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MESEKIU'S NEWS



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PCC Hosts 2016 CTE Awareness Week



PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei welcoming the students to the college campus

This week, Palau Community College (PCC) hosted its 2016 Career & Technical Education (CTE) Awareness Week. From Thursday, March 17, 2016 to Friday, March 18, 2016 students from local elementary and high schools were invited to tour the campus as well as learn about the programs currently offered at the college.

Local schools that participated were Palau High School, Belau Modekngei School, Bethania High School, Emmaus High School, Mindszenty High School, Maris Stella Elementary School, Aimeliik Elementary School, Airai Elementary School, Iobang Elementary School, Koror Elementary School, Melekeok Elementary School, Meyuns Elementary School, Ngardmau Elementary School, Ngeremlengui Elementary School, George B. Harris Elementary School, Ngaraard Elementary School, and Ngarchelong Elementary School.

After the welcoming remarks, the students were divided into different groups. PCC students led the groups on campus tours that visited designated stations for information about different degree programs. The program stations included the vocational training shops, the Tan Siu Lin PCC Library, and the Palau Tourism & Hospitality School of Excellence. 2016 CTE WEEK, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

Alingano Maisu Begins Voyage

On Tuesday, March 15, 2016 the double-hulled voyaging canoe called *Alingano Maisu* departed from the NECO Marine Harbor in Malakal beginning its 2016 Pacific Festival of Arts voyage. The canoe will travel to the following islands of Yap: Ngulu, Woleai, Lamotrek, Satawal, and West Fayu. It will then sail to Saipan, Tinian, and Rota before arriving in Guam for the Festival of Pacific Arts celebration. The following are the canoe's crew members: Sesario Sewralur (Captain and Navigator), Dylan Sewralur (Assistant), Rodney Kazuma (Navigation Student), Murias Sebangiol (Navigation Student), Miano Sowraenpiy (Crew Member), Albino Esoailug (Crew Member), Norman Tawilimai (Crew Member), Kazuyo Hayashi (Navigation Student), Aylie Baker (Navigation Student), and Osamu Kosuge (Navigation Student). The canoe will return to Palau after the festival. ALINGANO MAISU, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3



Alingano Maisu and its crew departing from the NECO Marine Harbor

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.

ASPCC President Cleans Campus



ASPCC President Spencer O'Dell raking the college campus

Palau Community College (PCC) would like to recognize the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC) President Spencer O'Dell for his contribution towards keeping the college campus clean. On Monday, March 14, 2016 ASPCC President O'Dell spent the morning raking debris and collecting trash. PCC would like to thank him for his efforts and for setting a great example for the entire student body.

ACCREDITING COMMISSION FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES THIRD PARTY COMMENT PROCEDURE

ACCJC's Third Party Comment allows an individual who wishes to make comments on an institution that is undergoing comprehensive review in the current semester and that is considered by the ACCJC at its next meeting, should use the Third Party Comment Form to provide any comment about the institution's quality or effectiveness, as well as, the basis of any provided comments. The Third Party Comment Form should include individual/group name, address, phone number, and email address. The Third Party Comment Form should be received by the Commission five weeks before the scheduled Commission meeting. Comments should be submitted as an attachment to accjc@accjc.org or mail to:

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Community and Junior Colleges
10 Commercial Blvd., Suite 204
Novato, CA 94949

The Third Party Comment Form is available at the Office of the President and the Accreditation Office. For more information, please contact ALO Deikola Olikong at #271 or 778-6019.

P-CoRIE Survey Conducted at PCC



(left to right): Dr. Kaoruko Miyakuni, P-CoRIE Project Research Assistant Vallin Kloulchad, and Professor Yoko Fujita

On Monday, March 14, 2016 three (3) representatives of the Palau Coral Reef and Island Ecosystem (P-CoRIE) Project conducted a survey at Palau Community College (PCC). The survey gauged the general public's understanding about the project, its purpose, and the impacts it may have on the conservation of Palau's marine environment. In addition, volunteers who answered the questionnaire provided information regarding their support for the project, specifically contributing to the project's efforts via voluntary work or monetary donation. The survey was conducted at the PCC Mesekiu Bai and welcomed the participation of all interested community members.

The representatives who conducted the survey were Dr. Kaoruko Miyakuni (Faculty Member of the Tourism Sciences and Industrial Management at the University of the Ryukyus), Professor Yoko Fujita (Director of the International Institute for Okinawan Studies at the University of the Ryukyus), and P-CoRIE Project Research Assistant Vallin Kloulchad.

