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# Palau Community College MESEKIU'S NEWS



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Weekly Newsletter

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## Upward Bound Holds 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Graduation Banquet



*High School Graduates receiving Upward Bound Certificates.*

The 31<sup>st</sup> Graduation Banquet for the Upward Bound TRiO Program was held at the Palau Community College (PCC) Assembly Hall on Thursday, July 10, 2014. Present at the banquet were the participants of the Upward Bound Program as well as the recent high school graduates who have completed the program.

The banquet began with opening remarks from Upward Bound Director Kuye Belelai. She was followed by the awarding of certificates to senior participants of the program who are moving on to higher educational pursuits. Afterwards, the students had a presentation showcasing their summer Japanese language class learning outcomes. Upward Bound would like to congratulate its senior participants and wish them all the best of luck with their future learning endeavors.

Upward Bound provides fundamental support and opportunities for participants to succeed in their pre-college preparation and ultimately their higher education pursuits. It serves high school students from low-income families and students from families in which neither parent holds a bachelors degree. Over a hundred students participated in this year's Upward Bound Summer Program.

*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.*

### 15<sup>th</sup> Science Student Symposium

On Thursday, July 11, 2014, Victor Rechirei gave a presentation at the Palau Community College (PCC) Tan Siu Lin Library. The presentation was a part of the 15<sup>th</sup> PCC Science Student Symposium. Mr. Rechirei had spent his last semester at PCC conducting an environmental research at the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC). Under the tutorship of researchers at the facility, Mr. Rechirei conducted a scientific analysis of climate change and its impact on the environment of Palau.

The PCC Science Student Symposium is an annual presentation of the researches and projects conducted by students under the science programs of the college. Three students (Kyah M. Remeliik, Fabio Siksei, and Joseph Anastacio) who also participated in this year's science symposium held their presentations on Thursday, May 15, 2014 at the PCC Assembly Hall.



*Victor Rechirei presenting during the 15<sup>th</sup> annual PCC Science Symposium.*



## PAL Lifetime Achievement Award

contributed by the Tan Siu Lin PCC Library



*PAL hosted surprise dinner for Jane Barnwell at Sarah's Yum-Yum.*

The Palau Association of Libraries (PAL) thanked Jane Barnwell by presenting her with their Lifetime Achievement Award on Saturday, June 14, 2014. Representatives from PAL and workers from local libraries hosted a surprise dinner at Sarah's Yum-Yum in honor of Ms. Barnwell. In attendance were Jane's husband and son, Speaker of the 8<sup>th</sup> Olbiil Era Kelulau (OEK) - House of Delegates Noah Idechong and his wife, and Jane's longtime friend Dr. Victor M. Yano. PAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

## Development Office Thanks Helpers



*(left to right): Yalap Bai, Mary Wiley, and Cher Tellei.*

The Palau Community College (PCC) Development Office would like to give special thanks and recognition to its summer helpers: Yalap Bai (Summer Work Experience Program), Mary Catherine Wiley (Upward Bound Program), and Cher Tellei (Upward Bound Program). The three workers were exceptionally helpful in distributing the college newsletter and assisting in office work. Thank you three for the great help!

## CRISP Participants Tour PCC

A group of students from different high schools in Palau toured the campus of Palau Community College (PCC) on Friday, July 11, 2014. The students were participating in a two-week summer program called College Readiness Institute Summer Program (CRISP). CRISP is sponsored by the Ministry of Education and began on June 30, 2013. The program aims to prepare high school students for college life by providing useful college information. It also teaches the participating students necessary college skills.

The students met at the PCC Assembly Hall for a short presentation about the different aspects of the college. Dean of Students Sherman Daniel began with opening remarks followed by a brief explanation about the admissions process of the college. He was followed by Student Life Director Hilda N. Reklai who discussed the college's counseling services and other programs/services under Student Life. CRISP, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3



*Dean of Students Sherman Daniel with CRISP participants.*

## 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 7:30AM - 7PM  
Saturday 9AM - 6PM  
Sunday CLOSED

For more information, call:  
488-3540.

#### AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS:

##### DISCOVER MAGAZINE



"Discover Magazine provide information about the captivating developments in science, medicine, technology, and the world around us."

