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# MESEKIU'S NEWS

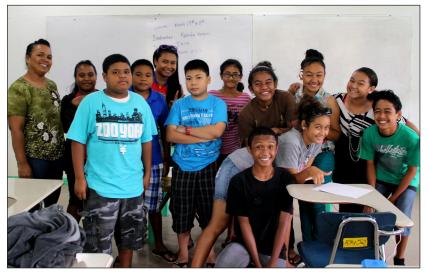


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Weekly Newsletter

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## 2014 Summer Kids Program Concludes



7th and 8th grade summer program students with their teacher, Norma Mersai.

Friday, July 04, 2014 was the last day of classes for students participating in the Palau Community College (PCC) - Continuing Education (CE) Summer Kids Program for 2014. Students who completed the summer program were presented with certificates. A total of 137 students from elementary schools across Palau participated in this year's program.

The Summer Kids Program offers classes to students of all levels of elementary school. This year, the summer program classes focused on the subjects of mathematics, English reading, English writing, Palauan orthography, and marine science. Each class was designed to provide education activities for the students that will enhance their abilities and improve their skills in the subject areas. The classes also helped the participating students develop new skills and interests.

Teachers for this year's summer program were Miriam Anastacio, Judson Butelbai, Kalista Rafael, and Norma Mersai. Participating students were also taught by guest instructors about aspects of the Palauan culture, such as traditional chants and spear-making. The summer program classes began on Monday, June 09, 2014. Summer Kids Program 2014, Continued on Page 3

## Representative from Asian Development Bank Visits PCC

On Friday, July 04, 2014 a representative from the Asian Development Bank visited Palau Community College (PCC). During her visit, Luisa Zuñiga-Carmine met with PCC students in order to gauge the necessity of a fiber optic cable connection in Palau. She asked the students to pin-point the positive and negative effects of fiber optic cables on the island. Students commented about the communication benefits of the fiber optic connection, especially in terms of education, and the possible negative impact it might have on tradition and culture.

The submarine fiber optic cable project will be funded by the Asian Development Bank and the World Bank. Palau will share the fiber optic cable connection with the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM). Investment in the fiber optic cable is expected to greatly improve communication, especially with the outside world.



PCC students with Luisa Zuñiga-Carmine from the Asian Development Bank.

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.

#### Pre-Registration Week for Fall 2014



A student meeting with her counselor during pre-registration day.

Continuing students from the Palau Community College (PCC) Spring 2014 and Summer 2014 semesters had pre-registration sessions this week. On Monday, July 07, 2014 and Tuesday, July 08, 2014, students met with their counselors at the Student Life Office to prepare for the upcoming fall term. During their meeting with the counselors, continuing students updated their educational goals at PCC and chose classes for the new semester. Continuing students who registered for their fall semester also received their official class schedules for the new term.

Students who missed the pre-registration dates must wait until the regular Fall 2014 registration scheduled for Monday, August 11, 2014 through Wednesday, August 13, 2014.

### \*Condolences\*

Palau Community College (PCC) would like to express its deepest condolences to Director of Development Tchuzie Tadao who is facing the untimely passing of his sister, Leslie N. Meltel.

PCC would also like to express its condolences to Upward Bound Administrative Assistant Keith Ignacio who is facing the untimely passing of his sister Marjorie F. Ignacio.

We express our deepest sympathies for your losses. You are both in our thoughts and prayers.

#### PIPER Summit: EpiTech Data Training



Participants of the EpiTech Training having a de-stressing session.

Another training session under the second Pacific Islands Preparedness and Emergency Response (PIPER) Summit was held at the Palau Community College (PCC) Assembly Hall from June 30, 2014 to July 04, 2014. The EpiTech Data for Decision Making: Disease Outbreak Surveillance & Response Training was facilitated by instructors from the Pacific Islands Health Officers' Association (PIHOA), the Palau Ministry of Health (MOH), the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention (US CDC), the United States Association of State & Territorial Health Officials (US ASTHO), and the World Health Organization (WHO).

A total of nineteen (19) people from Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), Yap, Pohnpei, the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC), and Palau participated in the EpiTech Training. EpiTech Training, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

#### **CHUUK STUDENT ORGANIZATION**

The Chuuk Student Organization (CSO) of Palau Community College (PCC) is soliciting requests for work as a means of raising funds for its students' activities. Requests may include miscellaneous duties, such as yard cleaning or similar work. If you are interested in hiring the Chuuk Student Organization, please contact Dickson Utha at the PCC Dormitories.

