PCC Welcomes AVI Mathematics Development Adviser

The Australian Volunteers International (AVI) recently dispatched Mathematics Education Development Adviser Dr. Shelly Louise Dole to assist the Ministry of Education and Palau Community College (PCC) improve the quality of mathematics teaching in Palau. She will also help build the capacity of Palauan teachers to deliver the Singapore Mathematics curriculum in schools around the island.

Dr. Dole’s assistance falls under the Partnership Agreement between the government of Australia and the government of Palau, an agreement that aims to meet the education targets under Palau-Australia Bilateral Agreement.

END OF THE YEAR GET TOGETHER
FOR ALL BI-WEEKLY ENDOWMENT FUND DONORS
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2013
11AM - 1:30PM
PCC Mesekiu Bai

New AVI Project Coordinator

On Wednesday, November 27, 2013 Palau Community College (PCC) President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and Interim Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui met with John Lawson and Emily Cormack. Mr. Lawson will be replacing Ms. Cormack as the Project Coordinator for the Pacific Technical Assistance Mechanism (PACTAM), an assistance program managed by the Australian Volunteers International (AVI).

PACTAM is an Australian government aid initiative. It responds to requests for technical assistance from Pacific governments and agencies by recruiting professionals from Australia and other countries for assignments. PACTAM deployees work with government ministries, statutory authorities, and Pacific regional organizations.

(left to right): Interim Dean Ramarui, Ms. Cormack, New AVI Project Coordinator Mr. Lawson, and PCC President Dr. Tellei.
Diangel Era Idederach Renovations

The Palau Community College (PCC) dock (known as Diangel Era Idederach) is currently completing its renovations. PCC maintenance workers are expanding the roof to cover a larger portion of the dock. In addition, necessary repairs are being made to the dock house and sheltering section.

Diangel Era Idederach shelters the canoes being used by the PCC Navigation Class. The PCC Navigation Class is a course that teaches Micronesians the skills needed to navigate through the open water without the aid of modern devices. Navigation class students are taught the traditional navigation techniques such as noting the position of stars or observing sea and weather conditions.

New Texas Tech University President

On December 11, 2013 an inauguration was held for the President of Texas Tech University Dr. M. Duane Nellis. Dr. Nellis was named the 16th President of Texas Tech University in March 2013 and assumed his duties in June. Palau Community College (PCC) would like to congratulate President M. Duane Nellis on his achievement wishing him the best with all his endeavors.

PCC Welcomes New Staff Member

Palau Community College (PCC) would like to welcome Kristy U. Olkeriil. She graduated from PCC in 2008 with an Associate of Science (AS) Degree in Business Accounting. In 2009, she again graduated from PCC with an Associate of Arts (AA) Degree in Liberal Arts. Ms. Olkeriil is the new Accounts Payable Technician at PCC Finance.

Director Uroi Salii Reappointed to FIC

Palau Community College (PCC) would like to wish a belated congratulations to Director of Finance Uroi Salii for her reappointment to the Financial Institution Commission (FIC) Board of Directors. Director Salii holds a Master of Business Degree from the National Taiwan University and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from the University of Denver. She was first appointed to the FIC Board of Directors on October 2011 and served for two years before being reappointed.

Library Book Donation

On Tuesday, November 19, 2013, Tseng Ching Lan (Emma) donated thirteen books to the Tan Siu Lin Palau Community College (PCC) Library. The donation included information books about places such as New Zealand and Thailand. The PCC Library would like to thank Ms. Lan for her generous contribution!
**PICRC Researcher Begins Master Program in Japan**

Victor Nestor, a Researcher at Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC), began a two year Masters of Science program in Okinawa International Marine Sciences Program at the University of the Ryukyus (UoR). The entrance ceremony was held on Friday, October 04, 2013 at University Plaza Building in UoR. It was attended by Mr. Nestor as well as students from Indonesia, Bangladesh, United States, Vietnam, and Sri Lanka.

Mr. Nestor was awarded a full scholarship to attend the Okinawa International Marine Sciences Program at the University of the Ryukyus (UoR). He will specialize in marine science, biology, and chemistry while working closely with his advisor, Dr. James Reimer (Associate Professor of Biology at UoR), to study the impact of coastal development on coral abundance and coverage. The two-year Master of Science Program will include coursework, seminar, and a thesis.

The scholarship is funded by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) as part of the Palau Coral Reef and Island Ecosystem Project, a collaborative project between PICRC and UoR. This scholarship funded by JICA supports the effort of PICRC to continually enhance and increase its staff capacity. PICRC is committed to the development of its staff and will continue to seek opportunities for its staff either by short term trainings or formal educational degree programs.

For more information about the research and programs of PICRC, visit www.picrc.org or “Like” PICRC on Facebook.

**Family Caregiving Course**

**Train-the-Trainer Workshop**

**AGENDA**

**Purpose of Workshop:**

Workforce development to have trainers conduct family caregiving courses across USAPI.

**Costs:**

Registration fees are waived. Participants are to make their own travel & hotel arrangements. To sign up, please e-mail Dr. Ritabelle Fernandes: fernandes.ritabelle@gmail.com

**Family Caregiving Course Train-the-Trainer Workshop**

**February 10 -13, 2014**

**Venue: Palau Community College - Koror, Palau**

| DAY 1: General Principles of Adult Education |
| DAY 2: Lessons 1-4 |
| DAY 3: Lessons 5-8 |
| DAY 4: Marketing the Course |

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Vacancy Announcement

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

(2) Adjunct Instructors
(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

(4) Two (2) Cooks
(Administration Department)
Salary range: $6,086 - $10,408 per annum

(5) Health & Physical Education Instructor
(Academic Affairs Office)
Salary range: $16,010 - $28,280 per annum

(3) Library Assistant
(Tan Siu Lin PCC Library)
Salary range: $6,086 - $10,408 per annum

(3) Nursing Instructor
(Academic Affairs Office)
Salary range: $16,010 - $28,280 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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