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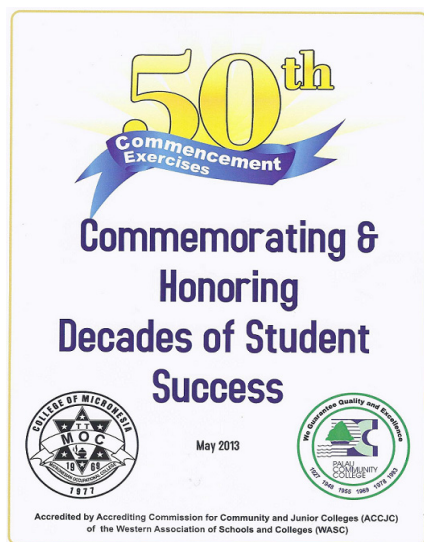
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## 50<sup>th</sup> PCC Commencement Exercises!

Today, Palau Community College (PCC) celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> Commencement Exercises! A total of 129 students will be receiving their degrees and certificates: 100 PCC graduates including summer candidates, 7 PCC & MOH Substance Abuse and Addiction Treatment Counseling Program graduates, and 22 Adult High School graduates.

The Honorable Billy G. Kuartei, a member of the PCC Board of Trustees, will deliver the commencement address. Pastor Hiob Ngirachemoi of Palau Evangelical Church will be giving the invocation and benediction.

In addition to PCC President, Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, and PCC Dean of Academic Affairs, Tutii Chilton, officiators of the ceremony include Ibedul Yutaka M. Gibbons, Reklai Raphael B. Ngirmang, Masa-Aki N. Emesiochl (Vice-Chairperson of PCC Board of Trustees), Summer R. Saunders (Student Trustee of PCC



Board of Trustees), Peleliu State Governor Temmy Shmull, and Dr. Emais Roberts (PCC Board of Trustees).

Director of the Bureau of Education Administration, Emery Wenty, will be awarding the Adult High School diplomas. The Minister of Health, Gregorio Ngirmang, will be awarding certificates to the graduates of the Substance Abuse and Addiction Treatment Counseling Program.

The valedictorian of the PCC Class of 2013 is Kayleen Ongalibang. She completed her Associate of Science (AS) Degree in Early Childhood Education. GRADUATION, CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

### A BRIEF HISTORY: MOC/PCC

Palau Community College (PCC) began in 1969 as a two-year post secondary vocational/technical institution called Micronesian Occupational Center (MOC). It grew out of a trade school that had been established in 1927 during the Japanese administration.

In May 1978, Micronesian Occupational Center officially became Micronesian Occupational College; then on April 2, 1993 it became Palau Community College after President Kuniwo Nakamura signed the Higher Education Act of 1993.

Today's 50<sup>th</sup> Commencement Exercises marks the graduation of over 4,000 students from PCC.

Over the years, MOC/PCC has adopted various learning extensions and programs to promote education:

**PCC Continuing Education (1993-2012) Certificate - 9,595 Graduates**

**PCC-Cooperative Research & Extension (2005-2013) Certificate - 1,797 Graduates**

**San Diego State University (2003-2011) Bachelor and Masters - 122 Graduates**

**Adult High School (2003-2013) Diploma - 208 Graduates**

**Public Health, Ministry of Health (2006) Diploma and Certificate - 38 Graduates**

**Maintenance Assistance Program (1995-2013) Certificate - 2,976 Graduates**

*Palau Community College is an accessible public educational institution helping to meet the technical, academic, cultural, social, and economic needs of the students and communities by promoting learning opportunities and developing personal excellence.*

## Graduation CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

The Outstanding Student Award is presented to the following graduates: Kayleen Ongalibang, Persis D. Omelau, Talitha Alexander, Richard N. Misech, Jr., Elsei D. Tellei, Gerda E. Setts, and John Crofts.

Graduating members of the Beta Omicron Zeta Chapter - Phi Kappa Society are Persis D. Omelau, Talitha Alexander, Summer R. Saunders, Elsei D. Tellei, Shari K. Nicholas, Bridget W. Adachi, Malarie N. Ambai, Rhett D. Masaichi, McMichael M. Mutok, O'Hara Skebong, and Sukrad Sbal.

