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# Palau Community College

## MESEKIU'S NEWS



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Weekly Newsletter

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## Moments from the 51<sup>st</sup> PCC Commencement Exercises



*2014 Graduates of the Palau Community College - School of Arts & Sciences*

Palau Community College (PCC) celebrated its 51<sup>st</sup> Commencement Exercises last Friday, May 23, 2014. The ceremony was held at the PCC Cafeteria - Belochel Building and recognized the academic achievements of ninety-six (96) graduates.

The ceremony began with the marching in of graduates and officiators. Father Rusk Saburo of the Catholic Mission Church gave the benediction and was followed by the welcoming remarks of PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei. President Tellei welcomed everyone and recognized honored guests which included government officials from the Executive Branch and the Legislative Branch. Student Trustee Dizzette U. Dolmers introduced the commencement speaker, Dr. Yimnang Golbuu.

Dr. Golbuu is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC). He is the first Palauan scientist to receive a doctorate in marine science.

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### PCC Welcomes Professor Barnes

Palau Community College (PCC) would like to extend its warmest welcome to San Diego State University (SDSU) Professor Stephen F. Barnes. Professor Barnes is currently an Adjunct Professor of Education for the Department of Administration, Rehabilitation & Post-Secondary Education of the College of Education - San Diego State University.

He holds a Bachelors Degree in Philosophy from the University of California in Santa Barbara, a Masters Degree in Clinical Psychology from San Diego State University (SDSU), and a Doctrate Degree in Higher Education - Leadership and Policy Studies from the Unviersity of Oregon. Professor Barnes will be instructing students of the SDSU Bachelors Degree cohort at PCC.



*(left to right): Dean of Students Sherman Daniel, SDSU Professor Dr. Stephen F. Barnes, and PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei.*

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## Retreat of the Associate Students of PCC



*Members of ASPCC at their retreat on Ngchelobel island.*

The Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC) had a retreat on Saturday, May 17, 2014 at Ngchelobel Island. Members of ASPCC who participated in the retreat were President-Elect Benigno S. Sablan, Secretary Latricia B. Skiwo, Treasurer Ciara E. Haruo, Freshman Representative Ewing Rudimch, Sophomore Representative Luigi R. Ueki, Republic of the Marshall Islands Student Organization President Ronnie Thomas, Yap Student Organization President Lisa Sulog, and Chuuk Student Organization President Abraham Shirai.

Associate Professor William T. Mitchell and Bookstore Supervisor Gibson Towai accompanied the ASPCC members as advisors. Additional guests were also invited along for the trip.

During the retreat, the members of ASPCC reflected on the goals and plans they had set as officers of the student government. ASPCC members were given the opportunity to critique and analyze their past performance, especially in terms of teamwork. The main focus of the retreat was to create a stronger bond between the student leaders as well as share ideas for future improvements.

## Farewell to PCC Mandarin Instructor



*Mandarin students with Instructor Liu (front, second from the left).*

Palau Community College (PCC) bids a belated farewell to Miss Percy Liu (Pei Hsin Liu). Miss Liu was a volunteer Mandarin language instructor for the college. The students of her last class received their certificates of completion on May 08, 2014. PCC hosted a farewell luncheon for Miss Liu on May 12, 2014. Present at the luncheon were members of the PCC faculty and staff as well as PCC President Patrick U. Tellei. Embassy of the Republic of China Minister Joseph C. L. Ma was also present at the luncheon. PCC would like to thank Miss Percy Liu for her dedication and contributions to the college!

## Congratulations to Miss Ariel Subris!



*Development Office Staff with PCC Graduate Ariel Subris.*

The Palau Community College (PCC) Development Office would like to give a special congratulations to Miss Ariel Subris on completing her Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degree in Office Administration. While studying at PCC, Miss Subris was also a dedicated work-study student for the Development Office. Congratulations Ariel, we wish you only the best in all your future endeavors!

***Happy President's Day!***

**FROM THE PALAU COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES,  
PRESIDENT, FACULTY, STAFF,  
AND STUDENTS.**



## BITS AND PIECES...

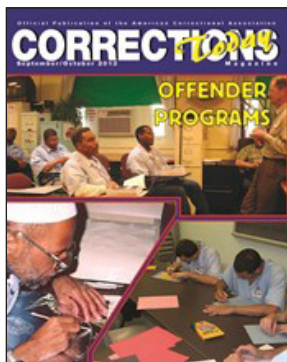
### Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

#### Hours of Operation

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

For more information, call:  
488-3540.

#### AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS: CORRECTIONS TODAY MAGAZINE



"Corrections Today Magazine is the professional membership publication of the American Correctional Association (ACA) published six times a year. Its international readership includes individuals involved in every sector of the corrections and criminal justice fields."

#### Academic Calendar: Summer 2014

##### June 01 (S)

Holiday: President' Day!  
(observed on Monday, June 02)

##### June 03-06 (T-F)

Late Registration  
Add/Drop Period

##### June 09-13 (M-F)

ID Card Processing

##### June 24-25 (T-W)

Mid-term Period

#### 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](mailto:dilubch@gmail.com) or [tchuziet@gmail.com](mailto:tchuziet@gmail.com).

