

## Alumni Notes

### Class of 2001 (PCC)

Ryan Mikel



2001 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Small Engine & Outboard Marine Technology (SE). He currently works at May First Company as a Boat Operator/Outboard Technician/ Tour Guide. He has been working there for the past 4 years.

### Class of 1997 (PCC)

Dina Sandei



(NE.MC) for the past 11 years.

1997 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in General Office Clerk (GOC). Sandei has been working as a Secretary at National Emergency Management Office

### Class of 1988 (MOC)

Edwin Arurang



1988 MOC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Carpentry (CARP). He works at Palau Pacific Resort as the Chief Carpenter. 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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### Celebrating Birthdays

Scarlette O. Rechirei March 5  
Deikola Olikong March 8

**Happy Birthday To You!**

## Taiwan Scholarship Now Available...

The Palau National Scholarship Board is pleased to announce that the Taiwan Government Scholarship is now available for undergraduate and graduate level. The submission deadline for the scholarship is March 20th, 2007. For more information and application forms, please visit the Scholarship office located at the Palau High School campus or call the office at 488-3608.

## Attention 5th to 8th Graders...

Koror State Government Youth & Cultural Affairs and PCC Continuing Education (CE) office will be offering an Art Class on Water Color for 5th to 8th graders starting on Saturday, March 3rd, 2007 from 8am-12pm and 1pm-5pm at CE Training Room. For more information, please contact Taruu Nakamura or Leona Blaluk at 488-6223.

## FILE FOR REFUND BEFORE MARCH 30TH DEADLINE!

All bi-weekly donors to the PCC Endowment Fund are reminded to come to PCC Development Office and complete their application packets, enabling them to get refunds for their donations. This reminder is for those who have not completed their packets. Be sure to fill your forms before the March 30, 2007 deadline. It is just around the corner so hurry up because time is of the essence. If you are not sure whether or not your application packet is complete or do not have a form, please feel free to contact Hulda, Dilubch, Rilla, or Koyu at PCC's Development Office at 488-2470/ 2471 ext. 253.

## ARD Scholarship Now Available...

2008 Applications and Guidelines for the Australian Regional Development Scholarships (ARDS) are available NOW. Closing date is May 1, 2007.

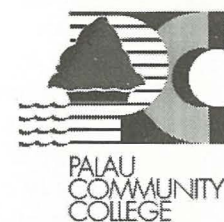
Interested applicants can either get an application from the Palau National Scholarship Board Office located near Palau High School or download the application from the Australian Embassy's website at [www.fsm.embassy.gov.au](http://www.fsm.embassy.gov.au) (click onto the "Development Cooperation" button located on the left side of the home page).

ARDS provides the opportunity for resident citizens from Pacific Island countries to undertake studies at post-secondary education institutions in the Pacific region for study levels of Technical/Vocational, Undergraduate, and Postgraduate (up to Masters level, only). The purpose of ARDS is to support training at the level and field of study that are expected to have the greatest developmental impact. Because Awardees are receiving valuable training and experience, they are required to return to their home country for two years, after the completion of their studies, to apply their skills and knowledge to assist in the development of their country.

ARDS awards cover successful applicants' tuition and institution fees, living expenses, basic overseas health coverage, tutorial assistance and economy class air travel back to your home country at the end of each year of study.

For more information, please call Palau National Scholarship Board at 488- 3608.

Visit PCC website: [www.palau.edu](http://www.palau.edu) and learn all about Palau's only institution of higher education. While there, check out the PCC weekly newsletter, *Mesekiu's News*, including back issues!



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## Vocational/ Technical Education Awareness in Less Than 10 Days



Vocational/ Technical Education Awareness Week Organizing Committee members plan out the tour route for the over 700 students expected to visit the campus for the awareness week.

