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Phi Theta Kappa Society Donates to PCAA



Members of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society with the PCAA staff

On Thursday, December 18, 2014 members of the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) International Honor Society donated to the Palau Community Action Agency (PCAA) - Head Start Program. The donation was made possible through the *Project Graduation*, a donation run that the PTK members conducted during the graduation day of PCC that solicited in-kind food supply donations from members of the community.

The donations included a case of cup noodles, four cup noodles, six cans of Libby's Vienna Sausages, one can of tuna, one can of corned beef hash, four cans of Hormel Chili with No Beans, two cans of chili, a can of pinto beans, a can of sweet corn, and a small bag of Honey Nut Cheerios Cereal.

Members of PTK who presented the donation were PTK President Ewing Rudimch, PTK Vice President Melvira Kazuma, PTK Secretary Sidney Roberts, PTK Treasurer Olivera I. Katosang, Darla J. Babauta, Masami Andres, Natasha Dudley, Velda Lechol, and Ricky Igelmai. The PTK members were accompanied by PCC Director of Student Life Hilda Reklai.

Dr. Swenson Lectures at PCC

On October 29, 2014 to November 18, 2014 Palau Community College (PCC) hosted a series of lectures by noted neurologist Dr. Michael R. Swenson. The lectures took place at the PCC Assembly Hall and were attended by students of the nursing program. Dr. Swenson provided case studies during the lectures that challenged the students to consider all possible forms of neurological problems. He also provided information about the nervous system, such as the labeling of the spinal cord parts. Dr. Swenson holds a Doctor of Medicine Degree from the University of Minnesota in Twin Cities. His experiences in the field of neurology include being a Clinical Neuroscience Professor at the University of California in San Diego and practicing neurology at the Lander Medical Clinic in Wyoming.



Dr. Michael Swenson with Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Marianne Temaungil, Instructor Dr. Christopher Kitalong, and the PCC students

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New Coral Reef Research for Palau

contributed by the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC) on behalf of the Khaled Bin Sultan Living Oceans Foundation

A multi-national team of scientists is to begin an extensive research survey of many of Palau's coral reefs in January. The research is a joint project of the Khaled bin Sultan Living Oceans Foundation, the Coral Reef Research Foundation, and Palau International Coral Research Center (PICRC). The researchers will live onboard the research vessel the M/Y Golden Shadow as they survey reefs around Angaur, Peleliu, Ngerchong, Ngeruktabel, Koror and Babeldaob, Ngkesol, Ngerael, Kayangel and Ngeruangel/Velasco.

The purpose of the research is to collect detailed information about the health and state of the reefs. The team of scientists will identify and record population information on coral, reef fishes, algae and invertebrates, as well as other organisms. A major component of the surveys will focus on commercially important reef fishes and invertebrates, such as groupers, sea cucumbers, and crustaceans.

The scientists will also take note of the health of these reef communities and any stressors that could affect them, like the coral-eating Crown of Thorns Seastars, coral diseases, or ocean acidification. The team will measure how resilient the coral is to those stressors.

In addition the scientists will compare marine protected areas with those that do not have protection to make an evaluation of marine management strategies. They will also assess damage on the Northern reefs caused in 2013 by Super Typhoon Haiyan.

Once the team has completed the research they will analyze the data and create a detailed scientific report. The report will be available to all local communities, government and non-government agencies, and relevant stakeholders in the region. This information can directly help with ongoing management and conservation of Palau's coral reefs.

The research is part of the Khaled bin Sultan Living Oceans Foundation's five-year Global Reef Expedition, a mission to survey coral reefs around the world. The Foundation has recently completed similar research in the Solomon Islands, the Great Barrier Reef, in Tonga, Fiji, The Cook Islands, and New Caledonia. CORAL REEF, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

CPR/First Aid Certification for Staff



CPR/First Aid Instructor Adora Nobuo (right) conducting a class

Palau Community College (PCC) would like to recognize the following staff members who completed and renewed their CPR/First Aid Certifications: Hulda Lukas, Norman Sato, Maureen Alexander, Glendalynn Ngirmeriil, Cherie Rengiil, Winfred Recheiungel, David Salapwa, Fagolur Bellarmino, O'Ranli Ise, Angelio Anthonio, Ephraim Ngirachit-ei, Sione Fakatou, Dickxon Noel, and Thomas Borja. The two CPR/First Aid training sessions were conducted by Adora Nobuo, certified CPR & First Aid Instructor from the Palau Red Cross Society.

*Happy Holidays from
the Office of the President!*



TO ALL FACULTY, STAFF, and STUDENTS:

"In the spirit of the holiday season, Palau Community College would like to invite all faculty, staff, and students to a get-together luncheon on Monday (December 22, 2014) at 11AM at the PCC Mesekiu Bai. Also, the PCC Music Club under the direction of Associate Professor Howard Charles will pay a Tribute Christmas Performance that evening at the PCC Assembly Hall starting at 6PM."

BITS AND PIECES...

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

Hours of Operation

Monday to Friday 8AM - 5PM
Saturday 9AM - 6PM
Sunday CLOSED

On December 23, 27, and January 03 the Tan Siu Lin PCC Library will be closed.

For more information, call:
488-3540.

AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS: NATURAL HEALTH MAGAZINE



"Natural Health Magazine features articles that promote well-balanced and healthy lifestyles. Topics often covered include natural health (e.g. herbal remedies) and lifestyle habits that promote positivity."

