

FREE!!!



# Palau Community College

## MESEKIU'S NEWS



Friday, April 22, 2016

Weekly Newsletter

Volume 18, Issue 17

### PCC Hosts Pacific Postsecondary Education Council Meeting



(front row, sixth to eighth, left to right): Commission Member Dr. Mary Y. Okada, ACCJC President Dr. Barbara Beno, and Commission Chair Ms. Susan Kazama with the PPEC members

From Thursday, April 21, 2016 to Friday, April 22, 2016 Palau Community College (PCC) is hosting meetings for the Pacific Postsecondary Education Council (PPEC). Scheduled meetings include the presidents & chancellors of the learning institutions, accreditation liaison officers (ALOs), and chief academic officers (CAOs). Included in this year's meeting is a special session with Dr. Barbara A. Beno (President) and Ms. Susan Kazama (Chair) of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC).

The first day of the meeting began with a welcoming at the PCC Assembly Hall. Dr. Beno and Ms. Kazama followed with their special presentation. Their presentation opened with a listening session that allowed PPEC meeting participants to voice their concerns about the accreditation process.

Afterwards, Dr. Beno led a presentation about new accreditation standards and practices that focus on quality improvement. Themes covered by Dr. Beno included quality improvement, student outcomes, improvement in consistency, and clarity of standards & practices. PPEC MEETING, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

### Bilung HI-189 Guest Speaker

On Friday, April 15, 2016 Bilung Gloria G. Salii was invited to be a guest speaker for the HI-189: Palauan History & Culture Class of Palau Community College (PCC). In her presentation, Bilung Salii provided information regarding the traditions & cultural practices of Palau. She discussed traditional obligations & gender roles in the society emphasizing on the significance of women in Palauan social structures. As an important female figure in society, Bilung Salii has been influential in many aspects of the community from dances to laws passed in the national congress. Along with the other women of Palau, Bilung Salii has hosted the *Mechesil Belau* Conference providing women an opportunity to discuss their concerns about current social issues. The HI-189 Class and their instructor would like to thank Bilung Gloria G. Salii for her time and for sharing her knowledge about the Palauan culture.



Group photo of HI-189 students with their guest speaker Bilung Gloria G. Salii (forth from left)

*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.*

## PCC Graduation Committee Meeting



*Graduation Committee meeting at the CE Training Room*

Members of the graduation committee of Palau Community College (PCC) have been meeting regularly to prepare for the upcoming 53<sup>rd</sup> Commencement Exercises of the college. The committee is in charge of catering, logistics, program & script, and awards. During the meeting, the committee members provided updates on their respective tasks. Meetings with perspective students will also be held in order to schedule march practices and finalize details. The graduation is scheduled for Friday, May 13, 2016.

## 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](mailto:accjc@accjc.org) or mail to:

Accrediting Commission for  
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.

## PIU Opportunities for PCC Students

contributed by: PIU Palau Site Director/Instructor Howard Merrell

The Pacific Islands University (PIU) is a fully accredited, Christian institution that offers both undergraduate & master's degrees in Biblical Studies and undergraduate degrees in Liberal Studies. Its main campus is located in Mangilao, Guam. The university also has an office/classroom in Palau located next to the Health Planning and Research Development (HPRD) Office on the campus of Palau Community College (PCC).

Founded forty (40) years ago, PIU began as the Micronesian Institute for Biblical Studies. The Palauan Evangelical Church was one of its founding institutions. The distinction of Pacific Islands University is that it seeks to "prepare men and women with a biblical worldview for leadership, service, life, work, and ministry...(from PIU Vision Statement)."

There are several ways that PIU-Palau can work with PCC students. The PIU-Palau Office can help interested PCC graduates enroll in baccalaureate degree programs at PIU. The university's long distance education program is also offering five (5) courses. Currently, the PIU-Palau Classroom is only offering limited classes on Bible study and theology. However, announcements are made whenever new classes are available.

PCC and PIU have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that allows students in one institution to take courses in the other. PIU welcomes PCC students to take classes available either online or on site. PCC students are encouraged to speak with their academic advisors regarding possible enrollment in PIU classes.

ES. PIU OPPORTUNITIES, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3



*(left to right): PIU Executive Assistant Samantha Owen, PIU Administrative Vice President Niño Pate, PCC Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui, PIU President Dr. David Owen, PCC President Dr. Patrick Tellei, and PIU Board of Trustees Chairman & the Palau Site Director/Instructor Reverend Howard Merrell*



# BITS AND PIECES...

## Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

### Hours of Operation

Monday to Thursday	8AM - 5PM
Friday	8AM - 5PM
Saturday	9AM - 4PM
Sunday	CLOSED

For more information, call:  
488-3540

### AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS:

#### PARENTS MAGAZINE



"Parents Magazine helps moms and dads navigate every aspect of parenthood from pregnancy through the school years. We get to the heart of the latest news and recommendations on kids' health, safety, nutrition, behavior, and more to give parents the tools to raise healthy and happy children."

### Academic Calendar: Spring 2016

#### April 29 (F)

Last Day of Instruction

#### May 02-04 (M-W)

Final Examination Period

#### May 05 (TH)

Holiday: Senior Citizens' Day

### 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](mailto:tchuziet@palau.edu) or [tchuziet@gmail.com](mailto:tchuziet@gmail.com).

