The fun and laughter made the students comfortable, relaxed and ready to tackle the workshop session. The workshop covered strategies to studying and test taking. Students were also provided tips for taking specific types of tests that included Multiple Choice, Matching and Essay Test. Since it was Valentine's Day, it was only appropriate that the activity following the workshop was creating Valentine cards. An air of excitement and a flurry of activities permeated the room as scissors cut, decorative stamps thudded, and glitter flew as students worked on their Valentine's masterpieces. Students enjoyed the Valentine card making so much that though some of them had to go to class, they returned afterwards to complete their cards. A winning card was supposed to be selected but as it turned out, participants outdid themselves and it was difficult to choose the winning



PCC students attend the SSS-Project Beacon Valentine workshop.

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BITS AND PIECES...

THANKS

College Thanks Chairperson Bilung and Yano & Sons Market...

The College, most especially the students, would like to extend their appreciation to Chairperson Bilung Gloria G. Sali for donating sixty pounds of bananas and coconuts. Special thanks to Yano & Sons Market who also donated thirty pounds of eggplants. The students are truly grateful as Chairperson Bilung and Yano & Sons Market have always showed their support and contributed to the College.

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Return Overdue Books Today, Get ALL Your Fines Waived...

Today, February 29th, is the last day to return overdue PCC library books and get ALL your fines waived. No matter how much you owe the library, just bring in those overdue books today and get your account settled. The library will be open until 8:00 p.m.

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.

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Valentine card. As a result, in celebration of our artistically talented students an upcoming art contest is in the planning. Lastly, an afternoon matinee was held, the movie of course had to have a "love" theme to coincide with the special day. As usual, questionnaires were filled out after the matinee to get students to practice their analytical, critical, and writing skills.

Aside from basic program services that include Instruction, Tutoring, and



Counselor Adora Nobuo-Andreas (r) helps the students create their own Valentine Cards.

Counseling, a series of activities are conducted as well each semester. The purpose of these activities is to create opportunities where students can learn, have fun, and become better acquainted with each other and with staff. The idea is to actively engage students, not just in the classroom, but outside as well so they can enjoy college life and hopefully remain enrolled until they graduate.

Upcoming program activities for the remainder of this month and March include an on-going participation of the SSS-PB team in the PCC Co-Ed Intramural Softball Tournament, Mid-Term Study Marathons set for Friday & Monday, February 29 and March 3, 2008, an art contest, cultural site visit, etc. Look forward to future articles and pictures about our students' upcoming fun & learning activities.

College Recruitment Drive Draws to an End

The Office of Admissions & Financial Aid have completed their PCC recruitment drive for the coming school year. College representatives visited all high schools in Palau and assisted students in applying for the college. According to Director of Admissions & Financial Aid, Ms. Dahlia M. Katosang, one hundred sixty (160) students out of 266 (60%) seniors from all the high schools in Palau expressed interest and filed application to attend PCC this coming school year 2008-2009. PCC would like to thank all the high school principals and staff for their support in our recruitment activities.



Marlyne Olkeriil (standing) of the Office of Admissions & Financial Aid with the students at one of the recruitment sites.

Mesekiu Wins Yet Another; PCC 6, Koror 1

With its regular starters providing support from the bench, and Ace Pitcher Sureor Ngrailemesang on the mound, PCC defeated Koror by a score of 6 to 1 and posted its 11th victory of the season on Tuesday, February 26th. Sureor helped the rookie line-up by striking out 12 and allowing only one hit in nine innings. Koror's only unearned run in the game came in the 5th on consecutive errors by PCC's defense.

PCC scored 2 in the 3rd, 2 in the 4th, and 2 more in the 6th inning. Leading the offensive attack was Etitel Mad with 4 doubles, Nelson Ngrairikl with 2 RBI double, and Cleofas Iyar and Sureor with a single each. According to the team leadership, this game was another break for the rookie players to display their skills and to identify areas of improvement. Mesekiu's last game of the 2nd round is this Friday against Kayangel.

Friendly Reminder:

The front parking lot is reserved for our students and special guests. Please utilize the track & field, shop area, or the Btaches building car parks.