The P-CoRIE Project is made possible through the collaborative efforts of the University of Ryukyus (UoR), Palau Community College (PCC), and the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC). Its focus is on inter-disciplinary research efforts that aim to understand and quantify the impacts of climate change. The project is supported by the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST) and funded by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). It also falls under the Science and Technology Research Partnership for Sustainable Development (SATREPS) which promotes international joint research that targets global issues based on the fact that global challenges cannot be met by a single country or region acting on its own.

BITS AND PIECES...

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

Hours of Operation

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

For more information, call:
488-3540

AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS: THE OPRAH MAGAZINE



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Academic Calendar: Spring 2016

March 16-18 (W-F)
Students' Spring Break

March 24 (TH)
Last Day for All Withdrawals

March 28 (M)
Summer 2016 Pre-Registration

News/Stories Wanted

Mesekiu'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.

2016 CTE Week CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

At each station, a college instructor introduced the subjects taught under their program. PCC students enrolled in the programs were also present to share their learning experiences.

CTE Awareness Week is an annual event hosted by PCC. It brings in elementary students, high school students, and interested members of the community to the campus to learn about the programs & services available at the college. The college also aims to encourage prospective students from local high schools to enroll at Palau's only institute of higher learning by exposing them to its campus environment and programs.



Koror Elementary School Students learning about the PCC Nursing Program



Melekeok Elementary School Students learning about the Palauan Studies Program



Meyuns Elementary School Students learning about the Electrical Technology Program



Palau High School Senior Students learning about the PCC Liberal Arts Program

Alingano Maisu CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Alingano Maisu is a fifty-six foot (56ft.), doubled-hulled voyaging canoe that was built in Hawaii by the members of the *Nā Kālai Wa'a O Hawai'i*, a group of canoe builders & voyagers from the Pacific islands. The canoe was built as a gift of gratitude to Master Navigator Dr. Pius Mau Pialug who had revived the non-instrumental navigation techniques of Polynesia by sharing his knowledge of navigation during the 1976 voyage of *Hōkūle'a* from Hawaii to Tahiti. Master Navigator Dr. Pialug, who was from the island of Satawal in Yap, was the father of current *Alingano Maisu* Captain & Navigator Sesario Sewralur.

In 2008, PCC established a Non-Instrumental Navigation Program that aims to revive and preserve the practice of non-instrumental navigation that is traditional to the people of the Pacific islands. The program is divided into two (2) parts: classroom lectures that provide information about traditional navigation methods and practical study that allows students to apply the navigation methods they learned by sailing on board the *Alingano Maisu* under the leadership of Navigator Sewralur.

PCC CAMPUS PROFILES

DAVID SALAPWA

STUDENT ACTIVITIES SPECIALIST

"Always be willing to try and learn from your experiences."



David Salapwa is from the island of Satawal in Yap. He has been working as the Student Activities Specialist for Palau Community College since 2012. Previously, he was a Navigation Crew Member for the *Alingano Maisu* that sails under Navigator Sesario Sewralur. Student Activities Specialist Salapwa graduated from Palau Community College (PCC) in 2010 with an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degree in Construction Technology. He is an avid sports enthusiast and enjoys participating in various sporting activities such as wrestling, volleyball, paddling, and baseball. In his free time, he also enjoys fishing. He is a member of the PCC Mesekiu Baseball Team.

ALUMNI NOTES

FABIO SIKSEI

(Class of 2014)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - ENVIRONMENTAL/MARINE SCIENCE



Fabio graduated in 2014 with an AS Degree in Environmental/Marine Science. He interned at the Palau Coral Reef Center (PICRC) before becoming a Research Assistant for the Palau Coral Reef and Island Ecosystem (P-CoRIE) Project. Currently, he works as a Fisheries Outreach Officer at the Palau Conservation Society (PCS).



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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 presents

LOGO & SLOGAN CONTEST

CONTEST IS OPEN TO PCC STUDENTS and EMPLOYEES ONLY!

All contest entries must be submitted to the PCC Development Office by 5:00PM on THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2016 in both PRINTED & ELECTRONIC forms. Multiple submissions are permitted. Make sure to include your name and contact information with all submissions. Winning entries will be featured in the Mesekiu's News and posted on signs around campus. CASH PRIZE will be awarded to the first, second, and third place winners.

THEME: CLEAN CAMPUS

sponsored by: The Faculty Senate Association (FSA), the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPC), and the Classified Staff Organization (CSO)

Celebrating Birthdays

Elicita N. Morei	March 18
Thomas Borja	March 18
Bruce Rimirch	March 19
Keith Ignacio	March 20
Allins Nobuo	March 22



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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