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School of Arts and Sciences Holds Annual Student Forum



(left to right): Dr. Isebong Asang, Mariah Lund, Mariah Kual, Marcia Olkeriil, Morton Siwaichi, Kaya Solomon, Gener M. Sangalang, and Dizzette U. Dolmers.

On Friday, November 22, 2013 the Third Annual Palau Community College (PCC) School of Arts and Science Student Forum was held at the PCC Assembly Hall. The forum consists of student presentations that apply classroom-learned concepts to ideas or issues (e.g., social significance of the "Micronesian Skirt" worn by women in Micronesia) in Palau, Micronesia, or the Pacific region. Each presentation provides an example of the quality of education attainable at PCC.

The forum featured six students: four Liberal Arts Majors, one Nursing Major, and one S. T. E. M (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Major. Morton Siwaichi, a student of PCC, was the master of ceremony. PCC Professor Dr. Isebong Asang assisted the students during the preparation step of the forum. STUDENT FORUM, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

Pacific Islands University Visits Palau Community College

On Friday, November 15, 2013 Palau Community College (PCC) was visited by representatives of the Pacific Islands University (PIU). PIU Advancement Director Samantha Owen and Interim Provost & Academic Vice President Dr. Sam Mabini met with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei during their courtesy visit.

PIU provides accessible and transformational Christian higher education and ministry training to the people of Micronesia, the Pacific islands, and to nations worldwide. The university aims to prepare men and women with a biblical worldview for leadership and service in life, work, and ministry in the global community. PIU provides distance education classes and has teaching facilities in Yap and Palau.



(left to right): PIU Advancement Director Owen, PIU Interim Provost & Academic Vice President Dr. Mabini, and PCC President Dr. Tellei.



END OF THE YEAR GET TOGETHER
FOR ALL BI-WEEKLY ENDOWMENT FUND DONORS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2013
11AM - 1:30PM
PCC Mesekiu Bai



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.

IT-215 Class Trip to PMA/SDA Campuses



IT-215 Students with JICA Volunteer Instructor Yukio Umetani.

On Monday, October 28, 2013 the IT-215: Web Design & Management Class of Palau Community College (PCC) visited the school campuses of the Koror Seventh-Day Adventist (SDA) Elementary School and Palau Mission Academy (PMA). The students are currently working on website designs for the schools as part of their semester final projects. Visiting the campuses provided for the IT-215 students an in-depth look at the education and learning environment of the schools. IT-215 focuses on the basic concepts of web design such as layout, information organization, and hypertext mark-up language (HTML). A total of six (6) students are currently attending the class.

NU-102 Practicum



Nursing students learning about bandaging & wound care.

On Thursday, November 14, 2013 the Palau Community College (PCC) NU-102: Basic Nursing Concepts Class held a wound care and bandaging practicum. The practicum was led by Allyne Kikuharu, a licensed practical nurse currently attending PCC in order to obtain her Associate Degree. Through her practical experiences, she was able to share the basic concepts of wound care and bandaging with her fellow classmates.

FSA Donates to Typhoon Relief Efforts

On Tuesday, November 26, 2013 the Faculty Senate Association (FSA) of Palau Community College (PCC) donated to the relief efforts of the Philippines and Kayangel State. To each cause, FSA presented a \$1,000 check to assist in the victims of Typhoon Haiyan.

PHILIPPINES



(left to right): FSA Treasurer Samantha Bells, FSA Secretary Midori Mersai, FSA President Dr. Isebong Asang, Palau's Honorary Consul to the Philippines Eric Whipps, PCC Instructor/FSA Member Arlene Ignacio, and FSA Vice President Johvanna Yaoch.

FSA President Dr. Isebong Asang, FSA Vice President Johvanna Yaoch, FSA Secretary Midori Mersai, FSA Treasurer Samantha Bells, and FSA Member Arlene Ignacio represented the association. The donations were received by Palau's Honorary Consul to the Philippines Eric Whipps and Kayangel State Governor Jeffrey Titiml.

KAYANGEL STATE



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BITS AND PIECES...

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

Hours of Operation

Monday to Friday 7:30AM to 7PM

Saturday 9AM to 6PM

Sunday CLOSED

For more information call
488-3540.

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Academic Calendar: Fall 2013

December 04 (W)

Last Day of Instruction

December 09-12 (M-TH)

Final Examination Period

December 16 (M)

Grades Due

December 23 (M)

Last Day for Change of Grades

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 dilubch@gmail.com and tchuziet@gmail.com.

Articles from MOC/PCC Alumni are also welcome.

