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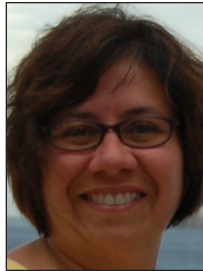
Weekly Newsletter

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PCC Welcomes ACCJC-WASC Visiting Team



Dr. Melinda Nish, Chair



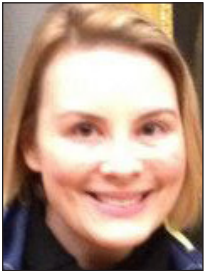
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Mr. Tim Karas



Dr. Ken Stoppenbrink



Dr. Duncan Sutton

Palau Community College (PCC) would like to welcome the External Evaluation Visiting Team appointed by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACCJC-WASC). The team of eleven (11) members chaired by Dr. Melinda Nish, Superintendent/President of the Southwestern College in California, will be visiting PCC to validate its Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER) that was submitted to the accrediting commission on December 24, 2015. During their campus visit, the team members will also meet with faculty, staff, students, and administrators. The team will be in Palau from February 29, 2016 to March 03, 2016.

PTK Honors Society Induction

An Induction Ceremony for the new members of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honors Society – Beta Omicron Zeta Chapter was held at the Assembly Hall of Palau Community College (PCC) on Monday, February 22, 2016. Present to witness the induction were the families & friends of the new members as well a staff & faculty members of the college. The new society inductees are Rickley O. Antonio, Maylean Benjamin, Viola Francis, Wade E. Kitalong, Jedidah E. Masahiro, Emy-leah K. Ngirchchol, Myla M. Oimei, Qwend-lynn I. Paul, Romeo Reddin, Turang D. Rengiil, Neil Ringang, Judah T. Sibetang, and Rdiall L. Tellei. During the induction, the new officers of the society were also sworn-in: Ms. Myla M. Oimei (President), Ms. Turang D. Rengiil (Vice President), Ms. Emy-leah K. Ngirchchol (Secretary), and Mr. Six Ridep (Treasurer). PTK SOCIETY, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3



New members & officers of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honors Society

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.

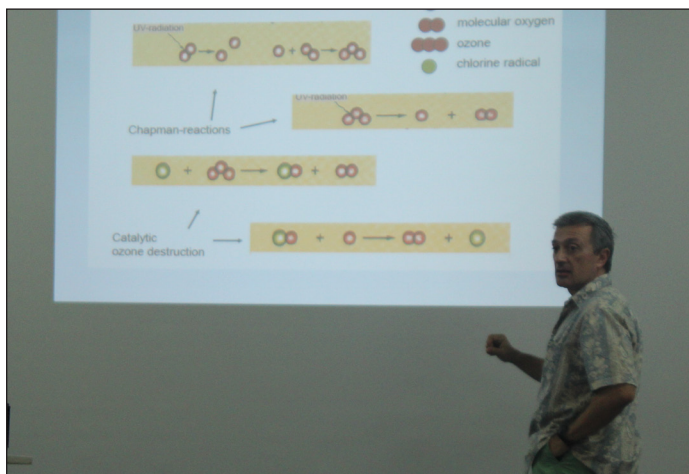
StratoClimate Presentation by Dr. Cairo

On Thursday, February 18, 2016 a presentation related to the atmospheric research being conducted by the StratoClimate Atmospheric Observatory in Palau was held at the Assembly Hall of Palau Community College (PCC). The presentation was given by Dr. Francesco Cairo, the Deputy Director the Institute of Atmospheric Sciences and Climate (CNR-ISAC). Attending the presentation were PCC students as well as college staff & faculty members. Ninth Olbiil Era Kelulau Senator Phillip P. Reklai was also present.

CNR-ISAC is an institute that aims to expand the understanding of the atmosphere and its processes by integrating scientific understanding through multi-disciplinary approaches that combine scientific & technological competence in meteorology, climate, atmospheric dynamics & composition, and various research methods. It is recognized internationally and has collaborated with a number of European laboratories as well as research facilities to conduct research related to atmospheric sciences.

During the presentation, Dr. Cairo provided a brief explanation about the structure of the Earth's atmosphere, the production & destruction of ozone in the stratosphere, and the transportation of ozone from the West Pacific region to the rest of the world. He also explained how the research being conducted by the StratoClimate Atmospheric Laboratory in Palau will improve climate models and lead to better climate predictions.

Instruments being used to conduct research on the atmosphere processes include weather sondes/balloons and surveying technology called the Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR). PRESENTATION, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3



Dr. Francesco Cairo explaining the production & destruction of ozone in the stratosphere

EMT Training Graduation Ceremony



EMT training graduates with the US Ambassador Amy J. Hyatt (third from right), Senate President Camsek E. Chin (far right), Minister of Health Gregorio Ngirmang (third from left), and Minister of Public Infrastructure, Industries and Commerce Charles Obichang (far left)

A graduation ceremony for the Emergency Medical Technician Training (EMT) under the Continuing Education (CE) Department of Palau Community College (PCC) was held on Wednesday, February 17, 2016. A total of seventeen (17) individuals from different sectors of the community participated in the training. The sectors included the Ministry of Public Infrastructure, Industries & Commerce (MPIIC), the Ministry of Justice (MOJ), the Aircraft Rescue & Fire-Fighting (ARFF) Unit, the Cleared Ground De-Mining Unit, and the Palau Pacific Resort (PPR).

