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PCC New Student Orientation for Summer 2016



Summer 2016 New Student Orientation at the PCC Assembly Hall

An orientation for the new students enrolled in the upcoming summer semester was held on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at the Assembly Hall of Palau Community College (PCC). Organized by the Student Life & Housing Unit, the orientation was an opportunity for the college staff to assist new students transition from a high school environment to a college environment. The college staff focused on explaining the support services and learning resources available that may help each student succeed academically.

The orientation opened with welcoming remarks from PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei. President Tellei began by thanking the students for choosing PCC as the next step in their academic journeys. He encouraged the students to seek the necessary assistance, especially in terms of their education, because an educated citizen is a better investment for a developing country.

President Tellei also enticed the new students to become active members of the student body. ORIENTATION, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

Upward Bound Orientation

Orientation for the high school students participating in the summer session of the Upward Bound Program was held on Monday, May 30, 2016 at the Assembly Hall of Palau Community College (PCC). The program's staff provided the students with a thorough explanation of the summer's scheduled classes and activities. Students were also reminded of the program's requirements which must be met in order to continue participation. The Upward Bound Program provides fundamental support and opportunities for high school students who seek to succeed in their pre-college performance and ultimately their higher education endeavors. Its goal is to increase the rate at which its participants complete secondary education and enroll in/graduate from institutions of higher education. Upward Bound provides services such as tutoring in English writing, literature, foreign language, mathematics, and science as well as extra-curricular activities such as the work-study summer program. Currently, the Upward Bound Program of Palau is providing its services to students from Palau High School (PHS), Emmaus High School (EMS), Bethania High School (BHS), Palau Mission Academy (PMA), Mindszeny High School (MHS), and Belau Modekngel School (BMS).

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.

Condolences...

Palau Community College (PCC) would like to express its deepest condolences to the family and friends of the late Mr. Murais Sebangiol. Mr. Sebangiol was an employee of the college where he worked as a Heavy Equipment Operator for the Physical Plant Division. He began working at the college in 2008. Mr. Sebangiol was from the state of Melekeok.

During his time at Palau Community College, Mr. Sebangiol joined the Non-Instrumental Navigation Program in order to learn about the traditional practices of seafaring without the use of modern instruments. Under the tutelage of Navigator Sesarario Sewralur, Mr. Sebangiol learned how to sail the oceans by analyzing wind conditions and plotting the stars. He was able to apply his traditional seafaring knowledge during the journey of Alingano Maisu from Palau to Guam for the 2016 Festival of Pacific Arts. His presence is greatly missed at the college campus.

Mr. Sebangiol is survived by his wife (Ms. Lorelei Meltel), two (2) children (Ms. Maecey Sebangiol and Mr. Eusenio Sebangiol), and granddaughter (Ms. Lucy Meyar). All our thoughts and prayers are with his family during such a difficult time.

Faculty Meeting with Academic Affairs

The Academic Affairs Office of Palau Community College (PCC) recently held a meeting with the college faculty. The meeting was an opportunity for the Academic Affairs Office to assist instructors with preparations for the upcoming summer and fall semesters. Topics discussed during the meeting included class schedules, summer semester instructors, workload forms, graduation ceremony preparations, and course assessments for the completed spring semester. Instructors were also asked to complete their requisition forms for off-island supplies/materials and textbooks.

The Academic Affairs Office also asked the faculty members to complete their spring semester reports. These reports are part of the evidence submitted for accreditation reviews. As such, the instructors were encouraged to provide photos of their learning activities or projects with details about their teaching methods.

The first day of the summer semester is scheduled for Monday, June 06, 2016. Being the shortest semester of the academic year, the last day of the summer session is Friday, July 15, 2016. All PCC faculty members are expected to return to work on Monday, August 01, 2016. In addition, mandatory training sessions with all the faculty members are scheduled for August 04, 2016 and August 05, 2016. For more information regarding the upcoming semesters, please contact the PCC Academic Affairs Office at (tel): 488-2470 or 2471 ext. 245.

General Catalog Meeting at Library

Members of the committee responsible for revising and updating the Palau Community College (PCC) general catalog met on Thursday, June 02, 2016 at the Conference Room of the Tan Siu Lin PCC Library. Each member was assigned to provide updates on the reviews of information that will be featured in the general catalog. Information includes course descriptions, department mission statements, explanation of the FAMED Process, institutional learning outcomes, and necessary revisions. Every four (4) years, the college reviews the information in its general catalog in order to keep it informative and up-to-date. The general catalog provides the public with detailed information about the services, resources, and degree programs available at the college.

Shallum Etpison Donates Fish to PCC



Fish donated to the PCC Cafeteria by Mr. Shallum Etpison

On Monday, May 23, 2016 the Palau Community College (PCC) Cafeteria received a fish donation courtesy of Mr. Shallum Etpison. The fish was caught during the Etpison Fishing Derby Event. PCC would like to thank Mr. Etpison and the fishing derby for this generous support! The fish will be an incredible add to the meals of the dormitory students in the following weeks.

BITS AND PIECES...

