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## MESEKIU'S NEWS

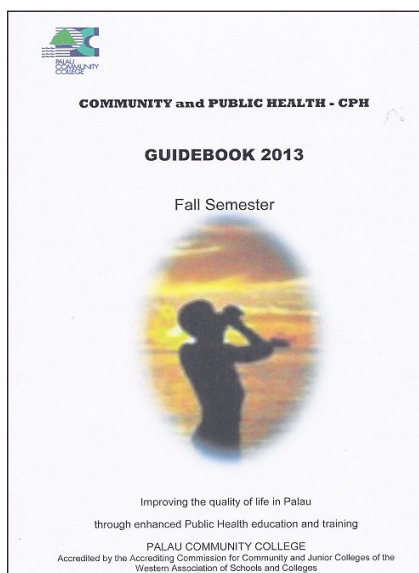


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Weekly Newsletter

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## Community and Public Health Program



In collaboration with the Ministry of Health (MOH), Palau Community College (PCC) has formed a program aimed to instruct individuals interested in public health. The region of Micronesia is experiencing a shortage in its medical labor force. Hospitals and other medical facilities are lacking in nursing staff as well as doctors. Also, registered medical professionals are in need of re-training as the years have provided new studies and teachings in relation to the field.

Micronesia also lacks medical professionals who are credentialed through an institution of higher learning. As a part of the solution, PCC has added the Community and Public Health (CPH) Program into its list of course offerings.

The CPH Program will blend in with the Nursing Program already offered at the school. Following a similar academic criteria, CPH will teach individuals interested in public health about medical problems present in the Pacific region (e.g., alcohol/substance abuse). A problem-based learning tutorship will allow participants to analyze and identify issues within their societies. Such community collaboration will provide a thorough understanding of the region's medical issues, thus developing a better-informed medical labor force. In addition, students under the CPH Program will be trained and mentored by experienced MOH instructors.

Students who earn degrees in this program may pursue a medical education in institutes of higher learning around the Pacific such as the College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences at Fiji National University.

### US Embassy Donation

On June 12, 2013 the United States Embassy donated a computer to the Tourism & Hospitality School at Palau Community College (PCC). The computer's hard drive was cleaned making space for the necessary programs that will assist students in the tourism field. Charge d'Affaires, Thomas E. Daley, presented the computer donation on behalf of Ambassador Helen Patricia Reed-Rowe who was off-island. The donation was received by tourism Associate Professor, Victoria Maui. The PCC School of Hospitality & Tourism would like to thank the US Embassy for its generous donation!



US Embassy Chargé d'Affaires Thomas E. Daley and Professor Victoria Maui.

*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.*

## Upward Bound Workshop



*Students participating in the Upward Bound Workshop.*

The participants of the Palau Community College (PCC) Upward Bound Program attended a workshop on Friday, June 14, 2013 at the PCC Assembly Hall. During the workshop, high school students were given an introduction to college. Instructors advised the students about higher education choices, how a student might choose a major, and how a student should go about his or her college career. Students were told about the benefits of attending a two-year college, such as PCC. While it may seem impressive to attend a reputable university from the beginning, a two-year college provides a time extension for indecisive individuals to figure out their life path. The information provide should help the students as they continue to pursue their higher educational dreams.

## Pension Plan Meeting with PCC Staff

A Pension Plan representative, Mr. Eliot Udui, met with the staff of Palau Community College (PCC) on Thursday, June 13, 2013 to discuss RPPL No. 8-10. Because of the change in law regarding retirement, Pension Plan wants to inform and explain the situation to all Palauan workers who may be affected. According to the new law, it will no longer be mandatory for any person to retire after 30 years of total service. Thus, a person will be allowed to work past the allotted time frame. This change in the law will allow able workers to continue contributing to Palau's society. In addition, the cost of paying pension benefits has been outweighed by employee contributions creating an instability in the division. This elimination will allow Palau's Pension Plan to increase its benefits pay.



*PCC Staff meeting with Pension Plan at the Conference Room.*

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## Palau Community College Bids Farewell to Guests from Otis College



*Students of Otis College painting at the PCC Courtyard.*

Palau Community College (PCC) bade its farewell to the students and instructors of Otis College of Art and Design last Thursday, June 13, 2013. The group had spent about two weeks in Palau creating a final design for the Palau Freedom Memorial, a monument honoring Palauans who have served and are serving in the United States Military since the Vietnam War.

After their final presentation of the design for the Palau Freedom Memorial last week, the students of Otis College spent the afternoon at the PCC Courtyard creating an art piece. The art piece was a mixture of different imageries, such as dolphins and flowers, which signify Palau and the island lifestyle.

FREEDOM MEMORIAL, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

## **BITS AND PIECES...**

### **Tan Siu Lin PCC Library**

#### **Hours of Operation**

Effective Immediately thru July 24,  
2013 (summer only):

**Monday to Friday 7:30AM to 7PM**

**Saturday 9AM to 6PM**

**Sunday CLOSED**

For more information call  
488-3540.

### **Summer Session**

#### **June 28 (F)**

Last Day to Remove Incomplete  
Grades for Spring 2013

#### **July 01 - 02 (M-T)**

Mid-Term Period

#### **July 03 - 05 (W-F)**

Fall 2013 Pre-Registration

#### **July 09 (T)**

Holiday: Constitutional Day

#### **July 12 (F)**

Last Day for All Withdrawals

#### **July 19 (F)**

Last Day of Instruction

#### **July 22 - 24 (M-W)**

Final Examination Period

### **Apologies/Corrections**

#### Mesekiu's News Issue 15, Volume 24:

It was incorrectly written that featured alumna, Kayleen J. Ongalibang, had been employed by PCC in 2007. In fact, she has been an employee of PCAA since 2007. Mesekiu's News apologizes for the misinformation.

