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MESEKIU'S NEWS



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PCC Instructors Complete Math Education Workshop



(left to right): Instructor Nobby Enano, Associate Professor Maria Joseph, Instructional Assistant Volette S. Polloi, Instructor Lester Relemesik, Instructor Rogelio G. Santos, Dr. Shelley Dole, Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui, and Associate Professor Margeline V. Buban.

A group of Palau Community College (PCC) instructors participated in a mathematics education workshop taught by Mathematics Education Development Advisor Dr. Shelley Louise Dole. Dr. Dole, a volunteer of the Australian Volunteers International (AVI), is assisting Palau in improving its quality of mathematics teaching. She is also helping build the capacity for local teachers in delivering the Singapore Mathematics curriculum in local schools.

The workshop was hosted at the Palau Royal Resort (PRR). It was funded by the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID). On May 29, 2014 the following instructors received their certifications of completion: Associate Professor Margeline V. Buban, Associate Professor Maria Joseph, Instructional Assistant Volette S. Polloi, Instructor Rogelio G. Santos, Instructor Lester Relemesik, and Instructor Nobby Enano.

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 Hosts Breadfruit Workshop

A breadfruit workshop was hosted at the Continuing Education (CE) Training Room of Palau Community College (PCC) on May 16, 2014. The breadfruit workshop introduced the idea of breadfruit production as a source of income for the Pacific islands.

Presenters at the workshop included Dr. Failautusi Avegalio (Director of the Pacific Business Center Program and Executive Director of the Honolulu Minority Business Enterprise Center of the Shidler College of Business Administration – University of Hawaii in Manoa), Reverend M. Kalani Souza, Craig Elevitch (Director of the Agroforestry Net, Inc.), Dr. C. L. Chester (Senior Business Development Manager for the Pacific Business Center Program), and Ivan Blanco (Coordinator for the Breadfruit Initiative in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands).

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Participants of the breadfruit workshop hosted at Palau Community College.

Palau PACC Core Group Meet at PCC



Core group members of the Palau PACC Project.

The core group members of the Palau Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change (PACC) Project held a meeting at the Continuing Education (CE) Training Room of Palau Community College (PCC) on May 27, 2014. Palau PACC Project is a multi-agency/cross-sectoral initiative spearheaded by the Cooperative Research & Extension (CRE) Department of PCC.

The objectives of the Palau PACC Core Group include researching and identifying salt-tolerant taro varieties; developing adaptation measures that address climate change impacts and enhance/improve food production in taro and other crop farming (these measures are meant to increase agriculture production areas that have been inundated by salt water and upland areas traditionally not farmed); improving aquaculture production to re-stock decreasing marine and wild stocks; supporting the development of aquaculture trade and market for local farmers (aquarium trade and tourism consumption); developing and introducing value-added local products to increase economic opportunities for communities and offer a variety of local substitutes for imported/processed foods; forming social marketing campaigns (aimed at schools and parents in order to widen the public campaign) to promote the purchase and consumption of local products; and helping to establish an enabling environment for agricultural and aquacultural production, food security, and local consumption that addresses local health issues.

Currently, the group is developing a National Strategy for Climate Resilient Agriculture and Aquaculture (NSCRAA) that will be integrated in Palau's climate change policy. CRE Vice President Thomas Taro is the chairperson of the Palau PACC Group.

Upward Bound - Summer Orientation



Students attending the Upward Bound Summer Orientation.

An orientation was held at the Palau Community College (PCC) Assembly Hall on Tuesday, June 03, 2014 for the summer session of the Upward Bound Program. Upward Bound Project Director Kuye Belelai, Assistant Project Director Hellen Imanuel, and Academic Coordinator/Advisor Larry Wakakoro met with the students to provide information about the summer program's activities. The Upward Bound Summer Program provides classes, work-study assignments, workshops, counseling, and academic advising to its participants. Classes available include English, mathematics, and Japanese (foreign language class). About a hundred students are participating in this year's summer program.

New Endowment Fund Contributors!