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

Hours of Operation

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| 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: GOURMET MAGAZINE



"Gourmet Magazine is a monthly publication of Condé Nast and the first U.S. magazine devoted to food and wine. The magazine covers articles ranging from topics about grilling and Italian food to quick recipes, holiday foods, and comfort foods."

Academic Calendar: Summer 2016

June 03 (F)

Late Registration

June 06 (M)

First Day of Instruction

June 06-07 (M-F)

Add/Drop Classes Period

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 encouraged the students to become leaders and members of the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC). He also emphasized on the importance of finding balance between studies and social activities. He ended his remarks by informing students that his door is always open to any student that may have a comment or issue to share concerning their academic studies at the college.

After the welcoming remarks, PCC Dean of Students Sherman Daniel introduced the student support services. Student support services include the Office of Admissions & Financial Aid, the Office of the Registrar & Records, the Student Life & Housing Unit, ASPCC, and the Learning Resource Center (LRC). Dean Daniel advised the students to familiarize themselves with the services provided by each office. By learning about the type of assistance they may find, the students will make their college experience an easier journey.

Dean Daniel also encouraged the students to participate in the college sports teams. Students who are interested in participating in sporting events, especially on a national level, are more than welcome to register for the PCC teams at the Student Recreational Office. Dean Daniel ended his remarks by advising the students to practice time management. With time management, the students will be able to organize their schedules accordingly in order to make the most of their college experience.

PCC Vice President of Cooperative Research & Extension (CRE) Thomas Taro was also present to provide information regarding the agricultural science degree program of the college. Due to the sudden swell in population and the threats brought on by climate change, Palau's food security and agricultural economy is being affected. By studying agricultural science, students will learn how to solve issues relating to food production and agriculture in order to build a sustainable food security for Palau's future. Vice President Taro encouraged the students to consider majoring in agricultural science so that they may become solutions to the problems.

ASPCC student leaders and members of the Republic of Palau Student Organization (RPSO) led the new students on a tour of the campus. Afterwards, the new students met with the academic advisors to discuss degree programs in the respective schools: School of Arts & Sciences (Academic Advisor Glendalynn N. Ngirmeriil); School of Business (Academic Advisor Maurine Alexander); and School of Technical Education (Academic Advisor Alexander & Academic Advisor Shelley Ueki). Students who were not ready to declare majors met with Academic Advisor Ueki to discuss their academic futures.

The staff of the PCC Admissions & Financial Aid Office were present to provide students with information regarding financial aid and eligibility requirements. Financial aid will cover a student's educational costs, such as textbooks and tuition. In addition, eligible students may participate in the work-study program. Palau Community College would like to extend its welcome to all the new and returning students and wish them all the best in their academic endeavors this summer semester!

PCC CAMPUS PROFILES

JAMES NORMAN SATO STUDENT ACTIVITIES SUPERVISOR

"You cannot learn if you lack the dedication. If you want to complete your education, then be committed; but if you're unmotivated, then don't waste your time."



James Norman Sato has been working at Palau Community College (PCC) for fifteen (15) years. He began as a coach for the college baseball team and works now as the Student Activities Supervisor. Mr. Sato is responsible for overseeing and organizing student recreational activities such as sports tournaments and community league participation. A graduate of Palau Community College, Mr. Sato holds an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degree in Small Engine & Outboard Motor Technology. He is a member of the PCC Classified Staff Organization (CSO) and the PCC Emergency Task Force. In his free time, Mr. Sato enjoys fishing and playing sports, specifically baseball.


ALUMNI NOTES

SIDNEY ROBERTS

(Class of 2015)
ASSOCIATE OF ARTS - LIBERAL ARTS



Sidney graduated with an AA Degree in Liberal Arts. She spent the last year studying at the Bowling Green State University in Ohio. Currently, Ms. Roberts plans to continue her education at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. As a student at PCC, Sidney served as President for the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPPC) and a Tutor for the Learning Resource Center (LRC).

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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.



AFTER DARK LECTURE SERIES



PROTECTING OURSELVES FROM INVASIVE PLANTS WITH BIOLOGICAL CONTROL

by Dr. Michael Bay, Senior Entomologist

DATE: Wednesday, June 08, 2016

TIME: 7PM (Happy Hour at 6PM)

PLACE: Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC)

\$2.00 PER PERSON including admission to the aquarium.

Celebrating Birthdays

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| Leonard Ngiramengior | June 04 |
| Volette S. Polloi | June 06 |
| Beronica Bingklang | June 06 |
| Albino Esoailug | June 06 |
| Jerry Taroy | June 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
- (3) Maintenance Technicians (4)
(Administration Department - Physical Plant)
salary range: \$8,155 - \$13,948 per annum
- (4) Upward Bound Math Instructors (2)
(Upward Bound Program)
salary range: \$350 - \$800 bi-weekly
- (5) Upward Bound English Instructors (2)
(Upward Bound Program)
salary range: \$350 - \$800 bi-weekly
- (6) Upward Bound Foreign Language Instructors (2)
(Upward Bound Program)
salary range: \$350 - \$800 bi-weekly
- (7) Academic Tutor
(Upward Bound Program)
salary range: \$350 - \$800 bi-weekly

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>.

"PCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer."

PCC Endowment Fund

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OF OUR STUDENTS, OUR COLLEGE, AND OUR NATION

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

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