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PCC Holds Convocation for New School Year



PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei (standing at podium) addressing the college personnel at the annual convocation that was held at the PCC Cafeteria

On Thursday, August 11, 2016 Palau Community College (PCC) held a convocation in preparation for the new school year. The meeting featured presentations about the history of the college, the learning services & programs it currently offers, and the educational goals that it aims to meet in order to maintain the quality of learning it provides to the students of Palau as well as Micronesia. All college personnel were required to attend the meeting.

Held every year, the PCC Convocation is an opportunity for the college administration, faculty, and staff to address issues before the beginning of the new school year. It also provides the college personnel with important information regarding the services, accreditation status, and programs that are being offered to the community. PCC CONVOCATION, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

Pacific Partnership 2016 at PCC

Palau Community College (PCC) is currently the host site for the medical, dental, and eye services being offered through the 2016 Pacific Partnership. From Friday, August 05, 2016 to Saturday, August 13, 2016 military service members from Japan, Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States will conduct cooperative health engagements for the community of Palau. The service members will also participate in expert exchanges with the medical and civil-engineering teams in Palau in order to improve the island's collective ability to respond to a variety of natural disasters. The medical services being offered are free to all community members. Those interested in taking advantage of the free medical services may visit the college for further assistance. Initiated in 2007, the Pacific Partnership is a multi-national goodwill mission that promotes visits to countries in the Pacific region in order to provide medical care, civil-engineering support, and cultural exchanges.



Pacific Partnership 2016 team members providing medical services to the community of Palau



The PCC Board of Trustees, President, Faculty, and Staff welcome all new & continuing students to the 2016 Fall Semester!

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 Students Attend STEM Seminar

contributed by PCC Associate Professor Johvanna Yaoch

Palau Community College (PCC) Information Technology (IT) students Regner Techitong and Wynona Tahira Ewatel and faculty member Johvanna Yaoch attended the 2016 Pacific Islands STEM Student Seminar in Hilo, Hawaii from July 06 to July 08, 2016. This seminar brings together students from various colleges and universities from around the Pacific to present projects that they have been involved in within the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). STEM, CONTINUED ON PAGE 4



(left to right): Regner Techitong and Wynona T. Ewatel

UOG Hosts Network Design Workshop

Palau Community College (PCC) Director of Computer & Data Processing Bruce Rimirch and PCC Computer Technician E-Van T. Ongrung recently completed a Campus Network Design Workshop. The workshop was held from July 25, 2016 to July 29, 2016 on the campus of the University of Guam. (UOG). The workshop focused on designing campus networks that meet the growing global research and connectivity needs of education institutions. The training was conducted by the Network Startup Resource Center (NSRC) which works directly with the indigenous network engineers & operators who develop and maintain the Internet infrastructure in their respective countries/regions.



Group photo of the participants of the Network Design Workshop that was conducted by NSRC on the UOG Campus

PCC Instructors Present at Convention



PCC Associate Professor of Mathematics Margeline V. Buban (right) with her fellow math teachers at the 22nd Education Convention

The 22nd Education Convention hosted by the Palau Ministry of Education (MOE) was held on the campus of Palau High School (PHS) from Monday, August 01, 2016 to Wednesday, August 03, 2016. The convention was an opportunity for the educators of Palau to meet and exchange ideas regarding the learning environment offered in local classrooms. Topics discussed during the convention focused on improving teaching methods in order to meet the current learning needs and standards of Palau's community.

Two (2) instructors from Palau Community College (PCC) participated in the convention as presenters. PCC Instructor Elicita N. Morei was a presenter for a workshop that introduced the PCC Palauan Studies. The PCC Palauan Studies promotes the continuous learning, practicing, and perpetuating of Palauan cultural heritage. EDUCATION, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

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APPLICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE PCC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE. ALSO, CONTACT THE PCC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PCC-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS:

PCC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE
(TEL): 488-2470/2471 EXT. 252 OR 253

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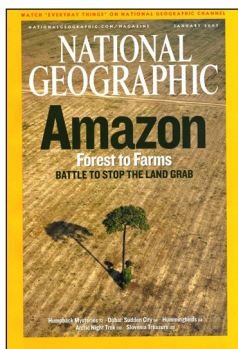
Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

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: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE



"Take an exciting adventure with National Geographic Magazine, the official magazine of the National Geographic Society. Published monthly, the magazine primarily contains articles about geography, history, and world culture. It has been published continuously since its first issue in 1888."

Academic Calendar: Fall 2016

August 15 (M)

First Day of Instruction

August 15-19 (M-F)

Drop/Add Period

August 15-26 (M-F)

Student ID Card Processing

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.