### **News/Stories Wanted**

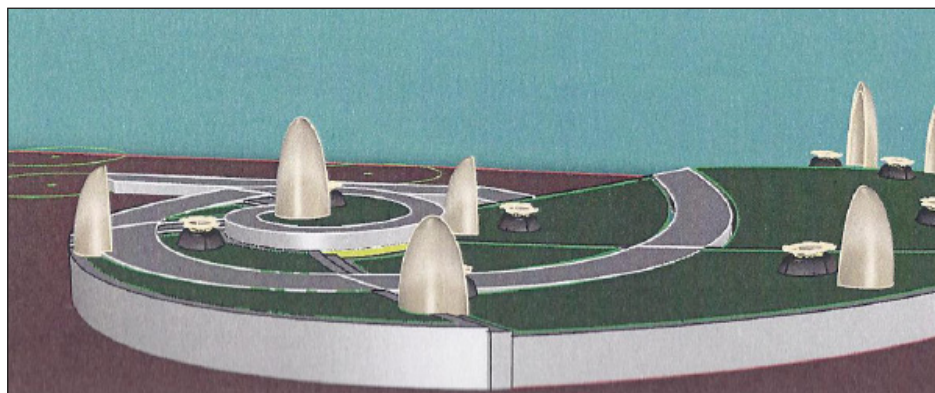
MESEKIU'S NEWS welcomes stories/articles/announcements from students, faculty, and staff. Submission deadline is Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in hard and/or electronic copies to [dilubchs@palau.edu](mailto:dilubchs@palau.edu) and [tchuziet@gmail.com](mailto:tchuziet@gmail.com).

Articles from MOC/PCC Alumni are also welcomed.

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

## **Freedom Memorial** CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

Sam Adelbai, a local Palauan artist, took the piece as a contribution to the Palau National Museum. It is kept as a memento of Otis College and its involvement in the creation of Palau's Freedom Memorial.



*Proposed design of the Palau Freedom Memorial.*

Complete sets of drawings with element descriptions of the Palau Freedom Memorial are available at the PCC Library.

## **19th Law Enforcement Academy**



*Trainees of the 19th Law Enforcement Academy.*

The 19<sup>th</sup> Law Enforcement Academy of Palau began its training on June 17, 2013. Within about three months, trainees will be taught about the laws of enforcement inducted in Palau and how to properly apply the knowledge in the community. Trainees include personnel already employed in areas involving law enforcement such as state conservation officers, customs officers, immigration officers, and security officers.

Training is done under Commander Favian Ngiramengior of Palau's Bureau of Public Safety (BPS). Deputy Commanders are Sabino Kyota, Jr. (BPS Officer), Sherry Sisior (BPS Officer), and Clive Telei (Customs Officer). Under their instruction, trainees are expected to obtain a thorough understanding of the laws in Palau implied to protect the community.

Each participant is expected to fulfill the physical demands of their jobs as well as completely understand the application of laws in the society. Guest speakers include Palau's Attorney General, R. Victoria Roe, and chiefs from each division of the Ministry of Justice. Their work experience and knowledge will provide information for the trainees about human rights, national codes, and similar laws of conduct. ACADEMY, CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

## ALUMNI NOTES

### PAMPELIHNA ADELBAI

(Class of 1989)

CERTIFICATE - BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

*"It's important that we go to college. Having a college degree helps us climb up the ladder in this competitive world. It would take us ages to even venture a bit in an employment pay level scale when we don't have a college education."*



She interned for two years at the Administration Department of the Ministry of Health after graduating. Later, she became an accounting technician for the Ministry's Finance Department for 20 years. Currently, she is a supply officer at the Ministry's clinical services.

### KUBESAK RECHELLUUL

(Class of 1978)

VOCATIONAL DEGREE - AUTOMOTIVE MECHANICS

*"English is a universal language and it is practiced in the working environment, in communicating and especially in writing. Equipped with a college education will not burden one with much effort to speak and write in English."*



He began working as a welder and mechanical helper for VANCAMP Seafood Company. Then he worked as a welder for Tmetuchl Quarry. At present, he is a Lieutenant at the Division of Correction for the Ministry of Justice.

### HUANA BENHART

(Class of 1989)

CERTIFICATE - GENERAL OFFICE CLERK

*"Make education a priority in your life. Instill that thought in your children. Someday they will look back and thank you in abundance."*



For the last 20 years, she has worked for the Judicial Branch of Palau. Currently, she is an administrative assistant for the Budget Office.



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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 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.

## Academy CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

Physical training, such as running and judo, is required to enhance each participant's physical endurance. A morning formation inspection includes a patriotic declaration to Palau through a flag raising ceremony.

The program has a total of 35 participants who will continue training until September 20, 2013.



### Celebrating Birthdays

Geraldine Rengil	June 22
Ezra Takeo	June 22
Uroi N. Salii	June 23
Margeline Buban	June 25
Sebastian Ngiratrang	June 25
Tarmau Ngirmang	June 27

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

### 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) *Dean of Academic Affairs (Academic Affairs Office)*  
Salary range: \$21,911 - \$33,730 per annum
- (7) *Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Instructor (Academic Affairs)*  
Salary range: \$16,010.00 - \$21,191.00 per annum
- (8) *Public Relations Manager (Development Office)*  
Salary range: \$16,010 - \$24,647 per annum
- (9) *Security Service Officer (Administration Department)*  
Salary range: \$6,709.00 - 11,475.00 per annum

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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## Endowment Fund

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