Preparation for this year's commemoration of the PCC Vocational/ Technical Education Awareness Week is well into its final stages with less than 10 days left

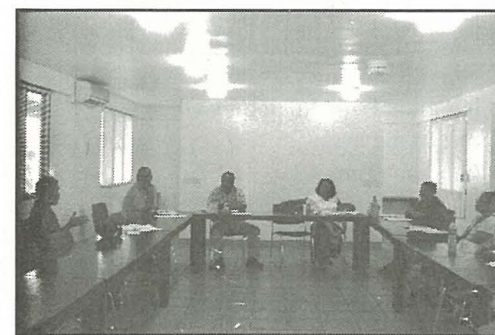
before the event kicks off on Monday, March 12, 2007. PCC students and their instructors are diligently working on their individual class projects and demonstrations which will be showcased during the three-day occasion to be held from March 12-14, 2007.

According to Associate Dean Sherman Daniel who heads the organizing effort for the awareness week, a minimum of seven hundred (700) students from both public and private high school students are expected to visit and tour the campus throughout the three days. He also said this year a special invitation will be extended to MOC/ PCC retirees, saying

that the retirees have sacrificed much for the College and it is only proper that they be included in this notable College occasion. He further noted that the community members and groups who are avid supporters of the college will also be invited. "Even though the awareness week is open to the general public, we wanted to make sure that we invite those who regularly lend support to the College, and this is a grand opportunity for us to show our supporters what they have helped us accomplish," said Daniel.

This year, there will be a total of 16 display booths and exhibit stations  
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## PCC Considering a Lab School



Lab School Task Force Members having a meeting at PCC Baderirt Building.

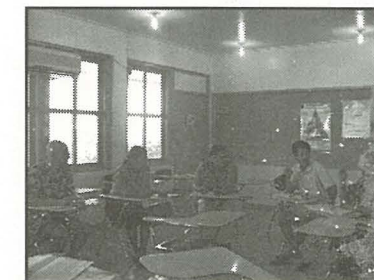
Rekemesik and Wilma Sukrad. The purpose of creating a lab school would be to help improve and enhance curriculum development. It also provides the opportunity for pre-service and in-service teachers to research, experiment, observe, and modify teaching methods and curriculum to be more suitable and effective for our kids.

After much deliberation, they decided on creating a new lab school starting from Day Care and gradually expand to higher grades in the near future.

The task force is meeting next week on the 7th before they submit their first progress report to the President towards the end of the month.

Chaired by VP Thomas Taro, met to this week to discuss the possibilities of either adopting or creating a lab school and which target group or potential clients it will focus on. The task force members who were present include VP Taro, Special Assistant Todd Ngiramengior; Dean Alvina Timarong; Associate Dean Sherman Daniel; Director Laura Mangham; and Instructors Natalia

## STEM Task Force Holds First Meeting

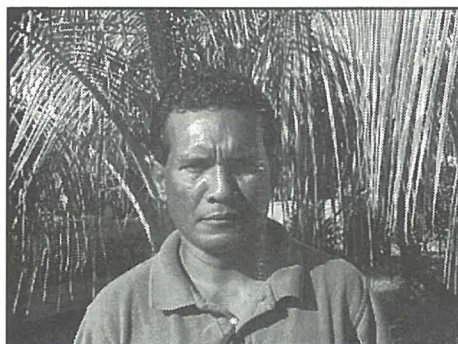


STEM Task Force Members having their first meeting at one of the PCC classrooms.

In line with the President's efforts in creating a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Program on campus, the assigned task force met for the first time earlier this week. The task force includes Dean Alvina Timarong, Director Kuye Belelai, Director Tchuzie Tadao, Instructors Marianne

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## Obtain a Basic Teacher Training Certificate in Only 30 days!



Sherman Daniel, Associate Dean, School of Technical Education

Topics to be covered include:

- *Foundation of Education*
- *Tests and Measurements/ Evaluation*
- *Teaching Methodology*
- *Classroom Management*
- *Curriculum Development*

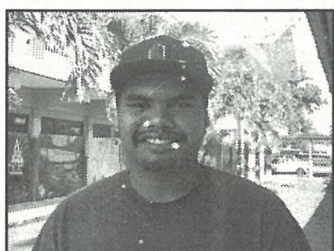
The cost of the program is ONLY \$420.00 plus \$25.00 (per day) for accommodations and meals for interested off island participants.