Articles from MOC/PCC Alumni are also welcomed.

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

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In his speech, Dr. Golbuu reflected on his time spent as an instructor for Palau High School (PHS) and as a researcher for the PCC Cooperative Research & Extension (CRE) Department.

Through his personal experiences, Dr. Golbuu advised the students to study subjects that are in their range of interests. That simple curiosity in a subject will transform into passion which will motivate them and fuel productiveness in their lives. He also advised the students to apply their best effort in whatever they choose to do, especially when the days begin to feel routine. In the end, he reminded each graduate to remember where they began and to contribute to their communities in any way possible.

Nursing Program graduate Emily V. Loughin was given the honor of valedictorian. In her valedictory address, Ms. Loughlin congratulated her fellow graduates for their achievements at PCC. She encouraged the graduates to seize all the opportunities in life and to be thankful for all the support offered along the way.

The recognition of honors and awarding of degrees followed the speeches. After the ceremony concluded, President Tellei announced that the President of the Republic of Palau Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr. signed into law RPPL 9-22 (The Skilled Palauan Workforce Act). President Tellei then certified the graduates of the PCC vocational programs in accordance with the stature. Congratulations to all the Graduates of 2014 and best wishes to you in whatever paths you choose!



School of Business - Class of 2014



School of Technical Education - Class of 2014



PCC Adult High School - Class of 2014



Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

## ALUMNI NOTES

### JOSEPH ANASTACIO

(Class of 2014)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

*"Attend PCC! It gives you the opportunity to learn and apply skills that will help you contribute to your community."*



Joseph recently graduated with an AS Degree in Information Technology. He plans to continue his education studying Computer Science at the University of Hawaii in Hilo or Manoa.

### SYLVIA TMODRANG

(Class of 1999)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

*"I encourage children to go to school. However difficult life may become, continue to learn! Get at least a college education so you can create a better future for yourself."*



Sylvia graduated with an AS Degree in Office Administration. She interned at the Environmental Health Division of the Ministry of Health. Ms. Tmodrang also worked as a Health Inspector. Currently, she is an Environmental Health Technician for the Ministry of Health.

### VILLIAH R. NGIRMEKUR

(Class of 2010)

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS - LIBERAL ARTS

*"If there is a will, then there is a way,"*



Villiah graduated with an AA Degree in Liberal Arts. She continued her education at the University of Hawaii in Hilo where she studied Economics. Ms. Ngirmekur currently works as a Committee Staff member for Senator Surangel Whipps, Jr.



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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.

## Continuing Education's Summer Kids Program 2014

### CLASSES TO BE OFFERED:

Math (3rd to 8th Grade)

English Reading & Writing (3rd to 8th Grade)

Palauan Orthography (3rd to 8th Grade)

Marine Science (6th to 8th Grade)

These classes are on a first come, first serve basis. Maximum number of students is 20 for each class. If anyone is interested or if you want to know more information about these classes, please call Ms. Anna Ngiraklei or Ms. Leona Blaluk: 488-6223.

Classes will begin on JUNE 09 until JULY 04, 2014.

Last Day for Registration is JUNE 04, 2014.

## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

- (1) English Instructor  
(Learning Resource Center - Student Services)  
salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum
- (2) Nursing Instructor  
(Academic Affairs Division)  
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (3) Instructional Assistant, Construction Technology  
(Academic Affairs Division)  
salary range: \$8,991 - \$15,378 per annum
- (4) Small Engine Instructor  
(Academic Affairs Division)  
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (5) Education Program Instructor  
(Academic Affairs Division)  
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (6) Tourism & Hospitality Instructor  
(Academic Affairs Division)  
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (7) Adjunct Instructors  
(Academic Affairs Division)  
salary range: determined by class credits, educational level, and experience
- (8) Dormitory Manager  
(Student Services)  
salary range: \$12,049 - \$20,607 per annum
- (9) Student Activities Specialist  
(Recreation - Student Life Division)  
salary range: \$8,155 - \$13,948 per annum
- (10) Cook  
(Cafeteria - Administration Department)  
salary range: \$6,086 - \$10,408 per annum
- (11) Part-Time Teachers  
(PCC Adult High School)  
salary range: \$980 - \$1,350 per annum
- (12) Academic Advisor/Counselor  
(PCC Talent Search Office)  
salary range: \$16,000 - \$19,000 per annum
- (13) English Instructor  
(PCC Upward Bound)  
salary range: \$400 - \$800 biweekly
- (14) Foreign Language Instructor  
(PCC Upward Bound)  
salary range: \$400 - \$800 biweekly
- (15) Math Instructor  
(PCC Upward Bound)  
salary range: \$400 - \$800 biweekly
- (16) Academic Tutors  
(PCC Upward Bound)  
salary range: \$200 - \$350 biweekly

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](mailto:hr@palau.edu) or download forms at

<http://pcc.palau.edu>

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## Celebrating Birthdays

Frutoso Tellei

Leonard Ngiramengior



June 02

June 04

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

## PCC Endowment Fund

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OF OUR STUDENTS, OUR COLLEGE, AND OUR NATION

**TO SUPPORT, CONTACT US TODAY!**

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If you want to join the Bi-weekly Allotment Program, contact us NOW!

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