PCC Hosts 17th Science Student Symposium

The 17th Science Student Symposium of Palau Community College (PCC) was held on Thursday, May 21, 2015. Students in the Environmental/Marine Science Program and the Information Technology Program were given the opportunity to showcase their skills and knowledge in their respective fields of study.

Participants of this year’s symposium were Kelutel D. Yoshiwo (Environmental/Marine Science Program), Happy L. Fritz (Environmental/Marine Science Program), Knox O. Tkel (Information Technology Program), and Kaiulani D. Takeo (Information Technology Program).

Mr. Yoshiwo focused his research study on analyzing the population of snail-worms (eol) in Palau. His research was conducted in collaboration with the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC). Ms. Fritz focused her presentation on the sea urchins’ feeding preferences research she conducted in 2014 under the Undergraduate Research and Mentoring in the Biological Sciences (URM, formerly UMEB) Program. Ms. Takeo and Ms. Tkel developed two (2) android application programs that integrated Palauan studies.

Dr. Dale Jenkins Visits PCC

Dr. Dale Jenkins visited the campus of Palau Community College (PCC) on Monday, May 18, 2015. He met with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, PCC Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui, and PCC Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Marianne Temaungil to discuss the development of the first baccalaureate (four-year) degree program for the college. Dr. Jenkins has extensive experience in the field of education. He served as head of the upper school of the St. John’s School in Guam as well as headmaster for the Saipan International School. Dr. Jenkins holds a Doctor of Education Degree in Educational Policy Development and Management from the University of Oregon. He also holds Master of Education Degrees from the University of Guam.
Pristine Seas Presentation Hosted at PCC

On Tuesday, June 02, 2014 the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC) presented the result of its research entitled “Marine Biodiversity and Protected Areas in Palau.” The research project was a collaboration between PICRC and the National Geographic Pristine Seas Team. The presentation was held at the Assembly Hall of Palau Community College (PCC) on June 02, 2015. Led by PICRC Chief Executive Office Dr. Yimnang Golbuu, it provided scientific data that assessed the efficacy of current marine protected areas (MPAs) in Palau. Copies of the research are available at the Tan Siu Lin PCC Library. The presentation also featured a free-viewing of the National Geographic documentary titled “Return to Paradise” that was filmed in Palau during the Pristine Seas Expedition.

Summer Semester Student Orientation

On June 02, 2015 Palau Community College (PCC) held a New Student Orientation for the students enrolling in the summer semester. The orientation introduced the new students to the programs and services available at the college. PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei began the orientation by welcoming the new students. He thanked the students for choosing PCC as the next step in their education journey and advised the students to prioritize their education. Dean of Students Sherman Daniel followed with an introduction to the services available at the college designed to help the students achieve academic success. Orientation, continued on page 4

$300 Donated to PCC Endowment Fund

On May 29, 2015 Palau Community College (PCC) Endowment Fund received a $300 donation from the family of Dirraurak Ibul Iyar Ngiraibai. Dirraurak Ngiraibai recently passed away and the donation was made in her honor. Presenting the donation on her behalf was Ngirachitei Dr. Victor M. Yano (counterpart to Dirraurak). The college extends its deepest gratitude to the family of Dirraurak Ibul Iyar Ngiraibai and Ngirachitei Dr. Yano for generously donating to the PCC Endowment Fund.

Condolences

Palau Community College (PCC) would like to express its deepest condolences to its Director of Library Services James Thull and Security Officer Casper Meares who are both dealing with the unfortunate loss of close family members. We keep you both in our thoughts and prayers during your time of need. PCC also expresses its condolences to the family of the late Mace Kesolei. Mr. Kesolei was an Alumnus of the college. During his years at PCC, he served as President of the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC). Our deepest sympathies go to his family as well as the families of Mr. Thull and Mr. Meares.
POPPULATION ANALYSIS OF WORM-SNAILS IN PALAU BY KELUTEL YOSHIWO

In collaboration with the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC), Kelutel D. Yoshiwo conducted a population analysis research on the species of “eol” (worm-snails) in Palau. He found five (5) different species with only four (4) populations sharing the same haplotype—a set of DNA variations, or polymorphisms, that tend to be inherited together—out of fifty-five (55) haplotypes. This finding suggests a strong spacial genetic structure. Four species were of limited range but one was abundant and widely distributed. The populations of the widely distributed worm-snail species are genetically different which suggests a long-term historical isolation. Mr. Yoshiwo relied on DNA Bar-Coding during the course of his research.

