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First Week of Instruction for PCC Spring 2016 Semester



PCC students enjoying the campus atmosphere on their first week of instruction

The first day of instruction for the new Spring 2016 Semester of Palau Community College (PCC) was Monday, January 11, 2016. A total of five-hundred-and-forty (540) students registered last week during the registration period. Students met with their academic advisors/counselors at the Student Life & Housing Office to select their classes and organize their schedules for the semester.

This week was also the add-and-drop period. After attending the first day of their classes, students are allowed to change their schedules based on their personal agendas. This will help the students create a flexible schedule that will not interfere with their academic or personal goals. Monday was also the day for late registration. Students who were not able to meet with their counselors last week were able to complete their registration process before the day ended.

PCC is dedicated to helping each student achieve academic success. Students are advised to take advantage of the learning services available on campus. FIRST WEEK, CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

Presentation to Governor Voght

Palau Community College (PCC) held a presentation for Governor Sisca Voght, Speaker Samil Beouch, and member of the Ninth Ngeremlengui State Government on January 14, 2016. The presentation provided information about the college such as enrollment rate, current programs, and projects that have been completed in order to improve the school's education quality. Presenters were PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and PCC Cooperative Research & Extension (CRE) Vice President Thomas Taro. In his presentation, PCC President Dr. Tellei focused on the college and its students. He began with an overview of the school's history followed by information about the college vision statement, mission statement, and its six (6) Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILOs). He also explained the college strategic directions as well as the FAMED (Formulate, Assess, Measure, Evaluate, Develop) Process being used in the institution's assessment, planning, and implementation process. PRESENTATION, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3



Palau Community College is an accessible public educational institution helping to meet the technical, academic, cultural, social, and economic needs of students and communities by promoting learning opportunities and developing personal excellence.

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The Learning Resource Center (LRC), located across the courtyard from the PCC Mesekiu Bai, provides tutoring services and various learning resources (e.g., computers) for students in need. If your classes are difficult to understand, please seek the assistance of the LRC tutors who are more than capable of helping you with your subjects. Academic counseling is also available at the center, especially for students who need assistance in applying/transferring to four-year education institutions. The center administers the PCC Placement Test and the Institutional Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). LRC is also responsible for the Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPISI) Program. If you'd like to know more about the LRC services, please feel free to visit the center or call (tel): 488-3073.

The college would like to remind students that it is important to discuss classes and schedules with the Student Life & Housing counselors. The counselors are more than willing to provide the necessary advice whether for personal or academic struggles. It is also important that the students maintain an open communication with their instructors, especially when personal obligations keep students from attending classes.

PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei also extends his hand to any student who may need assistance. He would like to remind all that his door is always open and he is more than willing to provide help however he can. As the semester continues, PCC President Dr. Tellei will meet with the students from each island nation represented to extend his welcome.

New Student Orientation was held last week at the Assembly Hall of the college. Advisors from the Student Life & Housing Office held a presentation about the various programs & services available at the college. Student leaders from the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPPC) were on hand to lead the new students on a tour of the college campus.

The 2016 Spring Semester consists of sixteen (16) weeks. Mid-term period will be from Monday, February 29, 2016 to Friday, March 04, 2016. Graduation will take place on May 13, 2016 after the final examination period.

Palasia Hotel Donates \$2,000 to MVS



(left to right): PCC-CRE Vice President Thomas Taro, Palasia Hotel Owner Alan Seid, and PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei

The Palau Palasia Hotel recently donated \$2,000 to the Micronesia Voyaging Society (MVS). The donation was presented by PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and PCC Cooperative Research & Extension (CRE) Vice President Thomas Taro. It was received on behalf of Palasia Hotel by Mr. Alan Seid. MVS is a group that promotes and supports non-instrumental navigation methods historically practiced in the Pacific island cultures. It continues to fundraise in order to maintain Alingano Maisu, a seafaring vessel used in the Non-Instrument Navigation Course offered at Palau Community College under the tutelage of Master Navigator Sesario Sewralur. PCC President Dr. Tellei is a member of the voyaging society.

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR US NAVAL ACADEMY

The United States Naval Academy is now soliciting up to six (6) applicants to its Class of 2020. All applicants must be at least seventeen years old (17 yrs. old) and must not have passed their twenty-third birthday on July 01 of the year of admission.

Nomination forms must be submitted to the Palau Ministry of State no later than January 17, 2016 for a formal submission to the United States Embassy. [A Palauan of Dual Citizenship with the United States must apply directly to the Naval Academy as a United States student.](#)

Interested individuals may obtain copies of the application form and the nomination form at the PCC Student Services Office. You can also call the Palau Ministry of State at (tel): 767-2343/2509 for more information.

BITS AND PIECES...

