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# Palau Community College



# MESEKIU'S NEWS



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Weekly Newsletter

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## Japanese Cultural Fair Hosted at PCC



*PCC students enjoying the Japanese Cultural Fair at the PCC Cafeteria*

On Friday, March 06, 2015 a Japanese Cultural Fair was hosted at the Palau Community College (PCC) Cafeteria. The fair featured stage performances and booths that represented different aspects of the Japanese culture. Students from the Ritsumeikan High School in Japan and their chaperones organized the event.

The Japanese Cultural Fair booths included interactive activities such as Kanji name writing and *Bon Odori* dancing which is often performed during the Bon Festival, a Japanese Buddhist festival that honors the spirits of their ancestors. Skits performed by the Ritsumeikan students included a fashion show that showcased the traditional uniforms of Japanese students.

PCC students as well as interested members of the community were present at the fair. JAPAN FAIR, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

### Federal Student Aid Updates

contributed by Director Dahlia M. Katosang

The Palau Community College (PCC) Admissions & Financial Aid Office and its director, Dahlia M. Katosang, recently communicated with the United States Department of Education about the financial aid eligibility of students from Palau in terms of Federal Work-Study (FWS) and the Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (FSEOG).

Ms. Kimberly Wells, a Federal Student Aid Training Officer from the U. S. Department of Education stationed in Seattle, communicated with their main office in Washington D. C. and informed Director Katosang that “according to a one-year extension in the Fiscal Year 2015 appropriations act (Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015, Division G, Title III Section 306) the Republic of Palau is eligible for Federal Pell Grant, Federal Work-Study, and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant through Fiscal Year 2024.”

The Office of Admissions & Financial Aid would like to make the information known to avoid misunderstandings. For more information in regards to federal student aid, please visit the Admissions & Financial Aid Office.



The Palau Community College Board of Trustees, President, Faculty, Staff, and Students wish Palau a **HAPPY YOUTH DAY!**

Career & Technical Education Awareness Week!  
from March 18, 2015 to March 20, 2015

## Workshop on Developmental Courses



Academic Advisor Glendalynn Ngirmeriil providing information about student placement in English courses

The Student Life & Housing Unit of Palau Community College (PCC) held a workshop for developmental courses on Thursday, February 26, 2015. Information provided during the workshop helped students understand the importance of passing developmental courses.

Three objectives were covered by the workshop: development courses & placement testing; passing developmental courses on first attempts; and services available to assist students pass developmental courses. Students were reminded that developmental courses are designed to assist students who are below college level in terms of English writing and mathematics.

The academic advisors/counselors emphasized the importance of completing the developmental courses on the student's first attempt. Failing the developmental courses jeopardizes the students' financial aid coverage eligibility and success. In addition the counselors listed the available services and places, such as the Learning Resource Center (LRC), at the college that can assist students pass their developmental courses.

### Message of Appreciation

"I would like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks and gratitude to the faculty, staff, and students of Palau Community College for supporting me through my time of grief. Your selfless gestures were more than enough to help me through a difficult period of my life. I thank you all for being there for me. Your kindness will never be forgotten. Thank you."

Hilda N. Reklai  
Director of Student Life & Housing

## Newest Endowment Contributors



Palau Community College (PCC) would like to recognize its newest Endowment Fund contributors, Kayla Rebluud and Chasinta M. Jefferson. Ms. Rebluud and Ms. Jefferson both work for the Ministry of Justice. Thank you, Ms. Rebluud and Ms. Jefferson, for your contributions to Palau's only institution of higher learning! Your donations will help sustain the future stability and programs of Palau Community College.

## NATIONAL TAIPEI UNIVERSITY OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Apply for the following three international scholarships for the opportunity to earn an International Nursing Master of Science Degree or an International Nurse-Midwifery Master of Science Degree at the National Taipei University of Nursing and Health Sciences in Taiwan:

### TaiwanICDF Scholarship

<http://www.icdf.org.tw/ct.asp?xItem=12505&CtNode=30316&mp=2>

### Taiwan Scholarship

<https://www.taiwanscholarship.moe.gov.tw>

### NTUNHS Scholarship

<http://rnd.ntunhs.edu.tw/files/90-1004-48.php>

You can also visit the PCC Development Office for more information.

# 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.

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## Academic Calendar: Spring 2015

**March 27 (F)**

Last Day for All Withdrawals

**March 30 (M)**

Summer 2015 Pre-Registration

**May 15 (F)**

Last Day of Instruction

## 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](mailto:dilubch@gmail.com) or [tchuziet@gmail.com](mailto:tchuziet@gmail.com).

Articles from MOC/PCC Alumni are also welcomed.

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

## Japan Fair CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1



A Japanese student teaching participants common Japanese introduction phrases



A PCC student learning how to write her name in Kanji



Japanese students performing a traditional dance about fishermen called "Sōran Bushi"



Japanese students putting on a play about a Japanese anime called "Doraemon"



A Shodō Performance that portrayed the Japanese art of calligraphy



A Palauan student wearing a Japanese traditional outfit called a Kimono

## Taiwan International Cooperation and Development Fund 2015 Taiwan ICDF International Higher Education Scholarship Program

A Better World, A Brighter Future

The Taiwan International Cooperation and Development Fund (TaiwanICDF) is a strong supporter of international education and training. Each year, in collaboration with universities and post-secondary educational institutions in Taiwan, TaiwanICDF provides scholarships for specific trades and academic pursuits. The plan to promote the TaiwanICDF Scholarship Program was first started with the intent to train agricultural professionals. This was later extended to other research fields to diversify the overall scholarship program.

As of 2015, the TaiwanICDF has been cooperating with twenty-one (21) universities in thirty-four (34) programs of study.

application forms available at:

<http://www.icdf.org.tw/TSP/Register.aspx>

A list of all the universities and scholarships offered is on the TaiwanICDF website. Also, a copy of the information may be obtained at the PCC Development Office: 488-2470/2471 ext. 252 or 253.

**DEADLINE: March 16, 2015**

**FACULTY & STAFF PROFILE**

**NENA H. GEORGE**

AGRICULTURE - INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT II

*"You always have the chance so study hard. It is never too late to improve!"*



Nena George is from Malean in the island of Kosrae. He is the Instructional Assistant II for the Agriculture Science courses. Instructional Assistant George has been in Palau for over twenty years. He holds an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degree in Agriculture from Palau Community College. In his free time, Instructional Assistant George enjoys fishing or spending time with his family.

**ALUMNI NOTES**

**BIANCA L. SKIWO**

(Class of 2014)  
ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - NURSING

*"The only true failure is being afraid to try. Never let an opportunity pass because your nerves got the better of you."*



Bianca graduated in 2014 with an AS Degree in Nursing. She plans to continue her medical studies in Taiwan. While attending PCC, Bianca served as Secretary for the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC).

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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.

**Palau Community College Welcomes New Cook**



Palau Community College (PCC) would like to extend its warmest welcome to the newest addition to its staff, Carlton Olkeriil. Mr. Olkeriil was recently hired as a Cook for the PCC Cafeteria. Previously, he worked for the Firefly Bistro in Guam. We all welcome Mr. Olkeriil to the 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](mailto:hr@palau.edu), or download forms at <http://pcc.palau.edu>.

"PCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer."

**FIND PCC ONLINE FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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**Celebrating Birthdays**

Thomas Taro	March 13
Gibson Towai	March 13
E-Van T. Ongrung	March 13
Petrus Itelmong	March 15
Elicita N. Morei	March 18
Bruce Rimirch	March 19



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