FEEDING PREFERENCES & HEALTH OF SEA URCHINS BY HAPPY FRITZ

Happy L. Fritz focused her presentation on research she conducted in 2014 under the Undergraduate Research and Mentoring in the Biological Sciences (URM, formerly UMEB) Program. Her research focused on the feeding preference of the sea urchin and the effects it may have on its health. Under the mentorship of Dr. Celia M. Smith, a Professor of Botany at the University of Hawaii–Manoa, Ms. Fritz focused on two points: identifying whether the sea urchin preferred the Avrainvillea amadeplha (invasive algae) to the native algae in Hawaii; and whether the consumption of the Avrainvillea amadeplha will have negative effects on the health of the sea urchin. Sea urchins used in the research were from Anuee Fisheries Research Center, a hatchery for sea urchins in Hawaii.

ANDROID APPS IN PALAUAN BY KAiULANI TAKEO & KNOX TKEL

Kailuani D. Takeo and Knox O. Tkel developed two (2) application programs or apps that aimed to provide educational enhancements in Palauan studies for children in pre-school to lower elementary school levels. The first app called Skeng er a Belau: Skeng er a Ochur, Blebael, me a Bedengel a Klalou el Tekoi er a Belau” is a game app that tests Palauan vocabulary understanding in subject areas of counting, colors, and shapes. The second app called “Beluu er a Belau: Omesubel a Beluu er a Belau” focused on testing the children’s knowledge about the sixteen (16) States of Palau, such as traditional names and respective flags. These apps were made possible through the collaborative efforts of Ms. Takeo & Ms. Tkel, the Ministry of Education, and the Mathematics and Culture in Micronesia Integrating Social Experiences (MACIMISE). The primary programs used in the development of these apps were Adobe Flash CS5.5 and ActionScript 3.0. Yet to be finalized, Ms. Takeo and Ms. Tkel plan to add additional features to their apps. The apps are examples of the how merging modern technology and learning can have a beneficial outcome, especially in preserving Palau’s culture.
Bruce Rimirch has been working at Palau Community College for twenty-eight years. He is the Director of Computer & Data Processing at the college. Director Rimirch holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Mathematics, with minor study in the field of Computer Science, from Asbury College in Kentucky USA. He has participated in a number of training sessions unique to operating systems under the Telecommunication & Information Resource Management Novell Network. In his free time, Director Rimirch enjoy listening to music and gardening.

**Alumni Notes**

**Keisha V. Willis**

(Class of 2015)

**ASSOCIATE OF ARTS - LIBERAL ARTS**

“Fail as many times as necessary in order for you to succeed because it is only through failure that true knowledge is attained.”

Keisha was the Valedictorian for the PCC Class of 2015 and graduated with an AA Degree in Liberal Arts. Over the summer, she will be working as a Tutor for the Upward Bound Program. Ms. Willis will continue her education at Washington State University.

**Vacancy Announcement**

1. **Instructional Assistant - Construction Technology**
   - (Academic Affairs Division)
   - Salary range: $8,894 - $15,378 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: $12,049 - $20,607 per annum
5. **Financial Aid Counselor**
   - (Student Services Division)
   - Salary range: $10,929 - $18,692 per annum
6. **Admissions Counselor**
   - (Student Services Division)
   - Salary range: $12,049 - $20,607 per annum
7. **Maintenance Technician (General)**
   - (PCC Cooperative Research & Extension)
   - Salary range: $8,155 - $13,948 per annum
8. **Academic Tutor**
   - (Upward Bound Program)
   - Salary range: $400 - $800 biweekly
9. **Director of Research & Development Station**
   - (PCC Cooperative Research & Extension)
   - Salary range: $18,730 - $28,833 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.

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**Celebrating Birthdays**

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

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