Come and obtain a basic teachers' training certificate in only 30 days!

If you are interested, please contact Sherman Daniel at Palau Community College at 488-2470/2471. You can also either fax to (680) 488-2447 or email him at [shermant1961@yahoo.com](mailto:shermant1961@yahoo.com).

Palau Community College is preparing to host a Pacific Teachers' Academy for only 30 days this coming summer. The purpose of the academy is for beginning or aspiring teachers who are high school graduates or current teachers who need refresher training. The academy will be available to any interested participants from Palau and the Micronesian region.

## Uchel's 3 Homers Lift PCC Over Airai



Melengis Uchel, one of the MVPs of the game

stretch his single into a double. PCC's final run of the inning came on a solo homer by Melengis Uchel who went on to hit two more homeruns and drive in 7 runs.

With the lead, PCC ace pitcher Sureor Ngirailemesang went to work, striking out 10 Airai batters and keeping them scoreless until the eighth inning while allowing only four hits. Airai's only other run came in the eighth inning on singles by Allen Tesei and Temmy Ngirblekuu. PCC scored one in the fourth on a single by Cleofas Iyar and Ngirailemesang helped his own cause by driving in Iyar with a single. PCC scored anew in the fifth when Ngiramengior singled and Uchel hit his second homerun of the game. In the sixth, PCC scored again on singles by Kyota and Yalap and Uchel hit his third homerun, a feat that has not been done at Asahi Field in recent history. PCC's final score came in the eighth on a single by Kyota and a double by Yalap who collected two singles and a double

On Saturday, February 26, 2007, PCC Mesekiu baseball team defeated Airai Aces for the second time this season to remain atop the Palau Major League standing. The highly anticipated match up was quickly over when PCC took a 3 to 1 lead at the top of the first inning, enroute to an 11 to 2 win.

PCC scored three in the first when leadoff batter Bedor Kyota singled to reach base. Omsuul Yalap reached base on an error by Airai shortstop and Dekei Ngiramengior singled to drive in Yalap. Cleanup hitter Caleb Meltel singled to move Ngiramengior to third but was tagged out at second attempting to

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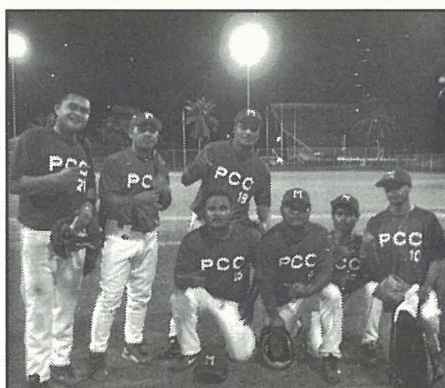
featuring PCC students conducting presentations and demonstrations specific to their fields of studies. A number of PCC students and staff have also been assigned as tour guides to help facilitate a smooth movement of tour groups as they make their way around campus. On the final day of the event, various student crafted-items such as dressers, bookshelves, coffee tables, barbecue grills, and other items will be available at reduced prices.

The PCC Vocational/ Technical Education Awareness Week is an event to promote and advocate awareness of College programs and services to the community, most especially to high school students who are prospective students of Palau Community College.

For more information about the PCC Vocational/ Technical Education Week, please contact Sherman Daniel at 488-2470/2471, ext. 254.

for the game.

Uchel's three homers puts him in the homerun lead followed by teammates Dekei Ngiramengior with two and Omsuul Yalap, Caleb Meltel and Sureor Ngirailemesang with one each. PCC has a total of 8 homeruns while the rest of the teams have a combined total of 6 homeruns.

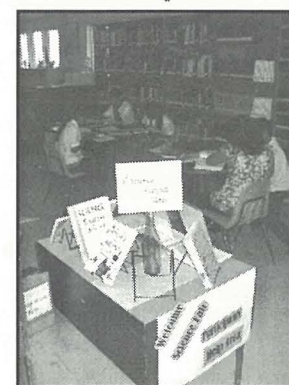


Some of the Mesekiu Baseball Team members posing for the camera at Asahi Baseball Field.