Newest Endowment Fund Contributors - Bank of Guam

Palau Community College (PCC) would like to recognize the newest contributors to its Endowment Fund: the employees of Bank of Guam. Thank you, Bank of Guam employees, for your generous support! Your contributions will help ensure the future financial stability of Palau's only institute of higher education as well as its longevity for future generations.

BITS AND PIECES...

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

Hours of Operation

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

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Academic Calendar: Summer 2014

June 09-13 (M-F)

ID Card Processing

June 24-25 (T-W)

Mid-term Period

July 04 (F)

Last Day for All Withdrawals

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.

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Breadfruit Workshop CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

In attendance were members and representatives of the Farmers Association, the National Development Bank of Palau (NDBP), the Belau Tourism Association (BTA), the Taiwan Technical Mission, the Palau Small Business Development Center (SBDC), and the Bureau of Agriculture. Representatives from the Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment & Tourism (NRET) were also present at the workshop.

The initiative introduced the idea of commercializing breadfruit on an industrial scale in the Pacific for exportation. Breadfruit is a gluten-free product. Gluten-free food products are popular in food markets around the world. By tapping into the trend, the Pacific region can mass produce breadfruit or its by-products (e.g., breadfruit flour or insecticide) profiting from the products' demand. In addition to its marketing possibility, the breadfruit production can also be used for food security in case of natural disasters.

The workshop opened with the welcoming remarks of PCC Vice President of Administration & Finance Jay Olegeriil. Vice President Olegeriil was followed by the opening remarks of Reverend M. Kalani Souza. Participants were then introduced to the production possibilities of breadfruit.

CNMI Coordinator Blanco presented the progress of the breadfruit initiative in Saipan. He was followed Dr. Avegalio who provided further explanation about the breadfruit production plan while his associates gave testimony about the initiative and its experiences in Hawaii. A local demonstration of the breadfruit product was given by Dr. Lydia M. Marero, a researcher and food technologist for the Cooperative Research & Extension (CRE) Department of PCC.

Participants also learned about propagation from tissue culture of breadfruit plantlets. The propagation method was developed through the research of Dr. Susan Murch. It allows thousands of breadfruit plantlets to be produced in the lab and shipped to farmers anywhere in the world. In addition, the harvest time cycle of the breadfruit plant is cut in half allowing the plants to bear fruit in two to three years instead of seven years. An exercise in propagation by air-layer was led by Reverend Souza and Director Elevitch.

A questions & answers segment was at the close of the workshop ending with the remarks of PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei.



Participants examining a breadfruit sample.



A demonstration of the air-layer propagation.

ALUMNI NOTES

VALERIA K. RENGULBAI

(Class of 2009; Class of 2012)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - EDUCATION: EARLY CHILDHOOD
ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - EDUCATION: ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

"Palau is in need of teachers. Attend PCC, learn the value of an education, and contribute to our future."



Valeria graduated in 2009 with an AS Degree in Education: Early Childhood. She attended PCC again and graduated with an AS Degree in Elementary Education. She currently works as a Classroom Teacher for Koror Elementary School.

MIRANDA EBAS

(Class of 2014)

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE - LIBRARY & INFO. SERVICES

"Don't give up on your education. Whatever happens, continue to learn until you get that college degree."



Miranda recently graduated with an AAS Degree in Library & Information Services. She is currently interning at the Tan Siu Lin PCC Library.

ROMSON REMOKET

(Class of 1999; Class of 2011)

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS - LIBERAL ARTS
BACHELORS DEGREE - EDUCATION

"Study hard, stay in school, and don't be left behind!"



Romson graduated in 1999 with an AA Degree in Liberal Arts. He received his Bachelors Degree in Education from the San Diego State University (SDSU) cohort at PCC. Mr. Remoket is a Teacher for George B. Harris Elementary 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 *Mesekei's News* issues.

The Palau Community College (PCC) Board of Trustees, President, Faculty, Staff, and Students would like to wish all the Fathers in Palau a...



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

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Celebrating Birthdays

Raven S. Kloulubak	June 14
Alex Gachalian	June 16
Midori Mersai	June 18
Lester Rekemesik	June 19



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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