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# Palau Community College

## MESEKIU'S NEWS



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## Palau Community College STEP-UP Lab Ceremony



(left to right): Emmaus High School Principal Sione Fakatou, Student Trustee Dizzette Dolmers, PCC Student Masami Andreas, Pacific STEP-UP Program Coordinator Danielle Clements, NDDK Dr. Lawrence Agodoa, Belau Modekngei High School Principal Bedbii Chokai, and Pacific STEP-UP Program Director George Hui.

On Wednesday, January 08, 2014 an opening ceremony was held at the Palau Community College (PCC) Conference Room for the new STEP-UP Laboratory. Present at the ceremony were Pacific STEP-UP Program Director George Hui, Pacific STEP-UP Program Coordinator Danielle Clements, PCC Director of Development & Palau STEP-UP Program Coordinator Tchuzie Tadao, NIDDK Director of the Office of Minority Health Research Coordination Dr. Lawrence Agodoa and his wife, Mrs. Agodoa.

Also present at the ceremony were Guam STEP-UP Program Coordinator Kristina L.C. Torres and US Embassy Charge d'Affaires Thomas P. Daley. PCC Vice President of Admissions & Finance Jay Olegeriil, the Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui, and Dean of Students Sherman Daniel were also present. PCC Student Trustee Dizzette U. Dolmers was the mistress of ceremony during the event.

Principals from Palau High School, Belau Modekngei High School, and Emmaus High School as well as PCC student Masami N. Andreas were invited to the ceremony. Mr. Andreas participated in the STEP-UP Program last summer along with Lindon M. Kohama. PACIFIC STEP-UP PROGRAM, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

### PCC Trustees hold Annual Organization Meeting

As called for in RPPL 4-2, the enabling legislation of Palau Community College (PCC), the Board of Trustees met on Monday, January 13, 2014 (second Monday of January) to elect its officers, organize its standing committee, and set regular meeting schedules. All trustee members were present as mandated by RPPL 4-2.

Trustee Masa-Aki N. Emesiochl was voted in as the new chairperson for the board. He will also serve as a PCC Representative to the College of Micronesia Board of Regents Land Grant Program. Minister Billy G. Kuartei was voted Vice Chairperson and Trustee Lisa Abraham was voted the new Secretary/Treasurer.

The monthly regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday of every second week of each month. All meetings of the Board of Trustees will be held at the PCC Conference Room of the Dort Building on the college campus. The meetings will be open to the public unless the Board is discussing personal matters or impending litigation with its attorney.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

*Palau Community College is an accessible public educational institution helping to meet the technical, academic, cultural, social, and economic needs of students and communities by promoting learning opportunities and developing personal excellence.*

## Board of Trustees CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

During the Executive Session of the meeting, the Board of Trustees discussed and took action on their Ethics Commission Financial Disclosure Statements, the Annual Evaluations, and the PCC President's Contract.



*Masa-Aki N. Emesiochl  
Chairperson*



*Minister Billy G. Kuartei  
Vice Chairperson*



*Dr. Emais Roberts  
Trustee*



*Dizzette U. Dolmers  
Student Trustee*



*Lisa K. Abraham  
Treasurer/Secretary*



*Jemmy Belelai  
Trustee*

## Rotary Club of Palau DAVID WILLIAMS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Applications available at the  
PCC Development Office!

**\*Deadline: April 2014\***

## Matson Foundation Donates to PCC



*(left to right): Matson Palau Representative Wilbert Kamerang  
with PCC Executive Assistant Todd Ngiramengior.*

On Tuesday, January 14, 2013 the Matson Foundation donated \$1,000 to the Palau Community College (PCC) Endowment Fund. Matson Representative Wilbert Kamerang presented the check donation to PCC Executive Assistant to the President Todd Ngiramengior.

Founded in 1882, Matson has been a strong supporter of the needs of communities that utilize its services. The company began as an affiliation of Alexander & Baldwin, Inc. but became an independent public trading corporation in 2012. Since becoming an independent company, Matson established the Matson Foundation, a charitable giving program under the company.

The Matson Foundation considers all qualified non-profit organizations (NPOs) that could improve the business development opportunities in communities served by the company. NPOs eligible for donations from the Matson Foundation include organizations in the areas of environment and ocean resource conservation, education, energy, human services such as community health, culture & arts, and civic & community programs such as clean-ups or volunteerism.

PCC would like to thank Matson Foundation for its generous donation to the college!

FIND PCC ONLINE FOR MORE INFORMATION



[pcc.palau.edu](http://pcc.palau.edu)



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# BITS AND PIECES...

