Phi Theta Kappa Society Induction Ceremony

On Thursday, November 20, 2014 an induction ceremony was held for the new members of the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) International Honor Society. The ceremony opened with welcoming remarks from PCC Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui. He was followed by PTK President Ewing Rudimch who gave a brief explanation about the history of the honor society. PTK Vice President Melvira Kazuma then followed with an explanation of the PTK Emblem.

The fourteen (14) new members of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society are Darla J. Babauta, Dilisa Brikul, Natasha M. Dudley, Ricky Igelmai, Olivera I. Katosang, Velda Faith Lechol, Jenny L. Mahor, Nelson Masang Jr., Jessica L. Mobel, Jasmine S. Oilouch, Tanya K. Otei, Sidney Roberts, Maelee R. Sokau, and Joanny Kesolei. The new officers are Ewing Rudimch (President), Melvira K. Kazuma (Vice President), Sidney Roberts (Secretary), and Olivera I. Katosang (Treasurer).

Induction of the new members was led by Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui. The new Phi Theta Kappa Society officers were installed by Dean of Students Daniel Sherman. After the ceremony, family members and friends in the audience took photos with the new members. PTK, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

Adult High School CPR Training
Contributed by PCC Adult High School
On Tuesday, November 18, 2014 Palau Community College (PCC) Health Instructor Allins Nobuo did an hour long CPR training and demonstration for the Adult High School students in Ngardmau during their health class. The students were given the opportunity to practice what they learned during the class. Each student was able to demonstrate the CPR technique on an adult and on an infant. Although they are not certified, the students have learned CPR skills and techniques that may save a life. The Ngardmau Adult High School cohort offers two courses: an English II course and a health course. Currently, the cohort has 15 students and 2 instructors. Present at the CPR training were Principal for Ngardmau Elementary School Elwais W. Beketaut, PCC Talent Search Counselor Angelio Antonio, and PCC Adult High School Counselor Sione Fakatou.
2014-2015 FSA Scholarship Recipients

The Faculty Senate Association (FSA) of Palau Community College (PCC) awarded the recipients of its 2014-2015 scholarship on Tuesday, December 02, 2014. The scholarship is presented to students who show commitment and diligence in their academic endeavors as reflected on their semester reports. The recipients of the 2014-2015 FSA Scholarship are Keisha Willis, Benigno S. Sablan, Happy Fritz, and Melvira Kazuma. This year, the FSA scholarship recipients were all second-year (sophomore) PCC students.

Ecosystems Symposium Hosted at PCC

A joint symposium between Palau Community College (PCC), the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC), and the University of the Ryukyus (UoR) was held at the PCC Assembly Hall on November 24, 2014. The symposium was made possible through the partnership of PCC, PICRC, and UoR as well as by the assistance of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

Part of the Palau Coral Reef and Island Ecosystem (P-CoRIE) Project, the “Connectivity Between Mangrove and Coral Reef Ecosystems with References to their Ecosystem Services” Symposium was a discussion about the connectivity between the ecosystems of mangroves, sea grass beds, lagoons, inner-reefs, and outer-reefs as well as the importance of marine biodiversity in the environment of Palau. It also focused on how different studies comply and contribute to Palau’s current environmental issues.

Over forty (40) people from related organizations involved with the coral reef environment and management attended the presentation. This included people from the Protected Area Network (PAN), the Ministry of Education, P-CoRIE, JICA, and PCC.

The symposium opened with remarks from PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei. He was followed by Dr. Makoto Tsuchiya from UoR who introduced the objectives of the symposium as well as the purpose of P-CoRIE. Presenters for the forum were Shirley Koshiba (PICRC Researcher), Lincoln Rehm (PICRC Researcher), Makoto Tsuchiya (UoR), Haruko Kurihara (UoR), James D. Reimer (UoR), and Takahashi Nakamura (UoR).

PCC Mesekiu Bai Renovations

The Mesekiu Bai of Palau Community College (PCC) recently underwent a roof replacement courtesy of the Ngerubesang Men’s Club of Melekeok State. Members of the Ngerubesang Men’s Club removed the old thatched roof of the bai and wove a new one from fresh materials. PCC would like to thank the Ngerubesang Men’s Club for its hard work and generous assistance to the college!
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**Academic Calendar: Fall 2014**

**December 05 (F)**  
Last Day of Instruction

**December 08-10 (M-W)**  
Final Examination Period

**December 15 (M)**  
Grades Due by 11:00 AM

**December 22 (M)**  
Last Day for Change of Grades

**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 or tchuziet@gmail.com. Articles from MOC/PCC Alumni are also welcomed.

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

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Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society recognizes and encourages the academic achievement of two-year college students. Members are provided with opportunities for individual growth and development via participation in honors, leadership, service, and fellowship programming.

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The presentations given during the symposium included **Taro Fields Protect Coral Reefs Trapping Eroded Fine Particles, Gaining Insight on Marine Protected Areas (MPA) Health Through Long-Term Sea Grass Monitoring in Palau; Distribution of Organic Materials Around River Mouth Areas and Ecosystem Services of Mangrove Forests; Climate Change and Blue Carbon in Mangrove, Sea Grass, and Ecosystem; Characteristics of Biodiversity of Nikko Bay and Comparison to West and East Coasts of Palau; and Monitoring of Coral Reefs in the P-CoRIE Project: Coral Reef Community Structure in Palau’s Inner-Reef.**

The symposium was an important event that provided an understanding of the connection between Palau’s marine ecosystems and human society which is a key to supporting effective management of Palau’s marine resources and its conservation of biodiversity.

The symposium fulfills the efforts of PICRC in collaborating with its partners and other organizations in order to provide necessary science data that support effective management and sustainable use of coastal resources along with conservation. The mission of PICRC is to guide efforts supporting coral reef stewardship through research and its applications for the people of Palau, Micronesia, and the world.

**Message of Thanks**

“To the faculty and staff members of Palau Community College, we would like to thank you for your generosity during our time of hardship. Your kindness and support have been of tremendous help to the both of us. We shall never forget your compassion, thank you all!”

- From Grace Alexander and Maureen Alexander
Associate Professor William T. Mitchell is from San Diego, California USA. For nine years, he has been the Associate Professor of Communications for Palau Community College. Associate Professor Mitchell holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Management from Florida Agricultural & Mechanical (Florida A&M) University and a Master’s Degree in Management from Webster University. He was also a Captain and an Infantry Officer for the United States Marine Corps. Associate Professor Mitchell enjoys bicycle riding, boat sailing, walking, camping, and fishing.

Helen Lahachegres Salap graduated from the Micronesia Occupational College (MOC) with a Certificate in General Office Clerk. She currently works as a Librarian for Ulithi High School in Yap.

Palau Community College (PCC) would like to recognize its newest Endowment Fund contributor, Patricia T. Yinug. Ms. Yinug works for the Palau Public Utility Cooperation (PPUC). Thank you, Ms. Yinug, for your contribution to Palau’s only institute of higher learning! Your donation will help sustain the future stability and programs of Palau Community College.

Helen Lahachegres Salap (Class of 1977) Certificate - General Office Clerk

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