## MOC/PCC Alumni Awards

### **BEST CUMULATIVE GPA**

The Best Cumulative GPA Award is sponsored by the MOC/PCC Alumni Association and goes to the student who achieved the highest GPA average in his/her respective program, not including general education requirements.

#### PROGRAM

AUTOMOTIVE MECHANICS TECHNOLOGY  
EDUCATION - EARLY CHILDHOOD  
ENVIRONMENTAL/MARINE SCIENCE  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
LIBRARY SCIENCE  
NURSING

#### RECIPIENT

JUNIOR SKEBONG  
KAYLEEN ONGALIBANG  
PERSIS D. OMELAU  
ORANLI M. ISE  
GERDA E. SETTS  
JOHN CROFTS

### **BEST EFFORT**

The Best Effort Award is also sponsored by the MOC/PCC Alumni Association and recognizes a student who demonstrated the best effort in practical skills application.

#### PROGRAM

AUTOMOTIVE MECHANICS TECHNOLOGY  
BUSINESS ACCOUNTING  
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION  
ELECTRICAL TECHNOLOGY  
ENVIRONMENTAL/MARINE SCIENCE  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
NURSING

#### RECIPIENT

JEREMIAH TEKRIU  
YUN GAO  
OMAR FAUSTINO  
AMANDO FICHMAI  
ITUNGELBAI BELLS  
KERENG IKERDEU  
YVANN FRANZ



*Books donated to the PCC Library from PREL.*

### **PREL Donates to Tan Siu Lin PCC Library**

The Tan Siu Lin PCC Library recently received a donation from the PREL Office in Hawaii. Included in the fifteen boxes donated were books and DVDs ranging from general collections to Pacific and children's collections. The library would like to extend its gratitude to Jane Barnwell and the PREL Office in Hawaii for the generous additions to their shelves.

## BITS AND PIECES...

### Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

#### Hours of Operation

May 20 - August 09 (Summer):

Monday to Friday 8AM to 5PM

Saturday 9AM to 6PM

Sunday CLOSED

For more information call  
488-3540.

### Summer Kids Program

June 03, 2013 - June 28, 2013

LAST DAY TO REGISTER:  
MAY 30, 2013

PCC-CE Classes Offered:

MATH (3<sup>RD</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup>)

ENGLISH READING (3<sup>RD</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup>)

ENGLISH WRITING (3<sup>RD</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup>)

PALAUAN ORTHOGRAPHY (5<sup>TH</sup> - 6<sup>TH</sup>)

KEYBOARDING (7<sup>TH</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup>)

For more information, contact  
CE Office at 488-6223.

### Apologies

Apologies to the Learning Center (and contributor, Tublai B. Ililau) for errors in their article's title and page numbers in *Mesekiu's News Volume 14, Issue 20*. The title should have been "First Career/Transfer Forum: A Success!" and continued on page 3 from page 2.

### News/Stories

MESEKIU'S NEWS welcomes stories/articles/announcements from students, faculty, and staff. Submission deadline is Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in hard and/or electronic copies to [dilubchs@palau.edu](mailto:dilubchs@palau.edu) and [alvinam@palau.edu](mailto:alvinam@palau.edu).

Articles from MOC/PCC Alumni are also welcome.

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

## Nursing Program Meeting with Fiji National University



(back, left to right): Rosemina Mechol, Antonnette O. Merur, Josepha Tiobech, Sr. Iloi Rabuka, Dr. Patrick Tellei, and Pearl Marumoto.

(front, left to right): Sr. Rusieli Taukei, Dr. Apenisa Ratu, and Dr. Greg Dever.

Palau's Ministry of Health (MOH), Palau Community College (PCC), and Fiji National University (FNU) met on Monday, May 15, 2013. Arrangements for a nursing program between Fiji and Palau were discussed during this meeting. The nursing program would allow registered nurses in Palau, that have an Associate of Science (AS) Degree in Nursing, to pursue a Bachelor's Degree of Public Health Nursing through Fiji National University. FIJI, CONTINUED ON PAGE 4



(left to right): Dante Rengiil, Renetta D. Meyar, E-Van Ongrung, Johvanna Yaoch, Dr. Isebong Asang, Samantha Bells, Jeff Espinosa, Steve Shimizu, and IT students.

### Shimbros, Inc. Donates to Faculty Senate Association

Shimbros, Inc., a distribution company in Palau, made a generous donation to the Faculty Senate Association (FSA) on Wednesday, May 22, 2013. The donation was a banner printer and ink cartridges, valued at \$2,500.