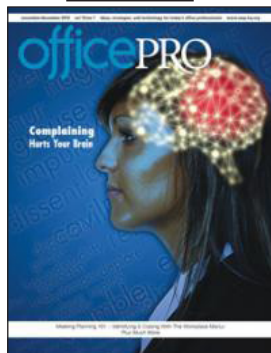
## Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

### Hours of Operation

Monday to Friday	7:30AM - 7PM
Saturday	9AM - 6PM
Sunday	CLOSED

For more information, call:  
488-3540.

### OFFICEPRO MAGAZINE AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS.



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## Academic Calendar: Fall 2014

### January 13-17 (M-F)

Add & Drop Period

### January 17 (F)

Last Day to change CR/NC &  
AUDIT Grading options

### January 20-24 (M-F)

ID Card Processing at the  
Student Services Office

## News/Stories Wanted

MESEKIU'S NEWS welcomes stories/articles/announcements from students, faculty, and staff. Submission deadline is Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in hard and/or electronic copies to [dilubch@gmail.com](mailto:dilubch@gmail.com) or [tchuziet@gmail.com](mailto:tchuziet@gmail.com).

Articles from MOC/PCC Alumni are also welcome.

Please call 488-2470/2471 (extensions 251, 252, or 253) for more information.

## Pacific STEP-UP Program CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

The two STEP-UP participants conducted researches over the summer on diabetes and alternate foods. Mr. Andreas and Mr. Kohama were given the opportunity to present the results of their researches at Maryland last August.

During the ceremony, Director Tadao and President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei were awarded certificates to recognize their assistance in introducing the program to Palau.

The Pacific STEP-UP Program is a component of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) Short-Term Research Experience for Underrepresented Persons (STEP-UP) Program. The program extends to the islands of Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia.

NIDDK formed the STEP-UP Program as a means of encouraging research on health issues plaguing communities of underrepresented racial or ethnic groups, particularly research conducted by members of the underrepresented communities. By introducing the research process to students, the program hopes to inspire generations of researchers in these areas of the world.

Students participating in the STEP-UP Program are given the opportunity to conduct research under the guidance of experienced researchers/mentors at their local participating institutions. The research internship spans eight weeks over the summer months. Each participant receives a participation allowance and may be eligible to travel to Washington, D.C. to present their summer research at the National NIDDK STEP-UP Scientific Symposium held each year in August.

Students interested in the STEP-UP Program must be a third-year (junior) or fourth-year (senior) high school student at the time of application. S/he must also meet one of the following criteria: an underrepresented racial or ethnic group in biomedical research described by the National Science Foundation; disadvantaged as defined by annual family income; first generation in the family to attend college; or diagnosed with a disability limiting one or more major life activities.

Students interested in the Pacific STEP-UP Program may apply or learn more about it at the website: <https://stepup.niddk.nih.gov/hs.aspx>.



The group visited the newly established STEP-UP Laboratory on the PCC Campus. Pacific STEP-UP Project Director Hui (top left) provided information about the equipment in the lab.

## ALUMNI NOTES

### McCLAIN IYEKAR

(Class of 2013)

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE - GENERAL ELECTRONICS

*"We live by learning new things, so follow the old saying: 'It's never too late to learn!'"*



McClaine received a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in General Electronics. He joined the United States Navy where he was a Medic for 11 years. In 2013, he received his AAS Degree in General Electronics from PCC graduating as a member of the Honors Society.

### MARCIA INACIO

(Class of 2000)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - BUSINESS ACCOUNTING

*"Reading rocks as the foundation for a literate future of the nation without which you cannot excel in any other content areas and in real life."*



In 2000, Marcia earned her AS Degree in Business Accounting. Currently, she works at the Bureau of Curriculum & Instruction at the Ministry of Education (MOE) as a Reading Specialist.

### ALEXANDRA PATRIS

(Class of 2011)

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE - AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE

*"Study hard!"*



Alexandra graduated in 2011 with an AAS Degree in Agricultural Science. She currently works at the Palau Pacific Resort (PPR) Housekeeping Department as a Room Attendant.



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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 Alumna/Alumnus 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.

## Family Caregiving Course Train-the-Trainer Workshop



**February 10 -13, 2014**

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

### AGENDA

#### DAY 1:

General Principles of Adult Education

#### DAY 2:

Lessons 1-4

#### DAY 3:

Lessons 5-8

#### DAY 4:

Marketing the Course

### 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**

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### Celebrating Birthdays

Joleen Ulungchong

Arbedul Koshiba

Rebechall Dalton Thomas



January 19

January 22

January 24

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

### 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) *Two (2) Cooks*  
(Administration Department)  
Salary range: \$6,086 - \$10,408 per annum
- (4) *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](mailto:hr@palau.edu) or download forms at

<http://pcc.palau.edu>

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### PCC Endowment Fund

**INVEST IN THE FUTURE OF OUR STUDENTS, OUR COLLEGE, AND OUR NATION**

**TO SUPPORT, CONTACT US TODAY!**

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If you want to join the Biweekly Allotment Program, **contact us NOW!**

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