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MESEKIU'S NEWS



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Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society Ceremony



Newly inducted members of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society

Today, an induction ceremony was held for the newest members of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society - Beta Omicron Zeta Chapter. The ceremony was held at the Palau Community College (PCC) Assembly Hall. Present at the ceremony to witness the induction of honor society's newest members were PCC Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui, Dean of Students Daniel Sherman, and a number of PCC school officials. The audience was also full of proud family members and supportive friends.

A total of twenty-two students were inducted into the honor society: Allyn Kikuharu, Ayela D. Filibert, Binny Ueki, Ewing M. Rudimch, Derrick K. Alfonso, Dilmeang Ishim, Dizzette U. Dolmers, Happy Y. Fritz, Isabel-Emma Goodall, Jed M. Gibson, Keisha V. Willis, Kylie S. Kazuyuki, Masami Andreas, Mayleen Rdechor, Melvira K. Kazuma, Morton Sawaichi, Nancy M. Idesemang, Mariah B. Okada, Sheen R. Techur, Sheila J. Pedro, Sngbard Melairei, and Valerie Williams.

The honor society also swore-in new officers: Antoni Soalab-lai (President), Masami Andreas (Vice President), Ewing M. Rudimch (Secretary), and Emily Loughlin (Treasurer).

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society is an international honor society for two-year colleges. It recognizes the academic achievements of its members and provides opportunities for individual growth and development.

Former Faculty Member

Visits Palau Community College

On Friday, February 14, 2014 Palau Community College (PCC) was visited by former faculty member Dr. "Elilai" Rachana Agarwal. Dr. Agarwal taught mathematics at the college before returning to the United States to complete her education. During her time as an instructor, she also worked on her dissertation for her Anthropology Doctorate Degree from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences—Brandeis University.

Her dissertation was about the assertion of identity particularly of the youth culture, education, and nationalism in contemporary Palau. It focused on the construction of self-identity for young Palauans in relation to the influence of foreign countries, particularly the United States and its Compact of Free Association with Palau, and the cultural nationalism promoted by Palauan authority figures. DR. ELILAI, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3



Dr. Agarwal with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei.

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 Valentine's Day Bash



Valentine's Bash at the hut next to the PCC Health Resource Center.

A Valentine's Day Bash hosted by the Palau Community College (PCC) Health Resource Center was held on Friday, February 14, 2014. The Bash invited all to join in receiving freebies and participating in games. Those attending the Bash were given free services such as health information, health counseling, and health education. They were also given free testing for diseases such as HIV, STI, and TB. The Valentine's Bash was held at the summer house/hut next to the PCC Health Resource Center.

PICRC Host Environmental Marine Science Students from PCC

contributed by the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC)

Fabio Siksei and Kyah Remeliik are Environmental Marine Science Students from Palau Community College (PCC) currently working at the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC) as research interns. Their internship began on January 20, 2014 and will last for four months ending on May 09, 2014. During their internship, they will be conducting research projects. PICRC researchers will serve as mentors for the students.

Mr. Siksei is mentored by PICRC Researcher Lincoln Rehm. He is working on a project that focuses on conducting surveys in Ngardmau State to determine the status of current sea cucumber populations comparing data with the 2009 and the 2012 populations. The results of the study will determine whether sea cucumber populations of Ngardmau are recovering from the massive harvesting that occurred in the state in 2011.

Miss Remeliik is mentored by Dr. Julien Lorion, a Post-Doctorate Researcher at PICRC. Her study focuses on assessing the diversity of invertebrate species living on coral rubbles. Miss Remeliik focuses on small (~5mm) species of crustaceans, echinoderms, and mollusks. These animal groups have been poorly studied and the data-set being gathered will complement previous PICRC studies on fish and coral diversity. Miss Remeliik has been collecting samples from Nikko Bay, Ngelukes, Ngerdilukes, and Ngaremlengui State. She is currently comparing the distribution of species among these localities, shedding light on marine biodiversity in different habitats. PCC STUDENTS RESEARCH AT PICRC, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

Palau Community College San Diego State University (SDSU)

MASTER OF ARTS in PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

San Diego State University in partnership with Palau Community College (PCC) will be offering a Master of Arts Degree in Public Administration program scheduled to begin in Fall 2014. This proposed MA Cohort Program will enroll 25 to 30 eligible students.