The FSA presented the banner printer to the college's Information Technology (IT) Program. With the new equipment, the IT program aims to teach students how to properly use the printer for projects related to making banners and graphic design.

Jeff Espinosa and Steve Shimizu presented the donation on behalf of Shimbros, Inc. to the FSA President, Dr. Isebong Asang, and faculty members.

The FSA and the IT Program would like to thank Shimbros, Inc. for their great contribution to the school.

## ALUMNI NOTES

### OMELIAKL F. SMUS

(Class of 2010)

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE - ELECTRICAL TECH.

*"Keep learning as the world keeps changing with new ideas."*



After graduating with an AAS degree in Electrical Technology, he worked with the Bureau of Agriculture. He continues on a three-year extension as an agent for the bureau.

### JACK MASTER

(Class of 1974)

VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATE - APPLIANCE REPAIR

*"One doesn't realize the positive impact of college education unless one achieves a college degree. Time is short. Get educated! You will be surprised to see how much good education does for your life."*



Worked for 18 years as coordinator for the Health Sanitation, Beautification Program and Agriculture of the Airai State Government.

### NGIRUR LULU MASAYOS

(Class of 2005)

CERTIFICATE - BUSINESS ACCOUNTING

*"No matter what, education will lead you to success and a better lifestyle."*



She graduated with a certificate in business accounting. For the last four years, she has been working as a telephone operator for Palau Royal Resort.

**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 alumnus/alumna or know someone who is, please contact the PCC Development Office at telephone numbers 488-2470/2471 (extensions 251, 252, and 253).

We would like to feature you in future *Mesekiu's News* issues.

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## Fiji CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

PCC President, Dr. Patrick Tellei, also met with the Dean of Academic Affairs, Joe Chilton, and the nursing instructor, Terry Ngirmang, to consider a one-year nursing certification program. All these efforts aim to improve the nursing workforce of Palau as well as entice younger Palauans to pursue a career in the field.

Participants of the Monday morning meeting were Dr. Apenisa Ratu (Director of Academic Services at FNU - College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences) and Rusieli Taukei (Coordinator for the Bachelor of Public Health Nursing, FNU) of Fiji; from Palau were Dr. Greg Dever (Pacific Island Health Officers' Association), Antonnette O. Merur (Chief Nurse - MOH), RoseMina Mechol (Public Health Supervisor - MOH), Josepha Tiobech (Nurse Advisory Group member), and Pearl Marumoto (Nurse Advisory Group member/Patient Advocate).

### Vacancy Announcement

- (1) *Federal Work-Study Coordinator (Office of Admissions & Financial Aid)*  
Salary range: \$12,049 - \$20,607 per annum
- (2) *English Instructor (Learning Resource Center)*  
Salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum
- (3) *Accounting Technician, General (Administration Department-Business Office)*  
Salary range: \$9,913.00 - \$16,954.00 per annum
- (4) *Math Instructor (Learning Resource Center)*  
Salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum
- (5) *Librarian (Tan Siu Lin PCC Library)*  
Salary range: \$16,010 - \$24,647 per annum
- (6) *Computer Technician (Computer Services Office)*  
Salary range: \$12,049.00 - \$20,607.00 per annum
- (7) *Cook (Administration Department)*  
Salary range: \$6,086.00 to 10,408.00 per annum
- (8) *Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Instructor (Academic Affairs)*  
Salary range: \$16,010.00 to \$21,191.00 per annum
- (9) *Public Relations Manager (Development Office)*  
Salary range: \$16,010 TO \$24,647 per annum
- (10) *UB Academic Tutors (Upward Bound Program)*  
Salary range: \$200 to \$315 biweekly
- (11) *UB Math, English, and Japanese Instructors (Upward Bound Program)*  
Salary range: \$400 to \$800 biweekly

For application forms and information, please contact Harline Haruo at PCC Human Resources Office at 488-2470/71, extension 227.

E-mail [hr@www.palau.edu](mailto:hr@www.palau.edu) or download form at <http://www.palau.edu>

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### Celebrating Birthdays

Debbie O. Ngiraibai  May 25

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

### PCC Endowment Fund

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STUDENTS, OUR COLLEGE, AND OUR  
NATION

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