Articles from MOC/PCC Alumni are also welcomed.

Please call 488-2470/2471 (extensions 251, 252, or 253) for more information.

## PPEC Meeting CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

The group had the opportunity to visit the world renowned rock islands that afternoon.

Meetings scheduled for Friday, April 22, 2016 will allow the different groups to meet & discuss issues pertaining to postsecondary learning institutions across the Pacific region. The visiting members of PPEC will be in Palau until Saturday, April 23, 2016.

PPEC is a non-profit, public corporation established in 1981 consisting of presidents and chancellors from higher education institutions in the United States of America as well as nations in the Pacific affiliated with the United States. It serves to address the concerns and needs of Pacific island post-secondary institutions. In addition, PPEC provides a network in which post-secondary institutions in the Pacific can share & discuss education topics. The current members of the council include higher education institutions in Hawaii, American Samoa, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), and the Republic of Palau.

## PIU Opportunities CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

PIU openly welcomes any PCC student who may be interested in continuing their education at the university or in taking additional classes in order to meet their credit requirements at the college. Any student interested in the classes being offered by PIU is welcome to stop by the PIU-Palau office to discuss or sit in on the classes.

Currently, the PIU-Palau Staff consists of Ms. Shamira Ldesel (Site Coordinator) and Reverend Howard Merrell (Site Director/Instructor). While Reverend Merrell may not be present on island, Ms. Ldesel is available all year round. To learn more about PIU or the PIU-Palau Office, please visit the website (<http://www.piu.edu>) or call the office at (tel): 488-4294. You can also e-mail Reverend Merrell ([hmerrell@piu.edu](mailto:hmerrell@piu.edu)) or Ms. Ldesel ([sldesel@palau.edu](mailto:sldesel@palau.edu)) for additional information.

## PRISTINE CAMPUS SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Pristine Campus Campaign will conclude with a Campus Police Activity on Saturday, April 23, 2016 from 8AM to 10AM. This activity will involve a thorough campus wide trash pick up. Come and join us as we tidy up our campus! Snacks and drinks will be provided after the activity. Meet us at the hut near Bank of Guam. The Pristine Campus Campaign is sponsored by the PCC Faculty Senate Association (FSA), the Classified Staff Organization (CSO), and the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC).

  
William Tim Mitchell, FSA Member  
Chairman, Pristine Campus Campaign

  
Akiko Udoi, CSO Treasurer  
Member, Pristine Campus Campaign

  
Spencer O'Dell, ASPCC President  
Member, Pristine Campus Campaign



**ASPCC CSO**

## PCC CAMPUS PROFILES

### MIDORI MERSAI

ENGLISH ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

*"Don't give up because, eventually, you will see the end of the rainbow."*



Midori Mersai has been working at Palau Community College for fifteen (15) years. She began in 2001 as an English Instructor for the Student Services (now the Learning Resource Center) Office. In 2010, she was hired as an Associate Professor for the English Department. Associate Professor Mersai holds an Associate of Arts Degree from Olympic College in Washington, a Bachelor's Degree in English from the University of Hawaii in Hilo, and a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from San Diego State University. She is a member of the PCC Faculty Senate Association (FSA). In her free time, Associate Professor Mersai enjoys reading.

## ALUMNI NOTES

### KYAH M. REMELIK

(Class of 2014)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - ENVIRONMENTAL/MARINE SCIENCE



Kyah graduated from PCC in 2014 with an AS Degree in Environmental/Marine Science. She currently works as a Teacher for Palau High School (PHS).



*Mesekiu's News*

Palau Community College

P.O. Box 9 Koror, Palau 96940

**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.

## EN-189: Introduction to Literature - Poetry Feature

# MULTIVERSE

by Masami Andreas

Infinite possibilities in different Realities  
I am but one, in this a son  
Even then, I am just a blend  
Of certain traits, subject to an uncertain fate  
As for the others, Who can tell?  
The Universe is infinite, but only the  
Me here and now is definite

Each week, the PCC Mesekiu's News will feature a poem written by one of the students enrolled in the EN-189: Introduction to Literature Class taught by Associate Professor Midori Mersai.

## NEW LIBRARY HOURS ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to the water rationing hours currently in place, the Tan Siu Lin Palau Community College (PCC) Library will change its operation hours to 8AM-5PM from Monday to Friday. On Saturdays, the Tan Siu Lin PCC Library will be open from 9AM-4PM.

## Celebrating Birthdays

Rodney Kazuma	April 22
Merli A. Ngirakesau	April 24
Kazue Melphy	April 25
Franson Oiterong	April 26
Hugler D. Imetengel	April 27



**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](mailto:hr@palau.edu), or download forms at <http://pcc.palau.edu>.

**"PCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer."**

## PCC Endowment Fund

### INVEST IN THE FUTURE

OF OUR STUDENTS, OUR COLLEGE, AND OUR NATION

**TO SUPPORT, CONTACT US TODAY!**

P.O. BOX 9 Koror, Palau 96940



Phone: 488-2470/2471 (ext. 251/253)

e-mail: [tellei@palau.edu](mailto:tellei@palau.edu)

If you want to join the Bi-Weekly Allotment Program, contact us NOW!

## FIND PCC ONLINE FOR MORE INFORMATION

 <http://pcc.palau.edu>

  Palau Community College - PCC

stamp here