Academic Calendar: Spring 2015

January 01 (TH)
Holiday: NEW YEAR!

January 05-07 (M-W)
Placement Testing

January 08 (TH)
New Student Orientation

News/Stories Wanted

Mesekiw'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.

Coral Reef CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

During the research period the science team will send out daily updates and photos of their work. To track their progress please sign up for e-mail updates on the Foundation's website, www.livingoceans-foundation.org, and find the Khaled bin Sultan Living Oceans Foundation on Facebook to see more images from Palau's reefs.

The Khaled bin Sultan Living Oceans Foundation (LOF), founded by Khaled bin Sultan, is conducting the world's largest coral reef survey and high resolution mapping expedition, as part of its 5-year Global Reef Expedition. The Expedition is helping LOF realize its mission to provide science-based solutions to protect and restore ocean health. As part of its commitment to Science Without Borders®, Living Oceans provides its data and information to leading ocean-focused organizations, governments, scientists, and local communities so that they can use knowledge to work toward sustainable ocean protection.

PCC Receives Endowment Fund Donations



On December 16, 2014 the Matson Navigation Company, Inc. donated \$400 to the Palau Community College (PCC) Endowment Fund. The donation was presented by Matson Navigation Company Representative Wilbert Kamerang and received by PCC Director of Finance Uroi Salii.

On the same day, PCC also received a \$50 donation from Minister Umi-ich Sengebau of the Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment & Tourism. The donation was presented by Bureau of Tourism Administrative Officer Vicky Veloria Riungel and received by PCC Director of Development Tchuzie Tadao.



ACCREDITATION BASICS ONLINE COURSE UPDATE

113 (62%) of the 181 Palau Community College employees have successfully completed the Accreditation Basics Online Course as of Monday, December 15, 2014. The following offices/programs have 100% completion: Office of the President; Business Office; Upward Bound Program; Tan Siu Lin PCC Library; Institutional Research & Evaluation Office (IR & Accreditation); Computer Systems Office; All Full-Time Faculty; Registrar & Records Office; Architectural Design Office; and the Adult High School. Employees are reminded that the Accreditation Basics Online Course can be taken at the following website: <http://accjc.org>.

FACULTY PROFILE

KEIDEN KINTOL

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

"Success is not measured by intelligence but rather by passion and perseverance."



Keiden Kintol is the Associate Professor of Business Administration at Palau Community College. He has been at the college for nine years. Associate Professor Kintol holds a Bachelor's Degree in International Tourism and a Master's Degree in Public Administration, both from the University of Guam. He also holds a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from the San Diego State University. In addition to teaching, Associate Professor Kintol is also a Parent Representative and an active participant of the Palau Community Action Agency (PCAA) Board. In his free time, he enjoys fishing and spending the day at the beach with his children.

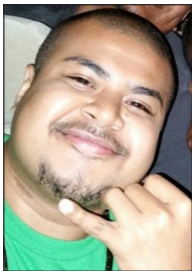
ALUMNI NOTES

CHANDLER K. NGIRMERIL

(Class of 2012)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

"Study hard and do your best in all that you choose to do."



Chandler graduated in 2012 with an AS Degree in Business Administration. He worked as a Teller at Bank of Hawaii for three months. He now works for the Office of Planning & Statistics under the Bureau of Budget & Management.



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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.

Newest Contributor to the PCC Endowment Fund



Palau Community College (PCC) would like to recognize its newest Endowment Fund contributor, Melanie Tiobech. Ms. Tiobech works for the Kayangel State Government. Thank you, Ms. Tiobech, 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.

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

- (1) Instructional Assistant - Construction Technology
(Academic Affairs Division)
salary range: \$8,991 - \$15,378 per annum
- (2) Nursing Instructor
(Academic Affairs Division)
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (3) Small Engine Instructor
(Academic Affairs Division)
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (4) Adjunct Instructors
(Academic Affairs Division)
salary range: determined by class credits, educational level, and experience.
- (5) Twenty (20) Part-Time Tutors
(Educational Talent Search Office)
salary range: \$400 - \$1,200 per annum
- (6) Career/Transfer Counselor
(Learning Resource Center - Student Service)
salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum
- (7) Part-Time Teachers
English, Math, Science, Health, Occupational Knowledge, Government & Law, Consumer Economics, Community Resources, College Preparation, and Computer Literacy
(PCC Adult High School)
salary range: \$980 - \$1,350 per course
- (8) Director of Research and Development
(PCC Cooperative Research & Extension)
salary range: \$18,730 - \$28,833 per annum
- (9) Administrative Assistant
(PCC Cooperative Research & Extension)
salary range: \$10,929 - \$18,692 per annum

For application forms and information, contact Harline Haruo at the **PCC Human Resources Office** at 488-2470/2471 extension 227, or e-mail: hr@palau.edu, or download forms at <http://pcc.palau.edu>.

"PCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer."

Celebrating Birthdays

Renee E. Watanabe



December 23

Kristy Olkerill

December 25

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

PCC Endowment Fund

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OF OUR STUDENTS, OUR COLLEGE, AND OUR NATION

To SUPPORT, CONTACT US TODAY!

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Phone: 488-2470/2471 (ext. 251/253)

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If you want to join the Bi-Weekly Allotment Program, **contact us NOW!**

FIND PCC ONLINE FOR MORE INFORMATION



<http://pcc.palau.edu>



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