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Dickson Utha tel: 488-3074 (PCC Dormitories)

#### **BITS AND PIECES...**

#### Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

#### **Hours of Operation**

Monday to Friday 7:30<sub>AM</sub> - 7<sub>PM</sub>
Saturday 9<sub>AM</sub> - 6<sub>PM</sub>
Sunday CLOSED

For more information, call: 488-3540.

## AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS: CYCLE WORLD MAGAZINE



"Cycle World Magazine began in 1962. The is the largest motorcycle magazine in the world. Featured articles cover topics about different motorcycle companies, motorcycling events, and motorcycle user careadvice."

#### Academic Calendar: Summer 2014

**July 11 (F)**Last Day of Instruction

July 14-16 (M-W)
Final Examination Period

August 11-13 (M-W)
Regular Registration Period

#### **News/Stories Wanted**

Mesekiw'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.

#### Summer Kids Program 2014 CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1



Summer Kids Program participants learning Palauan spear-making.



Participants of the Summer Kids Program learning Palauan chants.



Summer Kids Program participants with their teacher, Judson Butelbai.



3rd to 4th Grade summer program students with their teacher, Miriam Anastacio.

#### EpiTech Training continued from Page 2

The participants included public health preparedness program officers, EpiNet team members, and United States Association of Professional Investigators (USAPI) health staff with data-related jobs.

During the training, the EpiNet teams were reinvigorated in the USAPI through the building of knowledge and skills of members and linking emergency preparedness program officers to disease outbreak teams in their jurisdictions. Participants also strengthen their capacities as teams through the development of standard operating procedures for routine communicable disease surveillance at a jurisdiction level. Those involved in the EpiTech Data Training were also trained to build a midlevel EpiTech track to complement the advanced applied epidemiology training to be offered within the region through the Pacific SHIP/ Field Epidemiology Training (FETP) Fellowship Program.

#### FACULTY-SENATE ASSOCIATION (FSA) SCHOLARSHIP

#### SCHOOL YEAR 2014-2015

The Faculty-Senate Association (FSA) Scholarship for the school year 2014-2015 is now available! Application forms can be picked up at the Development Office.

more information, call 488-2470/2471 ext. 253



DEADLINE: JULY 31, 2014



#### ALUMNI NOTES

#### PUALANI KESIIL ARBEDUL

(Class of 2008)

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE - OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

"Education is the greatest investment. So invest in your education while it's your time and enjoy the rest."



Pualani graduated in 2008 with an AAS Degree in Office Administration. She currently works as an Administrative Assistant for the Bureau of Public Safety.

#### MAYLO B. ASANUMA

(Class of 2013) ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE - OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

"Stay in school. Study hard!"



Maylo graduated in 2013 with an AAS Degree in Office Administration. She now works for the Protected Areas Network (PAN) Fund.

#### Rois Nakamura

(Class of 2013)

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE - OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

"Education is the key to a successful future career."



Rois graduated in 2013 with an AAS Degree in Office Administration. She works for the Bureau of Budget & Planning.



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 Mesekíu's News issues.

#### Newest Contributor to the PCC Endowment Fund



Palau Community College would like to recognize its newest Endowment Fund contributor, Sione Kolini Leini Fakatou. Mr. Fakatou is the New Counselor for the PCC Adult High School. Thank you, Mr. Fakatou, for your generous contribution to the PCC Endowment Fund! Your generosity will help fund future programs as well as sustain the future of Palau's only institute of higher learning.

#### **Celebrating Birthdays**

July 11

July 12

July 14

July 15

July 16

July 17

Sesario Sewralur Norma Etibek Hilda N. Reklai Lesley Adachi Sheryl P. Bedana Don Hanser

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

#### VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

- 1) Nursing Instructor (Academic Affairs Division) salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (2) Instructional Assistant, Construction Technology (Academic Affairs Division) salary range: \$8,991 - \$15,378 per annum
- (3) Small Engine Instructor (Academic Affairs Division) salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (4) Education Program Instructor (Academic Affairs Division) salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (5) Tourism & Hospitality Instructor (Academic Affairs Division) salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (6) Adjunct Instructors (Academic Affairs Division) salary range: determined by class credits, educational level, and experience
- (7) Cook (Cafeteria - Administration Department) salary range: \$6,086 - \$10,408 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

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OF OUR STUDENTS, OUR COLLEGE, AND OUR NATION

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e-mail: tellei@palau.edu

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

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