Honored guests invited to the ceremony were Ambassador of the United States of America (USA) to Palau Her Excellency Amy J. Hyatt, Ninth Olbiil Era Kelulau Senate President Camsek E. Chin, Minister of Health Gregorio Ngirmang, and Minister of Public Infrastructure, Industries & Commerce Charles Obichang. Civic Action Team (CAT) Captain Jeffrey Jarvis and CAT Officer In Charge (OIC) Maseem Ghandour were also in attendance.

Master of Ceremony for the event was PCC Director of Development Tchuzie Tadao. The ceremony began with an invocation by Pastor Hedrick Kual of the Palau Evangelical Church. Opening remarks were given by Minister of Health Ngirmang who commended the graduates on successfully completing the training. Special remarks from CAT Captain Jarvis emphasized on the importance of emergency medical technicians and the necessity of constant training. The conferring of certificates was followed by the closing remarks from PCC Cooperative Research & Extension Vice President Thomas Taro. EMT, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

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

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Academic Calendar: Spring 2016

February 29 - March 04 (M-F)
Mid-Term Examination Period

March 15 (T)
Holiday: Youth Day

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.

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The ceremony began with opening remarks from PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei. In his remarks, PCC President Dr. Tellei commended the inductees on being recognized for their academic achievements. He also recognized the members as examples for other students and that the society was a path towards making leaders.

Masami Andreas, the Master of Ceremony, followed the welcoming remarks with a brief history about the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society. The honor society serves to recognize as well as encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students by providing opportunities for individual growth, development through honors, leadership, and service programming.

The new members were inducted into the society by PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei. After signing their oaths, each student lit a candle that symbolized the knowledge that will lead them forward as members of the society. PCC Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui administered the oath of office to the new society officers.

In his closing remarks, PCC President Dr. Tellei commented on how light has become the symbol of knowledge. He encouraged the new members to be examples for other students and to do their best in whatever academic endeavors they pursue.

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The LIDAR being used in Palau (Palau MuLid) is a compact two-channel lidar designed to obtain cloud & aerosol measurements. Using a laser light, the LIDAR will illuminate aerosols in the atmosphere in order to obtain their measurements. This instrument will be in use every night until the project is completed.

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The college would like to recognize the following individuals who completed the EMT Training: Ashley Joseph, Brandon B. Giramur, Edward Kenic, Livelyne Renguul, Walton Rechemang, Yip Erungel, Flavin Et-pison, Flavin Tiakl, Friend Taima, Marty Orrukem, Maximo Marcello, Raymie Omelau, Termeteet Bechab, Terry Ngiralmu, Cynric Kebekol, Spencer Sowad, and Georgette Mad. Instructors for the EMT Training were CAT Captain Estella Ruiz, CAT Captain Jeffrey Green, CAT Captain Nathaniel Turner, CAT Captain Jeffrey Jarvis, and Kapi'olani Community College EMT Instructor Edward Caballero.



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PCC CAMPUS PROFILES

HARLINE HARUO

PERSONNEL MANAGER - HUMAN RESOURCES

"It's not about having time, it's about making time."



Harline Haruo has been working for Palau Community College (PCC) for over eleven (11) years. She is the current Personnel Manager at the PCC Human Resources Office. Her duties include planning & carrying out policies related to all phases of personnel activity. In addition, she assists the Director of Human Resources with overseeing all office-related operations. Ms. Haruo holds an Associate of Arts Degree in Liberal Arts from Lassen Community College in Susanville, California USA. Currently, she is pursuing her Bachelor's Degree Studies through the San Diego State University (SDSU) cohort in Palau. In her free time, Ms. Haruo enjoys spending time with her daughter.

ALUMNI NOTES

HUGLER IMETENGEL

(Class of 2011)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

"It always gets worse before it gets better."



Hugler graduated from PCC in 2011 with an AS Degree in Information Technology. He currently works as a Tracking & Data Coordinator for the Talent Search Office. He is continuing his education online in the field of computer science via Colorado State University.



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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.

PRISTINE CAMPUS CAMPAIGN "Candid Camera" February Feature



The Pristine Campus Campaign is sponsored by the Faculty Senate Association, the Classified Staff Organization (CSO), and the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC). It aims to promote the maintenance and continued cleanliness of the campus. If a candid photo of a student throwing away trash is featured in the *Mesekiu's News*, that student will receive \$25. Two (2) students will be recognized each month from March to April. Congratulations, Mr. Odaol Adelbai, for being the first student featured in the "Candid Camera" portion of the Pristine Campus Campaign!

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10:15AM - PALAU TIME
WEDNESDAY
MARCH 09, 2016

"Most days, one observes circles of light in the shadows of trees caused by the pinhole effect. During the eclipse, those images of the sun will be crescent-shaped. Do not look directly at the sun or you will have crescent-shaped scars on your retinas for the rest of your life."

Celebrating Birthdays

Oliver U. Tebelak



March 03

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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