## BITS AND PIECES...

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

### Library Offering Services to Science Fair Participants...

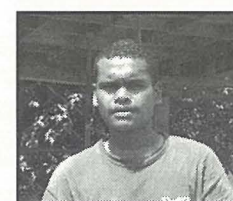


Science Fair Resource Desk at the Library.

PCC Library is offering its services to Science Fair participants by designating a corner of the library with a science fair help desk. Various books on science fair project ideas are available. Therefore, those of you who are planning to enter the science fair, do take this advantage and use the resources available for you at the library. Library Hours are from 8am-8pm (Mon-Fri.); 9am-6pm (Sat.); 12pm-6pm (Sun.).

**THANKS**

### Instructor Sukrad Thanks Carpentry Students...



Darl Ellis

Instructor Wilma Sukrad would like to thank the Carpentry Students, Darl Ellis and Michael Tebengel, who managed to put up a projection screen in her classroom considering the rigorous obstacles they had to go through. Now, Instructor Sukrad's EN 93 students have a better environment for learning. Thank you very much for your hard work!

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Temaungil, Vernice Yuji, Eric Tomlinson, Karen Miovas, Margeline Buban, Johvanna Yaoch, and Epimachus Moses.

Because it has been realized that these areas are needed, the region's College/ University Presidents, through the Islands of Opportunity Alliance, are in full force to create this program in their home countries. They applied for a grant and was awarded the National Science Foundation's Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP) Program for all Colleges/ Universities of the region. Therefore, the President is determined to implement the STEM program at PCC by Fall 2007.

This program is meant to support and increase the number of minority students entering scientific, technological, engineering, and mathematical professions. Being a two-year college, PCC, through this program, intends to groom interested students with the necessary requirements to further their education in a 4-year institution after PCC. In other words, this program is designed for students to attain only the basics of STEM and must complete their education in one of the four fields abroad.

During the meeting, the task force looked at the possibility of perhaps articulating

STEM courses into high schools so as to make it easier for prospective PCC students to transit and immediately enter into their field of choice. In addition, teachers/ counselors could easily identify interested students so that they can better prepare them through this program. Articulating with other colleges/ universities was also taken into consideration.

Also on the meeting's agenda was electing officers and creating committees. As a result, Dean Timarong and Director Tadao will both Chair the task force and Marianne Temaungil and Karen Miovas will both be secretaries of the task force. The task force was also divided into three committees:

#### Science Committee Members

Vernice Yuji  
Eric Tomlinson

#### Language Committee Members

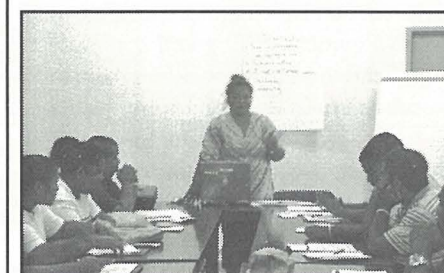
Marianne Temaungil  
Karen Miovas

#### Math & Technology Members

Margeline Buban  
Epimachus Moses  
Johvanna Yaoch

The task force's next meeting is set for March 20th.

## PCC Holds Grand Opening Ceremony of Health Resource Center



Before the PCC Health Resource Center held its Opening Ceremony, Johana Ngiruchelbad, RN and the HIV/STI Program Administrator organized an HIV & STI Peer Mentors Training here on campus for PCC students as well as Koror State Government Employees. The training covered a range of topics including Palau's HIV/ STI Situation, Transmission, Risk Behaviors, Available Services, Basic Communication Skills, Introduction to Issues of Stigma and Discrimination, and held discussions on roles and responsibilities as Peer Mentors.



After the HIV/STI Peer Mentors Training, PCC Health Resource Center held its grand opening ceremony and awarding of certificates for youth peer mentors at Mesekiu Bai. The ceremony on Monday was attended by Minister Dr. Yano, Dr. Stevenson Kuartei, President Dr. Tellei, Public Health Officials, and the trainees. Above is a picture of the trainees with Minister Yano, President Tellei, and Public Health Officials.