## Palau Community College



# MESEKIU'S NEWS



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Weekly Newsletter

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### **New Student Orientation for Fall Semester 2014**



Incoming students attending the New Student Orientation at the PCC Cafeteria.

An orientation for the new students registering this fall semester was held at the Palau Community College (PCC) Cafeteria on Thursday, August 07, 2014. The orientation began with an overview of the day's activities by Student Life Counselor Winfred Recheiungel. He was followed by the welcoming remarks of PCC Vice President of Administration & Finance Jay G. Olegeriil.

Vice President Olegeriil welcomed the new students on behalf of the PCC Board of Trustees, President, faculty, and staff. He advised the new students to make the most of their college experience by joining student clubs and participating in college events. Vice President Olegeriil also encouraged the students to make use of the resource provided by the college that could help them complete their educational goals.

Vice President Olegeriil was followed by Dean of Students Sherman Daniel. Dean Daniel encouraged the students to devote the time and effort needed for educational success. He introduced the students to the services available at the college that could help with their studies, such as tutoring at the Learning Resource Center (LRC). Student Orientation, continued on page 3

#### **University of the South Pacific Representatives Visit PCC**

On Thursday, July 31, 2014 representatives from the University of the South Pacific (USP) visited the campus of Palau Community College (PCC). USP Director of Development, Marketing & Communications Jaindra K. Karan and USP Vice President of Regional Campuses, Properties & Facilities Dr. Giulio Masasso Tu'ikolongahau Pãunga met with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei to discuss the possibilities of forming an educational collaboration between both institutions. Director Karan and Vice President Pãunga were also participating in the 45th Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) being hosted in Palau.



(left to right): USP Director of Development, Marketing & Communications Jaindra K. Karan; PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei; and USP Vice President of Regional Campuses, Properties & Facilities Dr. Giulio M. T. Pãunga.

#### **Accounting and Auditing Workshop**

An accounting and auditing workshop was held at the Palau Community College (PCC) Assembly Hall from Monday, July 21, 2014 to Wednesday, July 23, 2014. The workshop was conducted by Elvin Morris and Elizabeth Schubert.

The first day of the workshop focused on introducing and reviewing basic concepts of accounting. Participants then learned about government funds, risk analysis, financial auditing standards, government auditing standards, sampling, and performance audit over the next two days of the workshop.

The accounting and auditing workshop training was delivered by the United States Department of Interior - Office of the Inspector General in conjunction with the Palau Office of the Public Auditor. Sixtythree (63) individuals from state governments, the Ministry of Finance, and semi-autonomous agencies participated in the workshop.

#### **PCC** Welcomes New Employees



(left to right): Stephanie B. Nakamura, Hua Hsin, Lucia Tabelual, and Samantha L. Rechelluul.

Palau Community College (PCC) would like to extend a warm welcome to its newest employees. Stephanie B. Nakamura is the new Tourism & Hospitality Instructor. She holds a Masters Degree in Business Administration from Phoenix University. Lucia Tabelual, a 2008 graduate of San Diego State University (SDSU), is the new Education Instructor. PCC graduate Samantha L. Rechelluul will be working as an Automotive Mechanics Instructor Assistant. Hua Hsin is the new Mandarin Language Instructor. We welcome you all to the college!

#### ALO Completes Training in Hawaii



PCC Accreditation Liaison Officer (ALO) Deikola Olikong.

Palau Community College (PCC) would like to acknowledge the professional achievements of its Accreditation Liaison Officer (ALO) Deikola Olikong. ALO Olikong completed three training sessions while attending the annual Pacific Association for Institutional Research (PacAIR) meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii. The sessions spanned over two days and were funded by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES).