### Academic Calendar: Fall 2014

#### August 11-13 (M-W)

Regular Registration Period

#### August 14-15 (TH-F)

Late Registration Period

#### August 18 (M)

First Day of Instruction

### Mesekiu's News: Corrections

**Mesekiu's News Vol. 16, Issue 28** mistakenly named the Summer Kids Program Teacher featured on its front page photo as Norma Mersai. She is actually Kalista Rafael. *Mesekiu's News* apologizes for the error.

### 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.

## PAL Achievement Award CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

Speaker Idechong and PAL President Imengel Mad presented Ms. Barnwell with the Lifetime Achievement Award plaque, which read: "This Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to Jane Barnwell in recognition and appreciation for your years of dedication and service to Palau Association of Libraries (PAL). Your exceptional leadership and many contributions to PAL over the years is an inspiration to us all. Ke Kmal Mesulang!"

In honor of the occasion and in support of PAL, Speaker Idechong and his wife presented a check for \$250 to the organization. All PAL members thank them for their upstanding example and kind generosity!

Jane Barnwell first came to Palau in 1991 and was instrumental in establishing the Marine Resource Library. While at the library, she met and worked with Speaker Idechong. From 1994 to 2000, Ms. Barnwell served as Librarian at PCC. In 1994, she and others interested in strong libraries for Palau founded PAL. Even after joining Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL) in Hawaii, she continued to advocate for Palau libraries through grants and workshops such as the recent LEAP Program, a grant program enabling library workers throughout Micronesia to obtain their masters in library science degrees.

Ms. Barnwell has even shown her continued commitment to supporting Palau libraries by paying ten years' worth of PAL membership dues. Library workers throughout Palau praise Ms. Barnwell for her skills and accomplishments, show their gratitude for her generosity toward libraries, and wish her the best of luck for the future!

## CRISP CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

Isumechraard Ngirairikl followed with an explanation of the Learning Resource Center (LRC) and the services it offers PCC students, such as counseling and tutoring. After Ms. Ngirairikl, the Director of Library Services David Thompson provided a brief explanation about the information and services available at the Tan Siu Lin PCC Library. Dean Daniel ended the presentation with a short description of the different academic programs offered at the college.

After the presentation, the CRISP participants were led on a tour of the college campus by the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPC) President Benigno S. Sablan.

### FACULTY-SENATE ASSOCIATION (FSA) SCHOLARSHIP

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

### MERLY REMOKET

(Class of 2012)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - T&H: HOTEL MANAGEMENT

*"In all that you do: aim high!"*



Merly graduated in 2012 with an AS Degree in Tourism & Hospitality: Hotel Management. In 2013, she completed training at the 19<sup>th</sup> Law Enforcement Academy. Ms. Remoket now works as an Officer I for the Customs Division.

### FABIO SIKSEI

(Class of 2014)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - ENVIRONMENTAL/MARINE SCIENCE

*"Study hard and never give up!"*



Fabio recently graduated with an AS Degree in Environmental/Marine Science. After interning at the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC), he was hired as a Research Assistant for the Palau Coral Reef and Island Ecosystem Project (P-CoRIE).

### CIARA E. HARUO

(Class of 2014)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - BUSINESS ACCOUNTING

*"Study hard because it's never too late to learn."*



Ciara graduated in May 2014 with an AS Degree in Business Accounting. She interned at the Pacific Family Medical Clinic. Ms. Haruo will continue her education at the Eastern Oregon University where she will further her studies in the field of accounting.



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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.

## Newest Contributor to the PCC Endowment Fund



Palau Community College would like to recognize its newest Endowment Fund contributor, Romeo Reddin. Mr. Reddin works as a Marshal for the Marshals Division of the Palau Supreme Court. Thank you, Mr. Reddin, for your generous contribution to Palau's only institute of higher learning! Your donation will help sustain the future stability of Palau Community College.

### Celebrating Birthdays

Jalavenda P. Osima	July 20
Husto Uleghchong	July 20
Tennyson Cason	July 21
Grace Merong	July 22
Rehabeam Madlutk	July 23



**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](mailto:hr@palau.edu) or download forms at <http://pcc.palau.edu>

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## PCC Endowment Fund

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OF OUR STUDENTS, OUR COLLEGE, AND OUR NATION

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

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