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Palau Community College

MESEKIU'S NEWS



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PCC Welcomes AVI Mathematics Development Adviser



(left to right): PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, Interim Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui, Mathematics Adviser Dr. Shelly Louise Dole, and Mr. Dole.

The Australian Volunteers International (AVI) recently dispatched Mathematics Education Development Adviser Dr. Shelly Louise Dole to assist the Ministry of Education and Palau Community College (PCC) improve the quality of mathematics teaching in Palau. She will also help build the capacity of Palauan teachers to deliver the Singapore Mathematics curriculum in schools around the island.

Dr. Dole's assistance falls under the Partnership Agreement between the government of Australia and the government of Palau, an agreement that aims to meet the education targets under Palau-Australia Bilateral Agreement.

New AVI Project Coordinator

On Wednesday, November 27, 2013 Palau Community College (PCC) President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and Interim Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui met with John Lawson and Emily Cormack. Mr. Lawson will be replacing Ms. Cormack as the Project Coordinator for the Pacific Technical Assistance Mechanism (PACTAM), an assistance program managed by the Australian Volunteers International (AVI).

PACTAM is an Australian government aid initiative. It responds to requests for technical assistance from Pacific governments and agencies by recruiting professionals from Australia and other countries for assignments. PACTAM deployees work with government ministries, statutory authorities, and Pacific regional organizations.



(left to right): Interim Dean Ramarui, Ms. Cormack, New AVI Project Coordinator Mr. Lawson, 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.

New Texas Tech University President



On December 11, 2013 an inauguration was held for the President of Texas Tech University Dr. M. Duane Nellis. Dr. Nellis was named the 16th President of Texas Tech University in March 2013 and assumed his duties in June. Palau Community

College (PCC) would like to congratulate President M. Duane Nellis on his achievement wishing him the best with all his endeavors.

Diangel Era Idederach Renovations



Diangel Era Idederach undergoing repairs and renovations.

The Palau Community College (PCC) dock (known as *Diangel Era Idederach*) is currently completing its renovations. PCC maintenance workers are expanding the roof to cover a larger portion of the dock. In addition, necessary repairs are being made to the dock house and sheltering section.

Diangel Era Idederach shelters the canoes being used by the PCC Navigation Class. The PCC Navigation Class is a course that teaches Micronesians the skills needed to navigate through the open water without the aid of modern devices. Navigation class students are taught the traditional navigation techniques such as noting the position of stars or observing sea and weather conditions.

PCC Welcomes New Staff Member

Palau Community College (PCC) would like to welcome Kristy U. Olkeriil. She graduated from PCC in 2008 with an Associate of Science (AS) Degree in Business Accounting. In 2009, she again graduated from PCC with an Associate of Arts (AA) Degree in Liberal Arts. Ms. Olkeriil is the new Accounts Payable Technician at PCC Finance.



Director Uroi Salii Reappointed to FIC



Palau Community College (PCC) would like to wish a belated congratulations to Director of Finance Uroi Salii for her reappointment to the Financial Institution Commission (FIC) Board of Directors. Director Salii holds a Master of Business Degree from the National Taiwan University and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from the University of Denver. She was first appointed to the FIC Board of Directors on October 2011 and served for two years before being reappointed.

Library Book Donation



On Tuesday, November 19, 2013, Tseng Ching Lan (Emma) donated thirteen books to the Tan Siu Lin Palau Community College (PCC) Library. The donation included information books about places such as New Zealand and Thailand. The PCC Library would like to thank Ms. Lan for her generous contribution!

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.

GUIDEPOSTS MAGAZINE



"Each monthly issue of Guideposts magazine contains numerous articles by people of all ages, races, and backgrounds recounting how their faith in God, or the wisdom of an older relative or mentor, has helped them through personal challenges. Monthly lead cover articles often feature the story of a noted entertainer, professional athlete, or other celebrity who rose from poverty."

Academic Calendar: Fall 2013

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.

PICRC Researcher Begins Master Program in Japan

contributed by the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC)



Victor Nestor, a Researcher at Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC), began a two year Masters of Science program in Okinawa International Marine Sciences Program at the University of the Ryukyus (UoR). The entrance ceremony was held on Friday, October 04, 2013 at University Plaza Building in UoR. It was attended by Mr. Nestor as well as students from Indonesia, Bangladesh, United States, Vietnam, and Sri Lanka.

Mr. Nestor was awarded a full scholarship to attend the Okinawa International Marine Sciences Program at the University of the Ryukyus (UoR). He will specialize in marine science, biology, and chemistry while working closely with his advisor, Dr. James Reimer (Associate Professor of Biology at UoR), to study the impact of coastal development on coral abundance and coverage. The two -year Master of Science Program will include coursework, seminar, and a thesis.

The scholarship is funded by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) as part of the *Palau Coral Reef and Island Ecosystem Project*, a collaborative project between PICRC and UoR. This scholarship funded by JICA supports the effort of PICRC to continually enhance and increase its staff capacity. PICRC is committed to the development of its staff and will continue to seek opportunities for its staff either by short term trainings or formal educational degree programs.

For more information about the research and programs of PICRC, visit www.picrc.org or "Like" PICRC on Facebook.

Family Caregiving Course Train-the-Trainer Workshop



February 10 -13, 2014

Venue: Palau Community College - Koror, Palau

AGENDA

DAY 1: General Principles of Adult Education

DAY 2: Lessons 1-4

DAY 3: Lessons 5-8

DAY 4: Marketing the Course

Purpose of Workshop:

Workforce development to have trainers conduct family caregiving courses across USAPI.

Costs:

Registration fees are waived. Participants are to make their own travel & hotel arrangements. To sign up, please e-mail Dr. Ritabelle Fernandes:

fernandes.ritabelle@gmail.com

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ALUMNI NOTES

KRISTY U. OLKERIIL

(Class of 2008; Class of 2009)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - BUSINESS ACCOUNTING (2008)

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS - LIBERAL ARTS (2009)

"Education is the key to success!"



Kristy graduated with an AS Degree in Business Accounting in 2008. She again graduated from PCC in 2009 with an AA Degree in Liberal Arts. She currently works as an Accounts Payable Technician for the PCC Business Office.

REBECCA NGIRAKLANG

(Class of 1978)

VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATE - GENERAL OFFICE CLERK

"If you study hard and succeed in school it will be easier for you to find a better job."



Rebecca received her certificate for General Office Clerk in 1978. She worked for the Ministry of Education for 30 years and has recently retired.

SETH TECHITONG

(Class of 2013)

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE - CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY

"School is a foundation for a better future. It doesn't matter how many mistakes you've made: you can correct failures and obtain success! Stay in school and say no to drugs."



Seth graduated in 2013 with an AAS Degree in Construction Technology. He now works for the Building & Zone Division of the Koror State Government.



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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 *Mesekii's News* issues.

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library



LIBRARY CHRISTMAS SPECIAL December 16-21, 2013

PCC Library would like to inform the public that from 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

Laura S. Mangham



December 15

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
- (4) *Two (2) Cooks*
(Administration Department)
Salary range: \$6,086 - \$10,408 per annum
- (5) *Health & Physical Education Instructor*
(Academic Affairs Office)
Salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (3) *Library Assistant*
(Tan Siu Lin PCC Library)
Salary range: \$6,086 - \$10,408 per annum
- (3) *Nursing Instructor*
(Academic Affairs Office)
Salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 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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INVEST IN THE FUTURE OF OUR STUDENTS, OUR COLLEGE, AND OUR NATION

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If you want to join the Biweekly Allotment Program, **contact us NOW!**

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