The first training was the Best Practices for Reporting and Using IPEDS Data to Improve Office Efficiencies Workshop. Participants of the workshop focused on the best institutional research practices and technical efficiencies in data management through Excel, examination of multiple options for IPEDS submission, and benchmarking data to address key institutional needs. ALO, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

#### **Message of Appreciation**

Palau Community College (PCC) would like to thank all the staff (Maintenance, Front Office, Recreation Office & Dormitory Office) and students (Chuuk Student Organization & Dormitory Students) who helped prepare for the 45<sup>th</sup> Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) events—the bilateral meetings, Small Island States (SIS) meetings, and the Post-Forum Dialogue. PCC also thanks the 21<sup>st</sup> Law Enforcement Academy and the Mabuchi Construction workers for assisting with the campus preparation. The incoming Fall 2014 students, especially the returning students, will greatly appreciate the campus improvements. Thank you all again and keep up the good work!

#### **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: SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN MAGAZINE



"Scientific American Magazine is an American popular science publication. It has a long history of presenting scientific information on a monthly basis to the general educated public, with careful attention to the clarity of its text and the quality of its specially commissioned color graphics."

#### Academic Calendar: Fall 2014

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

August 15, 18 (TH, M)
Late Registration Period

**August 18 (M)**First Day of Instruction

#### **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.

#### Student Orientation CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

The new students then toured the college campus led by members of the Associated Students of Palau Community College (PCC). Following the campus tour, new students participated in Program Planning & Advising sessions with counselors from the Student Life. The orientation ended with a Financial Aid session conducted by PCC Director of Admissions and Financial Dahlia Katosang.



PCC Vice President of Administration & Finance Jay Olegeriil welcoming the students.



Student Life Counselors attending the New Student Orientation.



New students touring the PCC Campus with members of ASPCC.



Dean of Students Sherman Daniel advising the students about their education goals.

#### ALO Olikong continued from page 2

The IPEDS Finance Training for Institutional Research Professionals Workshop provided training for financially inexperienced participants. It also provided institutional researchers with a general understanding of higher education finance and its relation to IPEDS Finance data. Eight modules made up the workshop covering topics such as higher education finance, key accounting concepts, the general purpose of financial statements, and the usage of data.

The IPEDS Data and Benchmarking: Supporting Decision Making and Institutional Effectiveness Workshop was designed for participants with little or no experience in the area of conducting benchmarking studies or with the IPEDS Data Center. Participants were introduced to the fundamentals of creating benchmarks to measure institutional effectiveness.

Palau Community College congratulates Ms. Olikong on completing all three workshops. Her professional development is a great asset to our only institution of higher learning.

#### ALUMNI NOTES

#### Amanda Ebas

(Class of 2014)

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE - LIBRARY & INFO. SERVICES

"Education is a key that can open many doors for you. When you feel like giving up, remember that you are learning in order to open all the doors. Don't give up!"



Amanda recently graduated with an AAS Degree in Library & Information Services. She currently works as a Library Assistant for the Tan Siu Lin Library of Palau Community College (PCC).

#### JACKERY NGILTII

(Class of 2014)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE

"Even if it starts to feel difficult, don't give up on your education! It is the bedrock of your future.



Jackery graduated in 2014 with an AS Degree in Agricultural Science. He is currently working but plans to continue his education abroad.

#### BIANCA L. SKIWO

(Class of 2014)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - NURSING

"The only true failure is being afraid to try. Never let an opportunity pass because your nerves got the best of you.



Bianca graduated with an AS Degree in Nursing. She is currently working but plans to continue her medical studies in Taiwan. While at PCC, Bianca was Secretary for the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC).



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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 Mesekíu's News issues.

#### Newest Contributor to the PCC Endowment Fund



Palau Community College would like to recognize its newest Endowment Fund contributor, Alex Siliang. Mr. Siliang works for the Senate of the 9<sup>th</sup> Olbiil Era Kelulau (OEK). Thank you, Mr. Siliang, 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**

Grace Alexander Tyler I. Tellei

Dilubch Samil

Marlyne L. Olkeriil Dr. Lydia M. Marero Juan Camacho



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#### 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
- (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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#### PCC Endowment Fund

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

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