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MESEKIU'S NEWS



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STEP-UP Students Prepare for Research Presentations



(left to right): STEP-UP Mentor Benia Secuya, Ives O. Rdialul (Belau Modekngei School), Nicole K. Gabriel (Palau High School), Howard R. Charles, Jr. (Emmaus High School), and STEP-UP Mentor Dr. Christopher Kitalong.
Not in picture: Turang D. Rengiil (Palau High School).

The four high school students participating in the Short-Term Research Experience for Underrepresented Persons (STEP-UP) Summer Research Program are currently completing their research projects. Since the beginning of the summer, the students have been conducting their researches under the mentorship of Belau Modekngei School Science Teacher Benia Secuya and Dr. Christopher Kitalong.

Two of the students, Nicole K. Gabriel from Palau High School and Ives O. Rdialul from Belau Modekngei School, will present the results of their summer researches at the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases STEP-UP Scientific Symposium in Washington, D.C.

Ms. Gabriel conducted research on the science education of Palau. She focused on the qualifications of the high school science teachers, especially their understanding of science concepts. Mr. Rdialul focused his study on diabetes. He studied the causes of diabetes in Palau, such as lifestyle changes, and analyzed whether the importation of goods have had a drastic impact on the health condition of the island. STEP-UP PROGRAM, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

Chuuk Education Officials Meet With PCC Students

On Friday, July 18, 2014 the Chuukese students of Palau Community College (PCC) met with the Chuuk Director of Education Gardenia Aisek-Macayaon and Chuuk Chief of School Support Paulina Yourupi-Sandy. The meeting was held at the Continuing Education (CE) Training Room of the college. Also present at the meeting was PCC Dean of Students Sherman Daniel. Director Aisek-Macayaon and Chief Yourupi-Sandy met with the students to discuss job recruitments and opportunities currently available on the state of Chuuk in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM).



Students and Dean Daniel with the Chuuk Director of Education and the Chief of School Support.

PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE



WOULD LIKE TO
WELCOME ALL
DELEGATIONS TO THE

45TH PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM!

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.

Upward Bound Thanks to Agencies

The TRiO Upward Bound Program would like to thank the following agencies and businesses for sponsoring their students for the summer: Belau National Museum, Catholic Mission Office, Civil Service Pension Plan, Jezrrae, Koror Elementary School (KES), Ministry of Justice (MOJ) - Bureau of Public Safety, Ministry of Education (MOE) - Bureau of Education, Ministry of Education (MOE) - Curriculum & Instructional, 9th Olbiil Era Kelulau (OEK) - House of Delegates, Office of the Public Auditor, Palau Language Commission, Palau National Youth Council, Palau Community Action Agency (PCAA), Palau Wave Radio, and the Palau Postal Service.

Upward Bound also extends its thanks to the following departments and offices of Palau Community College (PCC): Accreditation Office, Bookstore, Business Office, Cafeteria, Continuing Education, Day Care, Development Office, Human Resources, Tan Siu Lin Library, Maintenance Office, the Registrar's Office, Student Life, Talent Search, and Adult High School.

Over a hundred students participated in this year's Upward Bound Summer Program. Upward Bound thanks you all for your accomodating our students and providing each with valuable work experiences.

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)

PCC Student Completes Internship

contributed by the Palau International Coral Reef Center

Victor Rechirei, an Environmental/Marine Science student from Palau Community College (PCC), recently completed his internship/field studies class at the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC). His internship began on June 03, 2014 and ended on July 11, 2014. Mr. Rechirei conducted a research project under the mentorship of Dr. Takashi Kawai, a post-doctoral fellow dispatched by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) who is involved with the Palau Coral Reef Island Ecosystems (P-CoRIE) Project.

Mr. Rechirei's project focused on his perspective of climate change effects on the marine environment. He collected temperature measurements from several locations including Nikko Bay, Malakal Harbor, German Channel, Ngemelis, and three tanks (the Mangrove Tank, the Inner-Reef Tank, and the Outer-Reef Tank) from the PICRC Palau Aquarium. Mr. Rechirei used an instrument called the AAQ Multi-Parameter Water Quality sensor to measure the temperature, pH level, salinity, dissolved oxygen, and turbidity of each area. His research suggests that climate change has at least increased surface temperature.

PICRC is thrilled to have hosted and supported the field study of Mr. Rechirei this summer. The results of his internship will support future environmental studies as well as contribute to conservation knowledge and efforts. PICRC aims to empower people with science and knowledge in support of effective marine conservation and management. By hosting students, PICRC fulfills this vision. For more information, visit www.picrc.org or "Like" PICRC on Facebook.



Victor Rechirei (left) with his mentor Dr. Takashi Kawai (right).

BITS AND PIECES...

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

Hours of Operation

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

For more information, call:
488-3540.

AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS: FINE GARDENING MAGAZINE



"Each issue of *Fine Gardening Magazine* contains handy tips from fellow readers describing tricks they've learned to save time or money while enhancing their gardens. The magazine also includes a section that describes new or unusual plants and the best climates and conditions for growing them."

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

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.

STEP-UP Program CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

The Pacific STEP-UP Program is a component of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK). Through the program, NIDDK aims to encourage research related to health issues plaguing the communities of underrepresented racial or ethnical groups. The program especially encourages research conducted by members of the underrepresented communities. The Pacific STEP-UP Program extends across the Pacific region including the islands of Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa, and Palau. PCC Director of Development Tchuzie Tadao is the STEP-UP Program Coordinator for Palau.

PCC Campus Undergoes Restorations and Face-lifts



Norma Etibek (back) and Joanny E. Kesolei (front) repainting the rails.

Palau Community College (PCC) is undergoing campus renovations and face-lifts. Recently, the railings leading to the PCC President's Office were repainted by office workers Norma Etibek and Joanny E. Kesolei. PCC would like to thank the two ladies for their generous help in keeping the college campus and buildings looking pristine!

On Wednesday, July 23, 2014 the bai near the Financial Aid & Admissions Office was face-lifted. Workers re-thatched the bai's roof and repainted its designs. The Prince Leeboo Statue located near the bai was also restored and repainted. PCC would like to thank the workers for assisting in beautifying the college campus!



Workers re-thatching the roof of the bai.



Worker painting the Prince Leeboo Statue.

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

NICOLE C. K. ADACHI

(Class of 2014)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

"Study hard!"



Nicole graduated in 2014 with an AS Degree in Business Administration. In August, she will continue her education at the University of Las Vegas in Nevada, USA studying business.

DILMEANG ISHIM

(Class of 2014)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - BUSINESS ACCOUNTING

"The roots of education are bitter but the fruits are sweet. So if you ever feel like you've had enough, remember the reward you're getting in the end."



Dilmeang graduated in 2014 with an AS Degree in Business Accounting. She interned at the Pacific Family Medical Supply as an Eye Clinic Assistant. Ms. Ishim plans to continue her education at the University of Guam this coming fall semester.

LIVENSON MIKE

(Class of 2014)

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE - SMALL ENGINE

"Continue your education and try hard in everything that you do!"



Livenson recently graduated with an AAS Degree in Small Engine and Outboard Marine Technology. He will return to Chuuk at the end of July to work as a High School Teacher.



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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, Berlyne Celestine. Ms. Celestine works for the Ngardmau State Government. Thank you, Ms. Celestine, for your generous contribution to Palau's only institute of higher learning! Your donation will help sustain the future stability and programs of Palau Community College.

Celebrating Birthdays

Akilina Maech

July 25

Tanya Ngirkuteling

July 30



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>

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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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