PCC Hosts Opening Ceremony for FNU Nursing Program

On Thursday, October 31, 2013, Palau Community College (PCC) hosted an opening ceremony for the Fiji National University (FNU) - Bachelor of Public Health Nursing Program at the Assembly Hall.

The ceremony opened with a spiritual moment. Afterwards, a brief introduction to the program was presented by PCC Nursing Instructor Iloi Rabuka. Instructor Rabuka commended the newly formed program and pinpointed the hurdles (such as distance and means of communication) that may come along as the program moves forward. However, she recognized the benefits such a program will have on the islands around the Pacific region.

She was followed by a special address given by PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei. President Tellei emphasized the importance of the program, especially for Palau. While the difficulties may exist, he encouraged the participants to bridge the gaps through compromise and effort.

Dr. Gregory Dever gave the special remarks on behalf of the Pacific Island Health Officers’ Association (PIHOA). He shared how the program was enticing interest around the Pacific region prompting other islands to consider similar educational collaborations and paths.

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PICRC Digital Research Library
contributed by Palau International Coral Reef Center

Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC) announces the opening of its Digital Library to the public. The primarily focus of the Library is on Palau’s marine sectors and related ecosystems. The Library’s collections are in PDF format and are catalogued using ProCite program. Procite is a database program that catalogues digital collection with an ease of searchable functions.

Currently the Library’s collection contains over a thousand documents on Palau. The collections contain journal articles, published research papers, technical papers and other grey literatures. PICRC is mandated by law to be the central repository of all materials that arise from research conducted in Palau.

PICRC is located at the end of M-Dock Road. PICRC’s Digital Library is open to the public by appointment from 9:00AM to 3:00PM on Monday to Friday. The Library is closed on weekends and holidays.

For further information and on the use of the Library, please contact Ms. Ines Kintoki at 488-6950 ext. 227 or by email to ikintoki@picrc.org.

PCC Donates to Elementary School

On Friday, October 25, 2013, Palau Community College (PCC) donated two computers to Ngchesar Elementary School. Ngchesar Elementary School Principal Bill Rechelluul received the donation from PCC Student Trustee Dizzette U. Dolmers. The computers are still in good working condition. They will be used to assist the elementary school with its educational endeavors, such as assisting students with their technology-related studies.

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A celebration cake was then presented to the participants and guests. Representatives from the program nurses and the Palau Retired Nurses were asked to cut the cake. Afterwards, a representative from the Palau Retired Nurses gave the closing remarks and vote of thanks.

The Bachelor of Public Health Nursing Program is made possible through the collaborated efforts of PCC, Palau’s Ministry of Health (MOH), and the Fiji National University (FNU). The nursing program allows registered nurses in Palau to pursue a Bachelor’s Degree of Public Health Nursing through Fiji National University. Interested nurses must have an Associate of Science (AS) Degree in Nursing in order to participate in the program.

The FNU - Public Health Nursing Program aims to improve and assist the medical workforce of Palau. By allowing registered nurses to hone their skills through continued learning experiences, Palau could rely on a medical force that is well-informed and up-to-date about information concerning health. The program will also allow young students interested in the medical field to obtain a Bachelor’s Degree in Public Health Nursing without having to attend an institution off-island. This may assist the nursing force in Palau to grow.
Vacancy Announcement

(1) English Instructor
   (Learning Resource Center)
   Salary range: $14,802 - $24,647 per annum

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   (Academic Affairs Office)
   Salary range: determined by class credits, educational level, and experience.

(3) Dean of Academic Affairs
   (Academic Affairs Office)
   Salary range: $21,911 - $33,730 per annum

For application forms and information, please contact Harline Haruo at PCC Human Resources Office at 488-2470/2471, extension 227.

E-mail hr@palau.edu or download forms at http://pcc.palau.edu

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To all the logistical supporters whose donations made the EC concession stand possible, the club extends its thanks to Wilfred Siksei, Ridep O. Techitong, Seth Techitong, Harry R. Fritz, Lydia Ngirmeriil, Carmelita Baja, and Merline Malsol.

Officers of EC would like to thank all the club members who donated food items for the barbecue plates such as baked goods and drinks. Last but not least, EC would like to thank all of those who stopped by to show their support especially our PCC family members including faculty members, counselors, staff, students, alumni, and PCC Board of Trustee member Jemmy Blelai. If you would like to become a member of the PCC Environmental Club or donate to the club, please contact the club officers or join the next club meeting.

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Phoebe Aderiano
(Class of 2010)
ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - EDUCATION: EARLY CHILDHOOD

“It’s never too late! Get back to school and complete your education so you can contribute to the community.”

Phoebe graduated in 2010 with an AS Degree in Early Childhood Education. She works as a Family Service Worker for the Palau Community Action Agency (PCAA) and continues her educational pursuits through the San Diego State University program offered at PCC.

Sandy Fernandez
(Class of 2009)
ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - LIBRARY INFORMATION SERVICES

“Do your best in whatever you decide to do.”

Sandy graduated in 2009 with an AS Degree in Library Information Services. For the past 18 years, she has been the Librarian for the Belau National Museum - Research Library.

Willa Antonio
(Class of 2011)
ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE - OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

“Study hard!”

Willa graduated from PCC in 2011 with an AAS Degree in Office Administration. Since graduating, she has been working at the Palau Community Action Agency (PCAA) as a Family Service Worker.

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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 numbers 488-2470/2471 (extensions 251, 252, or 253).

We would like to feature you in future Mesekiu’s News issues.