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PCC Spring 2016 Student Symposium



(left to right): IT Student Regner U. Techitong, PCC Associate Professor Johvanna Yaoch, IT Student Tyra Asanuma, IT Student Wynona Ewatel, and PCC Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui

On Wednesday, May 04, 2016 the Palau Community College (PCC) Spring 2016 IT Student Symposium was held at the Conference Room of the Tan Siu Lin PCC Library. The symposium featured three (3) students enrolled in the Information Technology (IT) Program: Ms. Tyra Asanuma, Ms. Wynona Ewatel, and Mr. Regner U. Techitong. A collaborative project, the students focused on designing and programming a database that will help the PCC Bookstore expedite the book charging process as well as improve the current manual input method.

PCC Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui opened the symposium with welcoming remarks. The students followed by opening the presentation with a comparison of the book purchasing process currently in place and the bar-code scanning process that they designed. The current book purchasing system is a manual process that requires a bookstore clerk to input every data (e.g., book titles or the students' names) in order to provide students with textbooks for each semester. STUDENT SYMPOSIUM, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

Pristine Logo Contest Winners

Winners of the Pristine Campus Campaign: Logo & Slogan Contest were recognized on Thursday, April 28, 2016 in a ceremony that was held at the Assembly Hall of Palau Community College (PCC). The winners were awarded their respective prizes and were given the opportunity to showcase their artwork. The winners are the following: Harris Ubedei (first prize), William Waguk (second prize), and Janyssa Ford (third prize). Each of the artwork will be posted around campus as a reminder for the faculty, staff, and students to be mindful regarding keeping the campus clean. The Pristine Campus Campaign was a three-month project sponsored by the Faculty Senate Association (FSA), the Classified Staff Organization (CSO), and the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC). It encouraged the college community to be mindful of its trash and keep the campus clean.



(left to right, bottom row, contest winners): Janyssa Ford, William Waguk, Harris Ubedei, and Candid Camera Winner Bernie Soichey

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.

College of the Rockies to Visit Palau



(left to right): Tova Harel, Angaur State Governor Marvin Ngirutang, and PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei

On Monday, May 02, 2016 Mrs. Tova Harel and Angaur State Governor Marvin Ngirutang visited the campus of Palau Community College (PCC). They met with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei to discuss the planned visit of students & faculty members from the College of the Rockies in British Columbia, Canada. The visitors are planning to stay at the dormitories of PCC and visit the State of Angaur while in Palau.

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:

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. The next Commission Meeting is scheduled for June 08 - 10, 2016.

Japan Scholarships Now Available

Public relations representatives from the Japan Embassy in Palau held a presentation regarding scholarships on Monday, May 02, 2016. The presentation was held at the Assembly Hall of Palau Community College (PCC) and was open to all interested students. Japan Embassy Public Relations Assistant Rolynda Jonathan led the presentation that explained the scholarships' application process and requirements.

Currently, the Government of Japan is offering three (3) types of scholarships for Research (Post-Graduate), Undergraduate, and Specialized Training College Programs. Students who are citizens of Palau and born between April 02, 1995 and April 01, 2000 are eligible to apply for the Undergraduate as well as the Specialized Training College Scholarship Programs. Preliminary application deadline for both programs is Friday, June 10, 2016. Students who are graduating from high school by March 2017 are also eligible to apply.

The Specialized Training College program is a three-year study program and the Undergraduate program is for five (5) years. Both programs include a one-year Japanese language study. The Research/Postgraduate Program will fund an education opportunity in the Master's degree level. JAPAN SCHOLARSHIP, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3



Japan Embassy Public Relations Assistant Rolynda Jonathan (front) sharing information about the scholarships

Surangel & Sons Donates Onions

The cafeteria of Palau Community College (PCC) recently received a donation of onions from Surangel & Sons Company. Surangel & Sons Company has been a generous donor to the PCC Cafeteria and the college would like to thank the company for its generosity. The onions will help the college replenish its food supply for the dormitory students.

BITS AND PIECES...