PCC Convocation CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

The meeting opened with a prayer from Financial Aid Counselor Sione Fakatou. He was followed by the welcoming remarks of the Classified Staff Organization (CSO) President/PCC Registrar Lesley Adachi. CSO President Adachi encouraged teamwork among the college personnel with the aim of providing quality service to the students.

PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei followed with a presentation about the college. A brief history introduced the beginnings of the college as a vocational training institution and the changes that made it into Palau's only institution of higher learning. His presentation included an overview of the college departments, services, personnel data, and financial status.

PCC Accreditation Liaison Officer (ALO) shared an update about the current accreditation status of the college. She focused on the evaluation report that was compiled by the accreditation team that visited this year. The report highlighted the positive aspects of the college and offered comments/recommendations that will help the institution meet the accreditation standards in order to achieve quality improvements.

PCC Institutional Research Analyst Ligaya Sara followed with an overview of the Institutional-Set Standards for Student Achievement (ISSA) and supporting data, such as enrollment & graduation student numbers. The convocation ended with remarks from the Faculty Senate Association (FSA) President Johvanna Yaoch.

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In her presentation, PCC Instructor Morei focused on building an awareness about the PCC Palauan Studies Program. The workshop was also an opportunity for her fellow educators to provide feedback regarding how the Palauan Studies Program should be conducted and what traditional practices should be taught in classrooms.

PCC Associate Professor of Mathematics Margeline V. Buban was a co-presenter for a workshop that focused on the promotion of mathematics. Educators who participated in the workshop revitalized their understanding of mathematical concepts, strategies, and techniques in order to improve their teaching skills.

2016-2017 FACULTY SENATE SCHOLARSHIP

The Faculty Senate Association (FSA) Assistance Scholarship is open to first-year (freshmen) and second-year (sophomore) students who are enrolled as full-time (maintain at least 12 credits per semester) students at Palau Community College (PCC). All interested students are encouraged to apply! The application forms are available at the PCC Development Office, located across from the Tan Siu Lin PCC Library.

For more information about the FSA Assistance Scholarship, please contact the PCC Development Office at (tel): 488-2470/2471 ext. 252 or 253.

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 09, 2016

PCC CAMPUS PROFILES

LUANA KIBEI

LIBRARY ASSISTANT - TAN SIU LIN PCC LIBRARY



Luana Kibei was recently hired as a Library Assistant for the Tan Siu Lin Palau Community College (PCC) Library. Her duties include assisting library patrons as well as maintaining the information & material collection available at the library. She is also responsible for the Information Booth which provides library cards to new patrons in addition to information regarding the library's services. Ms. Kibei is a Graduate of the PCC Adult High School Program. Currently, she is enrolled at Palau Community College where she is completing her studies in the Library & Information Services Program. In her free time, Ms. Kibei enjoys spending time with her family and friends.

ALUMNI NOTES

GINEE O. IKEYA

(Class of 2016)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - NURSING CAREER LADDER



Ginee recently graduate with an AS Degree in the Nursing Career Ladder. She is planning to pursue her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing at the University of Hawaii - Manoa this fall semester.



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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.

STEM Seminar CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2


Both Mr. Techitong and Ms. Ewatel presented a custom database system that they developed for the PCC Bookstore. The intention of the system is to expedite the book purchasing process at the PCC Bookstore as well as minimize human errors. The system was piloted this summer and is ready for full implementation in fall.

"The trip was really fun and educational," stated Mr. Techitong. "I am blessed and thankful for the amazing journey to Hilo. It was a great experience."

"I would like to say 'mahalo nui loa' to the College and the IT program for presenting me with this opportunity," expressed Ms. Ewatel.

The PCC Information Technology Program Faculty would like to thank the Islands of Opportunity Alliance-Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (IOA-LSAMP) for making opportunities like this possible for our students.

Celebrating Birthdays

Marlyne L. Olkeril		August 12
Juan Camacho		August 14
Dilubch Samil		August 14
James N. Sato		August 18

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

- Instructional Assistant - Construction Technology
(Academic Affairs Division)
salary range: \$8,991 - \$15,378 per annum
- Air-Conditioning & Refrigeration Instructor
(Academic Affairs Office)
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- Maintenance Technicians (4)
(Administration Department - Physical Plant)
salary range: \$8,155 - \$13,948 per annum
- Library Assistant
(Tan Siu Lin PCC Library)
salary range: \$6,086 - \$10,408 per annum
- Twenty-Three (24) Part-Time Tutors
(Talent Serach Office)
salary range: \$400 - 1,200 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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