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

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TECHNOLOGY: FRIEND OR FOE BY DIZZETTE U. DOLMERS

Ms. Dolmers focused on the positive and negative effects of technology on education. She identified the pros such as research convenience and globalization effect versus the cons such as social (face-to-face) and physical inactivity. Ms. Dolmers advised the audience to take everything in moderation. The audience was left to answer for themselves whether technology is a friend or a foe when it comes to life in general.

SEARCHING FOR THE MEANING OF KUSHU BY GENER M. SANGALANG

Mr. Sangalang focused on defining the term *kushu* (a Japanese word meaning 'air raid') in connection to Palau's history. The Japanese word is common in a phrase used by older Palauans to lament their younger years. Through interviews, Mr. Sangalang was able to define *kushu* as a time of difficulty during World War II. He ended his presentation by considering the effect that the war had on the islands.



SWEET CHILD OF MINE BY KAYA SOLOMON

Ms. Solomon focused on the Palauan social stigma attached to teenage pregnancy. She interviewed various people, including teen mothers, to weigh the pros and cons. In addition, Ms. Solomon identified how popular opinions about teenage pregnancy vary due to time and social changes. In Palau's past, women were expected to birth many children. Today, due to western influences, being a young mother has become taboo.

BELAUAN INK BY MARIAH KUAL

The presentation of Ms. Kual gave a traditional overview of tattoos in the Palauan culture. She defined the meaning of certain tattoos and the social significance of tattoos on certain parts of the body. In addition, Ms. Kual showed the evolution of tattoos in Palau as the western concept of individualism comes into play in today's society.



SOCIOLOGICAL IMAGINATION OF THE BETELNUT BY MARCIA OLKERIIL

Ms. Olkeriil focused on the socialization qualities of chewing betelnut. She began by stating the basic ingredients. Afterwards, she provided evidence of the economical benefits of chewing betelnut (e.g., a source of income for Palauans), its social qualities (e.g., an excuse to speak to someone), and its psychological effect as an energy booster. She contrasted these benefits with the disadvantages of not chewing betelnut.

HAI, WHY DO PALAUANS COMPLAIN SO MUCH? BY MARIAH LUND

Ms. Lund tackled the Palauan social practice of complaining. She identified the reasons behind the practice: personal habit, social belief, conversation starter, etc. On the other side of the complaining coin, Ms. Lund identified the importance of complaining particularly in learning cultural practices. In the end, she supported Palauans complaining because the act helps revolutionize and improve conditions in society.



ALUMNI NOTES

ATANACIA U. UBEDEI

(Class of 2006)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - EDUCATION; SPECIAL EDUCATION

"Young people, take advantage of the many learning opportunities and go to school. Education will open many doors for you! Attend PCC and experience a college environment before you decide to go abroad."



Atanacia graduated from PCC in 2006 with an AS Degree in Special Education. For 21 years, she has been the Special Education Teacher for Koror Elementary School.

JAYWIN YAROFALIYENG

(Class of 2012)

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE - ELECTRICAL TECHNOLOGY

"Keep up in school! School is the key to everything. You cannot survive without an education."



Jaywin graduated from PCC in 2012 with an AAS Degree in Electrical Technology. He currently works as a Tour Guide for the Palau Dive Adventures.

HELGAH NGIRCHOIMEI

(Class of 2012)

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE - AGRICULTURE

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13). For those of a riper age, learning doesn't have an age limit. Pursue your education to no ends. For the youth, study hard and do not give up. PCC is a step towards the future. Have courage and work hard for in the end it will all pay off. Don't be afraid to ask for help when you need it."



Helgah graduated in 2012 with an AAS Degree in Agriculture. She is a Pastor for the Apostolic Foundation Church in Airai. In addition, she spends her time as a stay-at-home mom/grandmother.

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library



LIBRARY CHRISTMAS SPECIAL December 16-21, 2013

PCC Library would like to inform the public that beginning December 16 to 21, we will be having our Amnesty Week. We want to welcome all patrons to return any library items (books, DVDs, etc.) back to the library and have their account cleaned. No matter how many years ago you checked it out, this is your chance to bring it back to the library during this week and we'll reduce your fines to ZERO! That's right, Z E R O. In addition, if your library card is inactive then the library staff will be happy to update and re-activate your library account.

Celebrating Birthdays

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December 08
December 09

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Vacancy Announcement

- (1) *English Instructor*
(Learning Resource Center)
Salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum
- (2) *Adjunct Instructors*
(Academic Affairs Office)
Salary range: determined by class credits, educational level, and experience.
- (3) *Dean of Academic Affairs*
(Academic Affairs Office)
Salary range: \$21,911 - \$33,730 per annum

For application forms and information, please contact *Harline Haruo* at **PCC Human Resources Office** at 488-2470/2471, extension 227.

E-mail hr@palau.edu or download forms at <http://pcc.palau.edu>

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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, or 253).

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