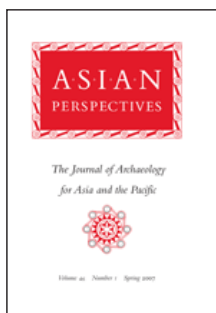
Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

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: ASIAN PERSPECTIVES JOURNAL



"Asian Perspectives Journal is the leading peer-reviewed archaeological journal devoted to the prehistory of Asia and the Pacific region. In addition to archaeology, it features articles and book reviews on ethno-archaeology, palaeoanthropology, physical anthropology, and ethnography. International specialists contribute regional reports summarizing current research and fieldwork, and present topical reports of significant sites."

Academic Calendar: Spring 2016

May 06 (F)

Graduates' Grades Due by 11AM

May 09 (M)

Non-Graduates Grades Due

May 13 (F)

53rd Commencement Exercises

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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In comparison, the bar-code scanning process allows the bookstore clerk to register information via scanning a student's identification card or a book's International Standard Book Number (ISBN). By scanning the identification number or ISBN, the database will register the correct information in each field thus eliminating the need for manual input.

The presentation included interviews with students and staff members who shared their opinions regarding the current book purchasing system. Problems identified included waiting lines, time management (e. g., students skip class in order to purchase books), inaccurate data in book purchase summaries, and excessive paperwork.

The bar-coding system will replace the static Excel-based system. It will eliminate excessive time, accurately track important information, and decrease the chances of data inaccuracies. The PCC Geek Squad donated a bar-code scanner to assist with the new book purchasing system.

The students would like to acknowledge the following supporters of their project: PCC Associate Professor of Information Technology Johvanna Yaoch, PCC Business Office, PCC Development Office, PCC Bookstore, PCC Student Services, PCC Academic Affairs, the Tan Siu Lin PCC Library, and the PCC Information Technology Program. In addition, the students would like to recognize the Islands of Opportunity Alliance - Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (IOA - SAMP) and the program's coordinators (Associate Professor Sherry Ngirmeriil and Associate Professor Vernice Yuji) for supporting the project.

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It requires an applicant to have completed their four (4) years of a university-level education or will be completed by March 2017. Applicants for this program must be born on or after April 2, 1982. Application deadline is Wednesday, June 15, 2016.

All three programs are full scholarship programs covering airfare, tuition and monthly stipends. Applications, guidelines, and additional information can be found at the following website: http://www.palau.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/culture.html. Interested individuals may also call the Embassy of Japan at (tel): 488-6445 or 8456.

Palau Community College
53rd Commencement Exercises

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Join us as we commemorate our students at the 53rd Commencement Exercises of Palau Community College! The college cordially invites everyone to join in recognizing and celebrating the educational achievements of its students.

Venue: PCC Cafeteria
Date: Friday, May 13, 2016
Time: 10AM

PCC CAMPUS PROFILES

JOHVANNA YAOCH

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

"In the words of Mahatma Gandhi: 'Be the change you want to see in the world' and remember that 'An ounce of practice is worth more than a ton of preaching.'"



Ms. Johvanna Yoach is the Associate Professor of Information Technology (IT) at Palau Community College (PCC) where she has taught for over ten (10) years. In addition to teaching, Associate Professor Yaoch also serves as President of the Faculty Senate Association (FSA). She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science from Eastern Oregon University. She also holds a Masters of Science Degree in Software Engineering from the California State University in Fullerton, California USA.

ALUMNI NOTES

EDEN K. MUNA

(Class of 2015)

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE - CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY



Eden graduated from PCC last year with an AAS Degree in Automotive Mechanics Technology. She currently works as a Cashier for the West Caroline Trading Company (WCTC).



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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.

NEW ITEMS AVAILABLE AT PCC BOOKSTORE!



The PCC Bookstore is currently offering new items including a PCC Branded T-Shirt (black), Kirk's Original Coco Castle Soap Bars, and PCC Duffelbags. Feel free to stop by at the PCC Bookstore to purchase the new items.

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

Maurine Alexander



May 06

Gamberlyn S. Ngimeriil

May 08

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

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 <http://pcc.palau.edu>

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