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

Hours of Operation

Monday to Thursday	7:30 ^{AM} - 7 ^{PM}
Friday	7:30 ^{AM} - 5 ^{PM}
Saturday	9 ^{AM} - 6 ^{PM}
Sunday	CLOSED

For more information, call:
488-3540

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Academic Calendar: Spring 2016

January 11-15 (M-F)

Add & Drop Period

February 19 (F)

Last Day for Removal of Grades

February 29 - March 04 (M-F)

Mid-Term Examination Period

March 16-18 (W-F)

Students' Spring Break

News/Stories Wanted

Mesekiw's News welcomes stories/articles/announcements from students, faculty, and staff. Submission deadline is Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in hard and/or electronic copies to tchuziet@palau.edu 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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He also explained the following ten (10) unifying principles of PCC: Teamwork (*oba tal tekoi*), Quality Services (*kot el ngarbab lomeruul*), Open Communication (*diak a berrotel*), Managing with Goals (*ulterkokl olangcheled*), Promoting Leadership (*oldubech a kedul a dereder*), Integrity & Loyalty (*melemalt e melangesmad*), Community Ownership (*tekoi el buai*), Continuous Improvement (*ouelangch ra melemolem el klungiaol*), Creativity & Innovation (*sebrakl, ituuk, e melasm a tekoi*), and Respect for Others (*omengull ra tang ma tang*).

His presentation also covered the accreditation status of PCC and the twenty-one (21) eligibility requirements that the college must meet in order to be eligible for accreditation. He highlighted the Accreditation Standards of the college as well as information about the college personnel. PCC President Dr. Tellei also explained the programs being offered by the college and the articulation agreements it has with other institutions of higher learning.

In regards to the students, PCC President Dr. Tellei discussed enrollment rates and graduation rates. Information also covered the PCC Adult High School as well as the cohorts that have graduated via the Fiji National University and San Diego State University. He also mentioned the Maintenance Assistant Program (MAP), the Upward Bound Program, the PCC Endowment Fund, and the programs made possible through special agreements with PCC such as the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), Community Advocacy Program (CAP), and the Pacific Islands University.

PCC-CRE Vice President Taro focused on the programs and projects conducted by his department. CRE is a land grant system that seeks to collaborate with partners and clients in order to generate, develop, and disseminate practical/sustainable technologies & knowledge in the field of agriculture, aqua-culture, environment, food, and human resources that benefit the people of Palau.

He began with an overview of the CRE Mission Statement and its history. Vice President Taro then highlighted the research activities conducted by CRE such as tissue culture and germ-plasm collection & breeding. CRE also provides classes for the community under its Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) which promote food nutrition as well as recipes that use local ingredients.

After the presentation, PCC President Dr. Tellei and PCC-CRE Vice President Taro answered questions that the audience had about the college or its programs.

Condolences...

Palau Community College (PCC) would like to send its deepest of condolences to the families of Continuing Education (CE) Dean William O. Wally and Tan Siu Lin PCC Interim Director Pioria W. Asito. Dean Wally and Mrs. Asito are facing the untimely passing of their sister, Julia Wally. Our thoughts and prayers are with you both as you find strength to cope with the loss of your beloved sister.

PCC CAMPUS PROFILES

GALINDEZ KIEP

REFRIGERATION & AIR-CONDITIONING INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT I



Galindez Kiep is the Instructional Assistant I for the Refrigeration & Air-Conditioning Courses of Palau Community College (PCC). He has been teaching at the college for about two (2) years. Instructional Assistant Kiep is also an alumnus of PCC where he graduated in 2010 with an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degree in Air-Conditioning & Refrigeration. He is a member of the PCC Faculty Senate Association (FSA). Instructional Assistant Kiep successfully completed the 2015 Vocational Training Project for the Youth in the Pacific that was hosted in the Republic of China - Taiwan.

ALUMNI NOTES

DARLA J. BABAUTA

(Class of 2015)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - BUSINESS ACCOUNTING



Darla graduated from PCC in 2015 with an AS Degree in Business Accounting. She graduated as a member of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society - Beta Zeta Chapter. As a student, Ms. Babauta served as Treasurer for the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC). She is currently continuing her studies at Pittsburgh State University in Pittsburgh, Kansas USA.

President Remengesau Declares 2016 Year of the Youth

Presidential Proclamation No. 16-167 was recently released by the Office of the President of the Republic of Palau declaring 2016 as the Year of the Youth in Palau. President Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr. stated that this year, Palau will focus on investing in & understanding the needs as well as the aspirations of its youth. 2016 will thrive under the theme of "Empowering the Youth, Securing Our Future" and the Palau National Government will encourage the development of policies that are youth-specific.

The implementation of such policies will challenge all entities in the public & private sectors of Palau to recognize and serve the interests of the community's young people. By encouraging well-coordinated and inclusive development processes that show appreciation for the young, the National Government aims to promote the inclusion and input of Palau's youth in matters of economical & social development in order to improved the quality of life for Palau's younger generation.

Celebrating Birthdays

Suzette G. Hinojales	January 15
Harline Haruo	January 15
Stephanie B. Nakamura	January 15



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

- (1) Instructional Assistant - Construction Technology
(Academic Affairs Division)
salary range: \$8,991 - \$15,378 per annum
- (2) Air-Conditioning & Refrigeration Instructor
(Academic Affairs Office)
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 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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PCC Endowment Fund

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OF OUR STUDENTS, OUR COLLEGE, AND OUR NATION

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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!**

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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.

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