Application Deadline: March 14, 2014

Interested Applicants can contact Dean Sherman Daniel at the following number:

488-2471 ext. 269

DAVID WILLIAMS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

**Applications available at the
PCC Development Office!**

Deadline: April 18, 2014

FIND PCC ONLINE FOR MORE INFORMATION



pcc.palau.edu



Palau Community College - PCC

BITS AND PIECES...

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

Hours of Operation

Monday to Friday 7:30AM - 7PM
Saturday 9AM - 6PM
Sunday CLOSED

For more information, call:
488-3540.

AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS:

ASIAN DIVER MAGAZINE



"With articles drawn from the world's best underwater journalists, photographers and academics specializing in Asia, Asian Diver Magazine was created for the serious diver with a passion for understanding, appreciating and preserving the natural beauty of our oceans."

Academic Calendar: Spring 2014

February 21 (F)

Last Day to Remove
Incomplete Grades for Fall 2013

March 03-07 (M-F)

Mid-Term Period

March 10-14 (M-F)

SPRING BREAK for STUDENTS!

March 14 (F)

Holiday:
YOUTH DAY!

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 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.

Dr. Elilai CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

From 2006 to 2009, Dr. Agarwal conducted fieldwork in relation to this subject. Through biographical interviews with students of local Palauan schools and observations of social settings, such as recreational activities and cultural ceremonies, Dr. Agarwal was able to illustrate how Palauan youth produce their own self-images in a time influenced by the foreign and by the traditional.

Dr. Agarwal is an anthropologist. She also works as an Education Program Specialist for Brandeis University.



Elilai with members of the PCC Faculty: (left to right) Samantha Bells, Midori Mersai, Dr. Elilai, Johvanna Yoach, and Margeline Buban.

PCC Students Research at PICRC CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

PICRC is happy to host students from PCC and support them in their field of study during their months of internship at the Center. The student interns at PICRC will not only learn about research and conservation, but their work will also contribute to knowledge and conservation efforts.

PICRC envisions people empowered with science and knowledge for effective marine conservation and management. Hosting of students will contribute to this vision. For more information about PICRC, visit <http://www.picrc.org> or "Like" PICRC on Facebook.



PICRC Researcher Lincoln Rehm introduces the species of invertebrates that PCC intern, Fabio Siksei, will be working with in his project.



PCC Intern Student, Kyah Remeliik, and PICRC mentor Dr. Julien Lorion are sorting out and identifying specimens from Ngerdiluches.

ALUMNI NOTES

WILLA ANTONIO

(Class of 2011)

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE - OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

"Study hard!"



Willa graduated in 2011 with an AAS Degree in Office Administration. She currently works as a Family Service Worker for the Palau Community Action Agency (PCAA).

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

JAMILLA VICENTE

(Class of 2007)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - T&H: HOTEL MANAGEMENT

"Pursue a career in education. This is a field that is most needed in Palau."



Jamilla graduated in 2005 with an AS Degree in Tourism & Hospitality: Hotel Management. Since April 2010, she's been working as a Business/English Teacher for Palau High School.



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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.

NOTICE TO GRADUATING STUDENTS

Prospective Graduates need to *complete forms* by
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2014.

!!! Pick-Up Forms at the Registrar & Records Office !!!

GOODWILL SOFTBALL LEAGUE

DATE

PCC GAME-LISTING:

TIME

February 22, 2014

KSG vs PCC

7:00 PM

March 03, 2014

MPIHC vs PCC

6:00 PM

March 07, 2014

KSG-RANGERS vs PCC

7:00 PM

March 10, 2014

PCC vs PPUC

8:00 PM

March 12, 2014

LAWMEN vs PCC

8:00 PM

March 19, 2014

PCC vs MOF

7:00 PM

Celebrating Birthdays

Rusky Remoket



February 24

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) Two (2) Cooks
(Administration Department)
Salary range: \$6,086 - \$10,408 per annum
- (4) 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>

PCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer

PCC Endowment Fund

INVEST IN THE FUTURE
OF OUR STUDENTS, OUR COLLEGE, AND OUR NATION

TO SUPPORT, CONTACT US TODAY!

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

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