US Ambassador Amy Hyatt Visits PCC

On Monday, May 18, 2015 the United States Ambassador to Palau Amy J. Hyatt paid a courtesy visit to Palau Community College (PCC). She was accompanied by Jocelyn Isechal, a political assistant of the United States Embassy in Palau. The two met with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Marianne Temaungil, Director of Development Tchuzie Tadao, and Executive Assistant to the President Todd Ngiramengior.

A presentation by the PCC representatives was held at the Conference Room for Ambassador Hyatt introducing her to the history, current programs, and educational highlights of the college.

EMS Program Presentation

On Friday, May 15, 2015 the students enrolled in the Environmental/Marine Science (EMS) Program at Palau Community College (PCC) held a presentation at the PCC Assembly Hall. High school students in the Upward Bound Program were invited to the presentation. The purpose of the presentation was to entice interested high school students into enrolling in the program. EMS students who conducted the presentation were Evan Fritz, Yubee Isaac, and Jason Aderano. The presentation provided information pertaining to the Environmental/Marine Science Program such as eligibility requirements, core classes, and student learning outcomes. Photographs were also featured of the various activities, field trips, and researches that the students conducted over the school year. EMS, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3
Climate-Smart Agriculture Workshop
contributed by Dr. Murukesan Krishnapillai

The Cooperative Research & Extension (CRE) conducted a training workshop on “Climate-Smart Agriculture” from Tuesday, May 12, 2015 to Wednesday, May 13, 2015 under the Professional Development Program of the Western Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE). The purpose of the workshop was to educate and train extension agents, agriculture professionals, and farmers in climate-smart agricultural practices.

About twenty (20) participants including extension agents, agriculture professionals, farmers, and staff of various government agencies attended this workshop. The workshop was facilitated by Dr. Murukesan Krishnapillai (Researcher Extension Specialist, Cooperative Research and Extension, College of Micronesia-FSM, Yap Campus) and Dr. Virendra Verma (Researcher/Extension Specialist, Cooperative Research and Extension, College of Micronesia-FSM, Kosrae Campus).

This two-day training workshop covered the following six topics: i) What is Smallholder Farming, ii) Climate Change Impacts That You Can Expect, iii) Climate Change Impacts on Smallholder Farming, iv) Improving Soil Fertility and Farm Productivity, v) Climate-Smart Adaptation Strategies, and vi) Climate-Smart Agricultural Adaptation Strategies.

Pre-evaluation & post-evaluation results of the workshop show that participants gained knowledge and awareness on the topics discussed allowing them to better serve their communities.

Ambassador Jaroslav Olša Jr. Visits PCC

On Friday, May 15, 2015 the Ambassador of the Czech Republic to the Philippines, the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Palau, and Nauru visited the campus of Palau Community College (PCC). Ambassador Jaroslav Olša Jr. met with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and Associate Professor Danka Ledgerwood. Ambassador Olša has extensive experience in the field of public diplomacy. Previously, he served as the Czech Republic Ambassador for South Korea as well as several countries in Africa.
Four (4) EMS Program students are potential graduates this semester. Since its inception, twenty-seven (27) PCC graduates have completed the Environmental/Marine Science Program and continued on to prosperous careers.

The Environmental/Marine Science Program began in 2002. It provides technical training for students who choose to work after graduating from PCC; provides the option for employees in this field to improve their skills; and provides a solid background for students interested in pursuing a higher education degree at a four-year institution.

The Phi Theta Kappa Society - Beta Omicron Zeta Chapter is asking for donations as a part of their 3rd Project Graduation. Their theme for this year is “Relief Effort” in line with assistance to the islands of Micronesia that were unfortunately hit by the recent typhoon.

The group is asking for donations such as perishable food items, bed linens, pillows cases, pillows, clothes (any size), shoes (any size), towels, hats, or hygiene products (soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, sanitizer, etc.).

If you would like to donate or need someone to pick-up your donations, please contact Student Life Director Hilda N. Reklai at 488-2690 and provide your name, contact, and location.

The 2015 Summer Kids Program offered by the Continuing Education (CE) Department of Palau Community College (PCC) has begun its registration process. The classes offered by the summer program will provide education activities that will help students enhance their abilities to improve in subject areas as well as foster new skills. These classes are on a first-come-first-serve basis with a maximum number of twenty (20) students per class. If you are interested in enrolling your child or want to know more information, please contact Anna Ngiraklei or Leona Blak at (tel): 488-6223. Last day for registration is Friday, June 05, 2015.
**Faculty & Staff Profile**

**Ephraim Ngirachitei**

Dormitory Manager

“Invest your time in your studies and you’ll suffer a little but later on you’ll have a brighter future.”

Ephraim Ngirachitei has been working at Palau Community College (PCC) since 1986. He began as a Student Activities Coordinator before becoming a Dormitory Manager. As a dormitory manager, Mr. Ngirachitei provides dormitory students with academic/social counseling, guidance, and helps maintain the quality of the environment at the dormitories. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Liberal Arts from Hawaii Pacific University. He is the President of the Seventh-Day Adventist Schools Alumni Association and serves as a member of the SDA Schools Board. Formerly, he served four years as the President of the Classified Staff Organization (CSO). In his free time, Mr. Ngirachitei enjoys fishing and sports.

**Alumni Notes**

**Journey Teruzi**

(Class of 2012)

**Associate of Applied Science - Library & Information Services**

“Don’t give up, focus on your studies, and do the best that you can do.”

Journey graduated in 2012 with an AAS Degree in Library & Information Services. After graduating, she worked as a Library Assistant for the Palau Public Library. For the past two years, she has been working as a Classroom Teacher for Ibobang Elementary School.

**Vacancy Announcement**

(1) Instructional Assistant - Construction Technology (Academic Affairs Division) salary range: $8,991 - $15,578 per annum

(2) Nursing Instructor (Academic Affairs Division) salary range: $16,010 - $28,280 per annum

(3) Adjunct Instructors (Academic Affairs Division) salary range: determined by class credits, educational level, and experience.

(4) Career/Transfer Counselor (Learning Resource Center - Student Service) salary range: $14,802 - $24,647 per annum

(5) Financial Aid Counselor (Student Services Division) salary range: $12,049 - $20,607 per annum

(6) Administrative Assistant (PCC Cooperative Research & Extension) salary range: $10,929 - $18,692 per annum

(7) Admissions Counselor (Student Services Division) salary range: $12,049 - $20,607 per annum

(8) Maintenance Technician (General) (Physical Plant - Administration Department) salary range: $8,155 - $13,945 per annum

(9) Executive Secretary (Office of the President) 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.”

**Piglets for Sale!**

Lucky drawers will pay $65 per piglet, bring the receipt to the PCC R&D Station in Ngeremlengui, and claim their piglet! Piglets must be claimed before Thursday, May 28, 2015!

For more information, contact Omchuong Emesiochl at PCC telephone number 488-2471 ext. 231.

*Drawing for Piglets*

**When:** Tuesday, May 26, 2015  
**Where:** PCC Business Office  
**Time:** 9AM

**Celebrating Birthdays**

Debbie Ngiraibai  May 25

**Happy Birthday!**

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